

November 2022 - February 2023



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Tower Bridge Christmas Lights



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Coffee
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Dining Out



Christmas lights on an open top bus - Monday 28 November 2022

Welcome to our latest events diary

The weather may be getting colder but you are guaranteed a warm welcome at all our events. We have been very busy over the summer months and have welcomed many new members. You can see some pictures later in this diary.

The art class continues to go from strength to strength, it is held every Thursday starting at 11.30am. Please see the advert later in the diary for more information.

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 have to be altered. We do also add new events so please check the website 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 (or have a hard copy posted to you) please let me know so that I can add you to the list.

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

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the list by email each fortnight please let me know.

If you have any ideas or would like something included in our next diary please let me know. 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.

I hope to see you at an event soon.

Best wishes
Rosalind

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 OddfellowsUK



Weekly Watercolour Art Class

Beginners weekly watercolour art class.

Everyone can draw, everyone can paint, with a little help. Join us for our weekly class, which is designed for beginners, but more experienced painters are welcome.

**Every Thursday
11.30am - 1pm**

*186 Hammersmith Road
London
W6 7DJ*

Free Event

Call Heather for more information or to book on **07951 546958**  **WestLondonOddfellows**
www.oddfellows.co.uk

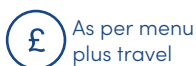
November

TUES 01 **Talk by Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability**



The RHN is one of the charities that we support each year. They are independent from the NHS but working closely with it, to provide the best possible care for people living with neuro-disability. Come and join us to find out more about the great work that they do. Light refreshments will be served. 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

SAT 12 **The Lord Mayors Show**



The Lord Mayor's show dates to the early 13th century, when King John allowed the City of London to appoint its own Mayor. He insisted that each newly elected Mayor should come to Westminster to swear loyalty to the Crown, a tradition that has continued for over 800 years. We will be watching the return leg of the procession near to Blackfriars station, followed by an optional late lunch. Book by Friday 4 November 2022. Blackfriars, London EC4V 4DY. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

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

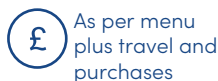
TUES 15 **Adventures of a Groundhopper**



A talk by one of our members, Barry Leach, that sets out to explain all the many experiences he has had visiting UK football grounds over a 60 year period. Please note: This is not a talk about football. Light refreshments will be served. 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



MON 21 **Southbank Winter Market**



Stroll along the Thames under twinkling lights and sample indulgent



drinks, scrumptious street food and seasonal goodies from traditional alpine-style chalets. Book by Friday 18 November 2022. Southbank, The Queens Walk SE1 8XX. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

November

FRI
25

Ideal Home Christmas



9.30am



Members £5,
Guests £8.20



From inspiring ideas, to amazing gifts and on-trend festive solutions for your home, the Ideal Home Show Christmas brings together over 600 companies, a variety of free talks and great ideas from our team of experts for your home at Christmas. Book by Friday 18 November 2022. 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



MON
28

Christmas Lights on an open top bus



5pm



See below



A 90 minute tour of London's most famous locations and its spectacular Christmas lights. See the capital city's landmarks glitter and sparkle for the festive season. We will see the world-famous lights of London's Regent Street, The Strand, Aldwych, The London Eye, Tower Bridge and much more. A friendly and entertaining guide will regale us with fascinating facts and stories. We will be leaving Hammersmith at 3.30pm. Costs: Upper Deck: £20 for members and £24 for guests. Lower Deck:

£10 for members and £12 for guests. Book by Thursday 24 November 2022. Waterloo, Belvedere Road SE1 7GH. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



December

THURS
01

Jack and the Beanstalk



1pm



Members £10,
Guests £15



Join Jack and the gang for a climb of a lifetime as they battle giants and thorny baddies in hopes of bringing 'glory glory' back to Hammersmith. Expect beanstalk climbing, giant defeating, golden egg laying, extreme skateboarding, milk explosions, singing cows, some absolutely outrageous outfits and of course Beyoncé! The Lyric Hammersmith panto has a reputation as the coolest Christmas show in town - WhatsOnStage.



Book by Friday 25 November 2022. Lyric Hammersmith Theatre, Lyric Square W6 0QL. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

SAT
03

Christmas Concert Afternoon Tea at the Musical Museum



2.30pm



Members £25,
Guests £30



The show features the Mighty Wurlitzer which rises from beneath the stage in a blaze of sound and colour. A glass of prosecco will be served as we take our seats in the concert hall for entertainment featuring iconic numbers from stage and screen. As always, seasonal favourites encourage everyone to get involved in the grand finale sing along. Festive images on the big screen and atmospheric lighting creates an afternoon to remember.



During the interval Christmas crackers are pulled and afternoon tea is served. Before the concert there will be an option to visit the museum to take in highlights of the collection and visit the Christmas shop. Book by Friday 25 November 2022. 399 High Street, Brentford TW8 0DU. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

December

TUES 06 Social and Games Afternoon

L 2pm

£ Free



Join us for festive bingo and mince pies. Be sure to wear your party hat! 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



WED 14 Christmas Lunch

L 1pm

£ Members £35,
Guests £42.50



This year we are returning to Raymond Blanc's Brasserie Blanc at Fulham Reach. Exuding glamour with gorgeous views this riverside brasserie is the perfect spot for a festive celebration. We will be running a minibus from 186 Hammersmith Road to the restaurant, there will be a charge of £10 per person for the return journey. Book by Friday 2 December 2022. Brasserie Blanc, Goldhurst House, Parr's Way, Fulham W6 9AN. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



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

December

THURS 15 Christmas Wreath Making Workshop



£ Members £40,
Guests £45



Join us to make a Christmas wreath to take home. All materials will be provided and light refreshments will be served. There are limited places. Booking is essential by Friday 9 December 2022. 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



January 2023

THURS 12 Dinner and Drag Bingo



£ As per menu



Expect live singing, lip sync and prizes. We will be having a meal at The Duchess and the opportunity to play bingo hosted by a drag queen. Book by Thursday 5 January 2023. The Duchess, 320 Goldhawk Road, Hammersmith W6 0XF. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

FRI 20 The Woman in Black



£ Members £25,
Guests £27.50



Dame Susan Hill's acclaimed ghost story comes dramatically alive in Stephen Mallatratt's ingenious stage adaptation. Now celebrating three decades in the West End, Robin Hertford's gripping production is a brilliantly successful study in atmosphere, illusion and controlled horror. One of British theatre's biggest and scariest hits (The Guardian). The most brilliantly effective spine-chiller you will ever encounter (Daily Telegraph). Book by Saturday 14 January 2023. Fortune Theatre, Russell Street WC2B 5HH. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



January 2023

FRI 06 Fish and Chips Lunch



£ As per menu



Fed up with turkey curry? Join us for lunch at Kennedy's Fish and Chips in Fulham. Book by Friday 30 December 2022. Kennedy's of London, 609 - 611 Fulham Road, London SW6 5UA. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



January 2023

February

TUES
24

Talk by the Treloar Trust



2pm



Free



This month we are joined by one of the charities that we support each year, The Treloar Trust. Treloar's is one of the UK's largest specialist centres for young disabled people to live and learn, but they are so much more than just a school and college. They are a charity committed to a world where young disabled people can take control of their lives and reach their full potential. Light refreshments will be served. 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

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.

WED
01

The Lion King



2.30pm



Members £30,
Guests £35



Disney's award-winning musical The Lion King explodes with glorious colours, stunning effects and enchanting music. It follows the powerful story of Simba as he journeys from wide-eyed cub to his destined role as King of the Pridelands. Now in its 23rd year at London's Lyceum Theatre, visionary director Julie Taymor's acclaimed reimagining of Disney's beloved film will redefine your expectation of theatre. Book by Tuesday 24 January 2023. Lyceum Theatre, 21 Wellington Street WC2E 7RQ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



February

SAT
04

Southwark Cathedral Tour



11am



Members £6,
Guests £8



Guided Tour - From Priory to Church to Cathedral, a history tour of Southwark Cathedral. Join us on a guided tour to explore the oldest Gothic church building in London. Discover connections with London's hospitals, the theatre land of Shakespeare's day and the Bishops who held power over the area. Optional lunch nearby. Book by Friday 20 January 2023. Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge SE1 9DA. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

TUES
07

Social and Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



Join us for an afternoon of board and card games and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome. 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

TUES
21

Talk by the London Wildlife Trust



2pm



Free



We are joined by one of the charities that we support, The London Wildlife Trust. Hadi El Ali, a Ranger from London Wildlife Trust, will tell us about the

conservation work of the trust and the ways they engage people with nature. He will also talk about habitat and wildlife at our local nature reserve, Gunnersbury Triangle. Hadi is a very talented photographer of wildlife so have your questions ready for him if this is something you are interested in! Light refreshments will be served. 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.





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

West London Oddfellows past events



We had a lovely summer which kicked off with a stall at Parsons Green Fair at the beginning of July. We met lots of local residents and handed out goody bags with information about the Oddfellows.



We also visited the Superbloom at the Tower of London in July. The picture really does not do it justice, it was a wonderful display and a great day out.



We had some guest speakers at our social afternoons. Here The Green Doctors were giving us tips on how to save money on our energy bills.



We went on the bus to Windsor for the day and had a fantastic time despite the rain in the morning. We did an open top bus tour of Windsor and Eton, had lunch at a lovely pub by the river and went on a boat trip down the Thames. It was a great day out with lovely friends old and new.



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Refer a friend today



Why not make someone's day by telling them about the Oddfellows?

You might be surprised who would appreciate getting involved – membership brings lots of benefits and so much more*.

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

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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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Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Dawn on **020 8741 5297** or email **dawn.hugowillis@oddfellows.co.uk**

Oddfellows Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org



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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

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

Events at a glance

In addition to our regular events, we are holding the **Weekly Watercolour Art Class** every Thursday at 11.30am, please see page 3 for full details.

November 2022

Tues 1	Talk by Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability	2pm
Sat 12	The Lord Mayors Show	12 noon
Tues 15	Adventures of a Groundhopper	2pm
Mon 21	Southbank Winter Market	2pm
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Mon 28	Christmas Lights on an open top bus	5pm

December

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Tues 6	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Wed 14	Christmas Lunch	1pm
Thurs 15	Christmas Wreath Making Workshop	2pm

January 2023

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Thurs 12	Dinner and Drag Bingo	7pm
Fri 20	The Woman in Black	8pm
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February

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Sat 4	Southwark Cathedral Tour	11am
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