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We hope you can join us to celebrate 70 years of Her Majesty in June

Welcome to the new edition of Out & About, the Magazine of North London District

For the past twelve months, the Oddfellows has strived to link with its members, assisting them through any troubles caused by the pandemic.

We have tried to get the message home that we are here to help you and all that you need to do is ask.

Our District officials, such as Branch Secretaries and Welfare Officers have been happy to talk to members by phone. We've used other methods of communication, such as letter, postcard and text messages to reach out in addition to the quarterly printed magazine.

Our weekly e-magazine of 21 pages has been emailed to 200 households in the District, some with more than one member to keep up spirits. Email paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk to receive a regular copy.

You may also be kept up to date by Liking our Facebook page – North London Oddfellows

In the absence of face to face events, Oddfellows has provided over 30 online events every week for members to enjoy. Our District, in conjunction with neighbouring South London District and St Mary Cray and Dartford District, has entertained members with two Zoom presentations every week.

Our business has been conducted via Zoom meetings too to ensure that members have received benefits and payments as usual with minimal disruption.

No matter which way you choose to communicate with the Oddfellows, we are working hard to ensure to keep in touch with you and make sure that there's plenty for you to see and do and make you welcome.

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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 support our members through a range of benefits and services. For more information visit www.oddfellows.co.uk or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

The Branch Officer details on the right are correct at the time of publication. Members will be notified of changes following the formation of North London District Branch.

We are sad to learn that Sister Olive Gordon has passed away aged 107. A full tribute will appear in the next edition.

Brother and Sister: Traditional term used in Unions, Guilds and Fraternal organisations to suggest mutual support and family.

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June

FRI
17

Friday the 13th: Superstition and Myth



2pm



Free



Friday the 13th. Strange things, urban legends and myths, also plenty of the macabre and an insight into peculiar traditions in Paul Draper's presentation! Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).

SAT
18

Pub Lunch at the Wetherspoons, Mossey Well



12.15pm



As per
menu



Muswell Hill bus terminal is just by the pub and it is well served with buses from Archway, Finsbury Park, North Finchley and more. Wetherspoons Mossey Well, The Village, 258 Muswell Hill Broadway, Muswell Hill, London N10 3SH. Please book with Jackie. lancaster@oddfellows.co.uk by Wednesday 15 June.



TUES
21

Art Unscrewed



4pm



Free



Dulcie shows us how to paint Still Life in her regular monthly spot. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 6020. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).

FRI
24

Princess to Queen



2pm



Free



Popular presenter Melanie Gibson-Barton returns with another delightful talk. When



she was born in 1926, little more, other than a good marriage, would have been hoped for Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of York. Her destiny changed when her Uncle David, who became Edward VIII in 1936, chose instead to abdicate, forcing her father to take his place as king. This talk will show how the childhood experiences of Elizabeth influenced her role as queen, wife and mother once she was crowned. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3) for the unique Zoom Meeting Code.

WED
29

Trail Blazers! How Soho's music clubs shaped Rock and Pop: Guided Walk



11am



Free



From the arrival of rock 'n' roll and skiffle in the late 1950s, through rhythm, blues and psychedelia in the 1960s, to the dawn of punk in the late 1970s, Soho's music clubs blazed an unforgettable trail.

Alan Fortune's guided walk stirs memories of misspent youth, and explores the sites of Soho's legendary music scene. These include the R&B, bluebeat and ska club which now houses a designer boutique, the coffee bar which saw the birth of skiffle and the UK's first genuine rock star, the club which hosted Hendrix's first UK gig and the studio where



David Bowie recorded 'Ziggy Stardust' and the Beatles 'Hey Jude'. Hear about the music played at the clubs and the countercultures and fashions of the time.

Book by Tuesday 28 June. Piccadilly Circus Underground Station, Platform 4, Ground Level, Piccadilly Circus, London W1J 9HP. Contact Jackie on 07788 418267.

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

July

FRI
01

Karaoke Online via Zoom



2pm



Free



Online



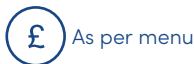
Online Karaoke via Zoom. Sing along to great hits of the 60s. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and passcode 1810. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).

SAT
02

Trip to Margate



11.30am



As per menu



Meet at Margate train station. at 11.30am. Fish and chips, a visit to Tate Modern (for those that fancy it) and a cuppa before going back home. Fish and chips paid for members. Margate Train Station, Station Approach, Margate CT9 5AD. Please contact Jackie on 07788 418267 if you would like to come. Book by Friday 1 July.

FRI
08

(Top) Secret Diary of a Civil Servant



2pm



Free



Online



Hear the hilarious anecdotes from Paul Fitton's civil service career in Whitehall's corridors of power. From Messengers to Mandarins to Ministers, all shall be named and shamed! Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and passcode 6020. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).

WED
13

Visit Kew by Boat



11am



See below



Enjoy a perfect day out, cruising for an hour and a half from Westminster, taking in the riverside scenes as you travel to Kew. You then have time to explore Kew Gardens (20% discount), visit Gunnersbury Park and Museum, stroll along the riverside taking in the views and have lunch at one of the many pubs, cafes and restaurants. Costs: Contact Paul Fitton for Adult (under 65) rates. The boat trip is £19 return for concessions (65+ and disabled). Add £14 for Kew Gardens. Cheques should be made payable to South London District and sent to Paul Fitton (see page 3). Book by Thursday 30 June. Westminster Pier, Victoria Embankment, London SW1A 2JH.



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

July

THURS
14

Pub Meal



11.45am



As per
menu



Meet friends old and new for a meal and lively chat. Book by Wednesday 13 July. J J Moons, 12 Victoria Road London, Ruislip Manor, London HA4 0AA. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).



FRI
15

Summer Zoom Events



TBC



Free



Our District Zooms continue throughout the summer every Friday at 2pm when 'The Weekend Starts Here'. Our Art



Unscrewed painting sessions are held monthly too. In fact, the Oddfellows nationally provides about 30 online events every week. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).

TUES
19

Art Unscrewed



4pm



Free



Dulcie shows us how to paint Highland Cow in her regular monthly spot. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 6020. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).



THURS
21

Johnny Clamp Entertains



2pm



Free



Veteran Entertainer Johnny Clamp jokes, sings and reveals showbiz secrets of the many stars he has worked with from Veronica Lake to Morecambe and Wise. Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road, Enfield EN2 6TG. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).



August

MON
08

Buckingham Palace Tour



11.45am



Members £27
Guests £30



Buckingham Palace is the home of The Queen, the focus of national and royal celebrations as well as the backdrop to the regular Changing the Guard ceremony. On the tour you can explore the magnificent State Rooms. In celebration of The Queen's historic Platinum Jubilee, in The State Rooms at Buckingham Palace it will feature a display looking at The Queen's accession to the throne in February 1952. Book by Friday 8 July. Buckingham Palace, Victoria, London SW1A 1AA. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).

WED
17

Lunch Outside in The Gate House Pub



12 noon



As per menu



Join us for a refreshing drink and a spot of lunch on the lovely terrace of this historic Highgate pub. The Gate House pub, Highgate Village N6 4BD. Please let Jackie know on 07788 418267 if you are able to come, so she can book a table. Book by Thursday 11 August.

THURS
18

Pub Meal at The Moon & Sixpence



12 noon



As per menu



Enjoy a pub meal with other members. Book by Wednesday 17 August. The Moon & Sixpence, 250 Uxbridge Road, Pinner HA5 4HS. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).



THURS
18

The Arrival



2pm



Free



Pedro Perez tells the story of his mother's arrival at Southampton in 1937, as a refugee, during the height of the Spanish Civil War. Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road, Enfield EN2 6TG. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).



August

MON
22 **Pub Lunch at
The White Swan**



Meet other members for a pub meal at the White Swan. Book by Friday 19 August. The White Swan, 255-256 Upper Street, London N1 1RY. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).



TUES
30 **Art Unscrewed**



Dulcie shows us how to paint Pam Carter's Beach Huts in her regular monthly spot. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 6020. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).



September

SAT
03 **On the Beat in Hatton
Garden - with an
Ex-London Bobby**



Join Chris Foster for a light-hearted meander around an area rich in history and where he was a Bobby on the Beat 50 years ago. He will take you to the scene of Britain's biggest robbery, and tell tales about the extraordinary life of a beat copper. Farringdon Tube Station, Crowcross Street EC1M 6BY. To register for this walk, please email jackie.lancaster@oddfellows.co.uk Book by Saturday 27 August.

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



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

September

WED
07

National Trust: Sutton House



11.30am



See below



Sutton House is a Grade II listed Tudor manor house in Homerton High Street and the oldest building in Hackney. It is an unexpected architectural pleasure built by Henry VIII's Secretary of State Sir Richard Sadleir in 1535. Join us on our guided tour. Costs: £8 (free for National Trust members and 50% discount for Hackney residents. Proof required). Book by Friday 19 August. Sutton House, 2 and 4 Homerton High Street, London E9 6JQ. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).

THURS
08

Pub Meal at The Moon & Sixpence



11.45am



As per
menu



Enjoy a pub meal and lively chat with other members. Book by Wednesday 7 September. The Moon & Sixpence, 250 Uxbridge Road, Pinner HA5 4HS. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).

THURS
08

Much Ado About Nothing - National Theatre Live (Phoenix Cinema East Finchley)



7pm



£8 per ticket



Watch a live performance of Shakespeare's brilliantly funny 'Much Ado About Nothing' in the comfort of the Phoenix Theatre in East Finchley. Please register your interest as soon as possible so that we can book tickets, which are £8 each (cash or cheques to Jackie Lancaster). Book by Saturday 30 July. Phoenix Cinema, 52 High Road, East Finchley N2 9PJ. Contact Jackie on 07788 418267.



THURS
15

Friendship Month



2pm



Free



Oddfellows Friendship Month is our national awareness month, where we celebrate the importance of friendship and encourage communities to come together and enjoy each other's company. The events aim to show people the benefits of being part of a local friendship group and are specially designed to make newcomers feel at ease. Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road, Enfield EN2 6TG. Contact Jackie on 07788 418267 or Paul Fitton (see page 3).

September

TUES
20 **Art Unscrewed**



Dulcie shows us how to paint Peploe's Still Life with Oranges in her regular monthly spot. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 6020. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).



THURS
20 **Lunch Time Concert at Lauderdale House in Highgate**



The Chamber Opera Ensemble in Residence at Lauderdale House performs this lunchtime concert. It will be held in the beautiful long gallery overlooking Waterlow Park.

Please register your interest early as tickets are limited. Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill N6 5HG. Contact Jackie on 07788 418267.



ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



October

THURS
20 **The World's Most Iconic Photographs**



Paul Fitton tells the stories behind some of the most famous photos of all time. Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road, Enfield EN2 6TG. Contact Paul Fitton (see page 3).



November

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to enjoy. Give one a try.



To see what's coming up visit **oddfellows.co.uk/events**
and enter 'Kelso' in the place name search box

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District Chairman's Letter

The pandemic is largely behind us and there is light at the end of the tunnel. Medical expertise expands and soon there will be a little pill and not a needle.

2022 also sees changes to our organisation. A proposed District Lodge will be established in July. But with the internet we will be closer together than before. Also, our social network will be expanded and I hope to see more of you in person, not just in the ether.

The Oddfellows have changed many times over the last 200 years, but always a force to help and shield our members. Far too many organisations have grown treating people as numbers, not individuals.

If you need help, remember you have two help lines at Head Office, both free to ring.

0800 0149 821 for legal problems and
0800 0149 822 for personal care and welfare.

Look after yourself and others.



Laurence Manning

Laurence Manning
Provincial Grand Master
(District Chairman)

A close-up photograph of a person's hands writing on a document. The person is wearing a bright orange jacket. The right hand holds a black pen, and the left hand rests on the paper. The image is partially obscured by a purple curved overlay at the bottom.

Why not become an Oddfellows pen pal friend?

With so many of us staying safe in our homes, how would you like to write a letter to another member and become a Penfellow? If the answer is yes, get in touch.

For further information see contact details on page 3

Didn't we have a Lovely Time... the Day we went to...

At last! Our regular feature returns.

Our year kicked off with a guided tour of 'Fabulous Fitzrovia', led by Chris Wilkins Molloy. In the heart of the West End, this area takes its name from a pub that was the haunt of the 20th century artists and writers. From the BT Tower, opened in 1965. From its height of 177m/551 feet, it overlooks every corner of Fitzrovia. Our party of about 20 members moved in via elegant Fitzroy Square, a toy museum for the young at heart, and a Victorian sex scandal. The tour finished at the pub that gave its name to this fascinating London neighbourhood. Thanks to Jackie Lancaster for organising.



*Members in Fitzrovia
by Jackie Lancaster*

Our previous outing was to St James's Park in London, where Paul Fitton led a lively group of members detailing various topics of interest on the way around.

Paul also escorted members around Trafalgar Square regaling its history and the story of Nelson before our members lunched in the Café in the Crypt at St Martin's in the Fields and found their way to The Chandos to help the meal go down!



*Members in Fitzrovia
by Jackie Lancaster*



*Members enjoying St James's Park
by Paul Fitton*



*Man and Pelican in St James's
Park by Paul Fitton*



Brave new world

By Paul Fitton

After two years of pandemic, a brave new world appears to be emerging.

Just as the Spring buds are awakening, so are Oddfellows' activities.

Our officials have worked tirelessly to keep the wheels turning and deal with all aspects of Oddfellows life. One strand is social activities.

Now, we have the opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new friends. In fact, the Oddfellows has continued to make high numbers of new members nationally, despite the pandemic. An oasis in the desert for many.

We have made big strides in the past few months. For example, about forty Flower of Kent members meet fortnightly to enjoy social activities after a brief business meeting. New members have joined and been initiated too. We have also organised many other events, such as Jackie Lancaster's Fitzrovia Guided Tour on 29 January.

We're increasing the number of activities by developing a new programme of social events to take us into the summer... safely. Our events are programmed with consideration for all members, respecting their wishes during current times.

In addition, we have added another string to our bow and are continuing host events online via Zoom. This helps members who may not be able to meet up, or live far away as well as those who just wish to attend for the topic and the company.

You can learn about our forthcoming events in the listings contained in this edition. And look forward to new events being added throughout the year.

So, put on your snow shoes, mush those huskies, dry out your wellies, patch up your umbrellas, strap your sou'wester on, buckle up your duffle coats and pull your hoods up and come along to an Oddfellows event...

... Well, hopefully, the Summer sun will be shining in this Brave New World.

Puzzletime

- Answers on page 23

Word Puzzle by Jingo!

Answer the clues by joining 2 sets of 3 letters taken from anywhere in the grid below. When all the gridwords are used, the initial letters of the answers reading downward will reveal the 'seasonal' answer!

Grid

ROW	CAN	ARM	LOW	MAR	HOR
SEL	MEL	DAM	OUR	OUR	SED
TER	RID	RAN	ANC	HOO	DOM
HOR	ARD	IRE	RAI	DID	ENT

Clues	Answers
Smooth	
Protective suit	
Young, unmarried woman	
Type of vegetable	
Heavy object attached to chain	
Unpredictable choice	
Truthful	
Unpleasant	
Steam whistle	
Great passion	
Heightened	
Whole	

Puzzle Time!

See page 23 for answers



Dingbats

NE1410S?

Numbers, Numbers - Everywhere

If one chain is 22 yards, how long
is a furlong in yards?

Musical Cheers:

Name the 70s Glam Rock singer.



Sketch by Paul Fitton

Question Time

Who serves Bruce Wayne
(Batman) his dinner served
on a silver platter at
Wayne Mansion?

Left to Ponder

Is the opposite of opposite the
same or opposite?

London Anagram

AADEMM ADSSSTUU
(London Tourist
Attraction)

Odd Question

A dog has two puppies.
What is the name of the dog.

Manchester Unity Building in Melbourne, Australia

John Cupman's photos show a building of important heritage in Melbourne, Australia – the Manchester Unity building.

Situated on the corner of Swanston and Collins Streets, the Manchester Unity Building is one of Melbourne's most iconic Art Deco landmarks. It was built in 1932 for the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Melbourne architect Marcus Barlow was inspired by the 1927 Chicago Tribune Building. His design incorporated a striking New Gothic style façade of faience tiles with ground-floor arcade and mezzanine shops, café and rooftop garden. The arcade houses the marble interior, beautiful friezes and restored lift.



The magnificent building



The marble interior, beautiful friezes and restored lift

Calling all BT internet users

BT's email servers started identifying Oddfellows emails as possible SPAM last summer. They have been rejecting emails from Oddfellows email addresses. This is not just a case of the recipient checking their SPAM, they will never receive the emails if it has been rejected by BT's servers. We suspect this is due to large amounts of emails being sent from Oddfellows email addresses to BT email addresses of largely the same content. For example, the same newsletter to large amounts of BT recipients.

This is BT's SPAM policy, it's their servers, their policies, just like we have our own policies. BT don't have to accept our emails. If we stop sending bulk/marketing emails e.g. the same newsletter to large amounts of BT recipients, we start to see BT's servers accept our emails again. We have reached out to BT but have had no response.

So, that explains why you may not have received emails from the Oddfellows for several months. My own email group lists total about 800 members and 10% of these are BT customers.



There is a way around this if you have a BT internet email address.

If you wish to continue to receive emails, such as the regular emagazine, you can open a new email account, such as outlook. If so, please advise paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk and I shall add your name to the distribution lists.

Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

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



South London District



OddfellowsUK

Zoom Zoom Vroom

Well we may not have been able to meet at events or face to face socials - but we have managed to meet members socially online! A huge plus for members unable to see others or wishing to keep on touch with other members via their computer, laptop, iPad or smartphone.



Oddfellows provides thirty events every week for online members to attend. Presentations and talks, quizzes and games sessions, art tutorials and musical events, exercise and meditation and coffee mornings and afternoon tea chats. There's something for everyone!

Just watch or take part from your own comfortable armchair or settee at home!

North London District has combined with South London District and St Mary Cray

and Dartford District to provide two social sessions weekly. We're leading the way having had nearly 100 viewers attend on a couple of occasions, The Life and Music of Buddy Holly being the most popular so far.. It's great to hear members from all around the country as they bring everyone close together. Our own events have seen appearances from members in France and Kenya. Members who have mobility issues who don't usually attend events have been really pleased to see other members at the Zoom sessions. Our own events are held every Tuesday at 4pm and every Friday - in The Weekend Starts Here! series of events, at 2pm.

and all these events... are free!

Zoom is so easy to access. You're just a couple of clicks away from enjoying all these events. Whether you're using a computer, laptop, Ipad or mobile phone you can join in so easily.

A few minutes before the event, visit **www.zoom.us** and type in the Meeting ID and Passcode, then click or tap on 'Open' if prompted. It's as simple as that - even easier if you request a direct link from **paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk**, then you're just a click or two away!

You can read about our full programme listing of online social events in this magazine. I do hope that you can join us on Zoom and am happy to help if you are a first-timer. Please just email paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk or call 07851 910619.

Letters and Feedback

Letters this time are a small selection taken from the many emailed to North London District's fortnightly emagazine. To receive your 21 page edition by email, email paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk

Thank you so much for, yet another, 'must read' emagazine. I look forward to it, and the photographs of the sunsets in particular this week, are excellent.

Congratulations on another most interesting presentation 'The Life of Eric Sykes'. I watched an episode on TV recently of Eric and Hattie, and it was still so funny! It was so interesting to hear about his early life. I want to thank you for drawing my attention to your

articles concerning the benefits of belonging to Oddfellows.

I read in your emagazine about Oddfellows Convalescing Homes. I rang my Branch Secretary and they are more than happy for me to take advantage of this assistance, and subject to my GP's report I should be able to go away for a few days. So thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Anon

I always find Coinneach Mor's articles fascinating as they tell of a completely different world than the one I knew in East London and I did like the Adventure Playground by Geoff Winn as it reminded me of when we used to play on the debris when we were kids, not even

knowing what a debris was. Likewise Irene Cummings' reminiscences make me think of local landmarks my parents used to point out to me - and I absolutely love the photographs!

Brenda Thomason

Peter Clarke in Concert on Zoom

Thank you so much for organising the delightful hour of music from a very talented musician this afternoon. Whilst I was listening to the clarinet being played so well, **Stephanie Clenton...**

Absolutely loved it. **Caral Wilkins...**

The love of the music really came through - made the pieces very happy. **TF...**

Had a great time. Thank you very much. Lovely. **SW...**

Thank you for the music. **Anon**

The pretty robin on the first page of the Emag looks very pensive and really at home. The rest of the bird photos and scenery photos are brilliant.

As usual the Saturday Emag is the highlights of the weekend read.

I enjoyed the stories especially those of WW1, detailing the young boys going to war and sadly some never came home.

I like the quizzes as well, especially the one you share with your Dad. I love reading Jackie's poetry several times to feel the rhythm and try to imagine her thoughts.

I really enjoyed the story of Brenda Brockbank, a play by Terry Patterson (scene 9). Can't wait to see if Terry got the job and is able to keep it.

Diana Wee

Thank you so much for hosting the 'Scam Presentation'. It was very informative and I certainly feel more 'equipped' to detect a scam, either online or on the 'phone. **SC**

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Refer a friend today



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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Oddfellows Memorabilia

By Paul Fitton

This is a mid-18th century mask head, salt glaze armorial jug. It shows the Oddfellows crest and motto, floral design, a lion and a god-like head on the spout.



Puzzletime Answers

(This magazine) See Puzzle Time questions on page 18 and 19

Wordpuzzle by Jingo! Mad March Hare made up of Mellow, Armour, Damsel, Marrow, Anchor, Random, Candid, Horrid, Hooter, Ardour, Raised, Entire.

Solve the Dingbat: Anyone for tennis?

London Anagram: Madame Tussauds

Odd Question: The name of the dog is What.

Numbers, Numbers Everywhere: Everywhere: 220 yards. There are 10 yards in one furlong.

Musical Cheers: Marc Bolan of T Rex

Left to Ponder: Hmm? You tell me!

Question Time: Alfred Pennyworth

From the Archives

Looking to track down past Oddfellows connections, research the Society or take a trip back in time? The Oddfellows historical archive has over 190,000 entries that are accessible by a keyword, period in time or a document type. Entries include magazines, minute books, reports and journals that go back as far as the early 19th century, with new documents added each week. What will you discover at www.oddfellows.co.uk?

The Oddfellows website allows access to thousands of historical archives and we shall publish a small example for the District in each edition of Out & About.

1905 London, North

Anyone wishing to see the advantages of juvenile societies versus admitted members should have joined in the outing of the Islington juveniles on 1 July at Rigg's Retreat, Chingford, Epping Forest. Although it rained very hard up to 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, a large party of juveniles and adults sat down to a hot lunch. In the afternoon there was cricket for the boys and boating for the girls, with walks through the forest.

The cricket match between adults and juveniles ended in a grand win for the juveniles, who sent down the balls like an express train, making the Pride of



Islington feel they would like to move the closure now and again. A splendid tea was served at 5.30, over 80 sitting down, and then followed sports, skipping rope competitions, potato race, tugs of war, running, etc., till 8.30, when Provincial Grand Master (Past District Chairman) J Johnson distributed the prizes to the boys and girls. Juveniles, parents, and friends were all unanimous that nothing had ever approached the pleasure of that day.

Members of the Pride, when they met on Wednesday, were still stiff with their exertions, and Provincial Grand Master (Past District Chairman) TJ Cardew and other friends said they would not have been away for anything, not even for a scrimmage with the Directors.

The whole expenses were paid out of the concert given entirely by the juveniles in April, under the direction of Past Provincial Grand Master (Past District Chairman) Johnson.



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 contact your Branch Secretaries on page 3.

Oddfellows Citizens 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**

Make the most of your membership



Your membership provides you with a great range of benefits...

Standard £25 a year membership* gives you access to...

- Local social events
- Care & Welfare Helpline
- Oddfellows Travel
- Oddfellows news by email
- Branch Care & Welfare Support
- Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Money saving partner offers
- Benevolence Grants
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Convalescence & Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Educational & Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

£35 a year membership* provides you with additional benefits of...

- Optical benefit of up to £30 every second year of membership (after 1 year's membership)
- Dental benefit of up to £30 every membership year (after 1 year's membership)

Different benefits apply to other membership categories.
Contact your local Branch Secretary for further information.

For more information visit: www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits.

*Terms and conditions apply to all member benefits and services.

For full details, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions or call us on 0800 028 1810.

Our Branches raised a magnificent £151,000 for charitable causes in 2021!

Congratulations to our Branches and their members for a tremendous fundraising achievement in 2021. Helping struggling communities and those in need is something the Oddfellows has been doing for over two centuries. And despite the pandemic, last year was no exception.

Branches and their members raised over £151,000 to support causes close to their hearts, a figure up on 2020's already significant total of £145,700. Fifth generation Oddfellow, Society historian and South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Branch member, Paul Eyre,



West London Branch

reflects on the tradition of local giving. He said: "For many years, it has been fairly common practice for the Provincial Grand Master of a District to choose a charity to support during their year of office, with funds being raised by raffles, donations or other fundraising activities."

Oddfellows CEO, Jane Nelson, added: "It always astounds me when we look at the collective yearly fundraising figure. The generosity of our members and Branches, especially at such times where household budgets are becoming increasingly tight and unpredictable, is incredible.



South East Lancashire Branch

“I feel immensely proud to represent such a caring bunch of people, those who don’t hesitate to help a neighbour in need.

“For those who receive support, it’s not just about the financial help, it’s knowing that their situation is acknowledged and that there are people out there who care and listen.”



Concord Branch

Fundraising for Ukraine

The Society is collecting donations to support the work the Red Cross is doing in Ukraine. The Red Cross is part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), which unites 15 member charities who are experts in humanitarian aid and specialists in different areas of disaster response.

In some areas in Ukraine, water, electricity, and phone connectivity have been affected. Many people are taking cover from the shelling in basements and bomb shelters, but are going without the most basic supplies, like food and water.

Any donations will be used to reach people in urgent need, If you would like to contribute,



cheques should be made payable to “The Oddfellows”, and sent to:

**Ukraine Support
The Oddfellows
Oddfellows House
184-186 Deansgate
Manchester, M3 3WB**

The Society has already pledged £10,000 from central Funds in support of this appeal.

Access to expert legal help

From day one of membership, all members have access to the Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme.*

We hope it's something you never have to call on, but if you do it gives you access to the expert help of our appointed solicitors should you need to make a claim for medical negligence, a personal injury, or an employment dispute which is at pre or tribunal stage. It also covers your family members for personal injury and medical negligence cases.

Help with a medical negligence claim

Medical negligence is when a healthcare provider – NHS or private – has failed in their duty to take care of you and you have suffered an injury. This could be, for example, that you've been given a wrong drug, they've made a mistake during a treatment, or failed to diagnose your condition, or made a wrong one.

Matthew Heap, a Solicitor and Partner at CL Medilaw (www.clmedilaw.co.uk), which is one of the Society's approved solicitors, further explained: "Some people get in touch with us and they know the exact point at which they feel they've been failed. For others, it's less clear-cut, but they know that somewhere along the line, the care they've received has fallen short of medically-acceptable standards.

"Knowing how to raise your case, and to be heard, can be daunting when you don't know the process, have the contacts, or legal knowledge.

"But the support that's available through the Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme can help you to get the answers you need and, hopefully, the compensation you deserve."

Who can make a claim?

You can bring the legal action yourself or, as the executor or next of kin, on behalf of someone who has died because of medical negligence, or on behalf of a family member if that person is unable to take action themselves because they don't have capacity.

Oddfellows members and their family can receive Legal Aid Scheme support as long as the accident, incident or issue happened while you were a member and you have remained a member since that time.

You must start your legal claim within three years from the date that you either realised you'd been injured or when the incident occurred. For children, this three-year time limit doesn't start until the child's 18th birthday.

If you're looking to make a claim on behalf of someone close to you because they don't have capacity, such as they're unable to manage their own affairs or have a mental disability, then the three-year time limit doesn't apply, unless they recover from this incapacity.

"Taking legal action for compensation is a way to try and secure the support that you now need and deserve – financial or medical. The Oddfellows and CL Medilaw will have your back every step of the way," added Matthew.

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How to apply for the Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme

The first step is to call the Care and Welfare Helpline for a non-committal conversation. If you wish to move forward, you'll need to fill in an Oddfellows Legal Aid application form. The Care and Welfare Helpline number can be found on your membership card or by calling **0800 028 1810**.

Further information

Read this article in full at:

www.oddfellows.co.uk/news/help-to-make-a-claim-for-medical-negligence

The Oddfellows' Legal Aid Scheme:

www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/legal-aid-scheme

*Terms and conditions apply to all financial benefits. All Oddfellows benefits are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Read the full list of Oddfellows member benefit terms and conditions at www.oddfellows.co.uk/member-fcs or call Membership on 0800 028 1810.

Member-only offers from Unity Mutual

Unity Mutual is the Society's financial services brand and they've created a dedicated section on their website to share special deals and rates that are only available to Oddfellows members.

Unity Mutual's current member-only deal, launched in spring 2022, is a 5 Year Guaranteed Investment Bond with a special fixed rate of 1.75% annual interest, which equates to 9.06% over the full term. It also offers a guaranteed return on your savings and 100% capital protection. The minimum single investment per member is £1,000.

They're only accepting a limited number of applications, however, so this product will be offered to Oddfellows members on a first-come, first-served basis.

*T&Cs apply.



To find out more, or view their full range of savings, investment and protection products, call **0161 214 4628** or go to **www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows**



*To view Unity Mutual's Guaranteed Investment Bond terms and conditions, go to **www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows/gib**. If you're in any doubt about whether any Unity Mutual product is right for you, it's a good idea to talk to an Independent Financial Advisor (IFA). You can find a local financial advisor by visiting **www.unbiased.co.uk**. You may need to pay for a financial advisor's help, so make sure you ask them about their fees first.

At a glance

June 2022

Fri 17	Friday the 13th: Superstition and Myth	2pm
Sat 18	Pub Lunch at the Wetherspoons, Mossey Well	12.15pm
Tues 21	Art Unscrewed	4pm
Fri 24	Princess to Queen	2pm
Wed 29	Trail Blazers! How Soho's music clubs shaped Rock and Pop: Guided Walk	11am

July

Fri 1	Karaoke Online via Zoom	2pm
Sat 2	Trip to Margate	11.30am
Fri 8	(Top) Secret Diary of a Civil Servant	2pm
Wed 13	Visit Kew by Boat	11am
Thurs 14	Pub Meal	11.45am
Fri 15	Summer Zoom Events	TBC
Tues 19	Art Unscrewed	4pm
Thurs 21	Johnny Clamp Entertains	2pm

August

Mon 8	Buckingham Palace Tour	11.45am
Wed 17	Lunch Outside in The Gate House Pub	12 noon
Thurs 18	Pub Meal at The Moon & Sixpence	12 noon
Thurs 18	The Arrival	2pm
Mon 22	Pub Lunch at The White Swan	12 noon
Tues 30	Art Unscrewed	4pm

September - Friendship Month

Sat 3	On the Beat in Hatton Garden - with an Ex-London Bobby	11am
Wed 7	National Trust: Sutton House	11.30am
Thurs 8	Pub Meal at The Moon & Sixpence	11.45am
Thurs 8	Much Ado About Nothing - National Theatre Live (Phoenix Cinema East Finchley)	7pm
Thurs 15	Friendship Month	2pm
Tues 20	Art Unscrewed	4pm

At a glance

October

Thurs 20	Lunch Time Concert at Lauderdale House in Highgate	1pm
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Thurs 20	The World's Most Iconic Photographs	2pm
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November

Thurs 3	Lunch Time Concert at Lauderdale House in Highgate	1pm
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New to the Oddfellows?

Join us at one of our new member welcome events

Tues 12 July, 7pm

Weds 13 July, 1.30pm

Tues 18 October, 7pm

Weds 19 October, 1.30pm

For further information visit: www.oddfellows.co.uk/welcome

Keeping in touch...

Communication is important to us, we would be grateful if you could get in touch with Helen to ensure that we have all your up to date contact details so that we can keep in touch with you. Thank you.

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