March - June 2024





### West London Branch





## Welcome to our latest events diary

Since our last edition we have welcomed a new member of staff, Jason Green, who has taken over from Angelique as our Care and Welfare Officer. Please see Jason's introduction on page 18.

As always we have been very busy over the winter months and have welcomed many new members.

The art class continues to go from strength to strength, it is held every Thursday starting at the new time of 10.30am.

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.

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 a deposit at the time of booking with the balance being due at least



We hope to see you at our events!

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two weeks before the event. We can accept cash, cheques and bank transfers. At present we can only take card payments in person at 186 Hammersmith Road. 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.

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 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 10am – 3pm or Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm on 07421140970. Alternatively email me rosalind.earp@oddfellows.co.uk.

I hope to see you at an event soon.

Best wishes, Rosalind

## 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 10.30am - 1pm

186 Hammersmith Road London W6 7DJ

**Free Event** 

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

# March



### Learn about Scams Session

Free

#### We will be joined by Johnny Wren who is the Digital Inclusion Outreach worker at Age UK Hammersmith and Fulham He will

2pm



be running this – learn about scams session, which will include content on – what are scams, what are the different types of scams, how to avoid being scammed, what to do if you get scammed. Light refreshments will be available. Donations for refreshments are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



### Monthly Meal -Mexican in Fulham

6pm £ Cost of your travel, food and drink



Each month we will be having a meal in a different area of our District and trying a different cuisine. This month we will visiting Yucca London in Fulham. **Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited places for this event and early booking is advised by Tuesday 20 February.** Yucca London, 496 Fulham Road SW6 5NH. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



### Social and Games Afternoon

L 2pm

£)Free



Join us for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light refreshment's will be served. Donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 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.



# March

11am



## Tour of Two Temple Place

Members £10,

Two Temple Place is one of London's hidden architectural gems. Completed in 1895, this stunning neo-Gothic mansion was built for William Waldorf Astor. The tour will focus on the architecture and history of the building. After the tour you will be free



to explore the current exhibition - The Glass Heart. This bold new exploration of glass in the UK, brings together for the very first time, rarely seen works from key UK collections, celebrating this remarkable material - unforgiving, fragile, strong, sustainable. **Please note the booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited spaces for this event and early booking is advised by Monday 4 March. T**wo Temple Place, Temple WC2R 3BD. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# April



**Social and Games** Afternoon



£Free

Join us for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light



refreshment's will be served. Donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

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## Axe Throwing!

6pm (£) Members £20, Guests £25, plus cost of food and drink



Channel your inner Viking! Join us for an hours axe throwing followed by an optional meal. **Book by Tuesday 19 March.** Game of Throwing, 136 King Street, Hammersmith W6 0QU. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

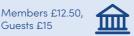


# April



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## **Brixton Windmill Tour**



Brixton Windmill has been at the heart of Lambeth for over 200 years. We will be having a private guided tour of the Windmill, you will receive a free copy of the guidebook and tea or coffee and cake at the end of the tour. **Please note** 



that the booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited places for this event and early booking is advised by Tuesday 19 March. Brixton Windmill, Windmill Gardens, 100 Blenheim Gardens, Brixton Hill SW2 5DA. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



### Queen Elizabeth II - A Life in Flowers

Free

Nick Dobson will be tracing the life and times of our late Queen using the many plants associated with her as guiding points. We will also reflect on the Queen's love of horticulture

2pm



and its importance in her life. Light refreshments will be available. Donations for refreshments are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



#### Annual Summoned Meeting

L 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. Light refreshments will be served. Book by Friday 12 April. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DI. Contact Barbara on 07727 026707.





### Royal Albert Hall Coffee Club

1.30pm





An afternoon of music in the Elgar Room at The Royal Albert Hall accompanied by a cup of tea or coffee and a slice



of cake. Any extra money collected from this event will be donated to The Royal Albert Hall. **Please note that the booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited places for this event and early booking is advised by Tuesday 16 April.** The Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SE7 2AP. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.





### Monthly Meal - Indian in Ealing

D<sub>7pm</sub>

Cost of your travel, food and drink



Each month we will be having a meal in a different area of our District and trying a



different cuisine. This month we will visiting Haweli of Ealing who have been serving since 1985. They have a vibrant blend of authentic and modern Indian cuisine. **Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited places for this event and early booking is advised by Tuesday 16 April.** Haweli of Ealing, 127 Uxbridge Road, W13 9AU. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.





A mother, a daughter, three possible

dads and a trip down the aisle that you will never forget! The world's sunniest, most exhilarating smash-hit musical! Since premiering in London's West End over 24 years ago, 'The ultimate feel-good show' (Classic FM) has thrilled over 65 million people around the world. Whatever age you are, you can't help but have the time of your life at Mamma Mia! **Please note that the booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited places for this event and early booking is advised by Tuesday 16 April.** Novello Theatre, Aldwych WC2B 4LD. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.





## Sylvie Boulay – Beyond Beige: A Woman's Illustrated Story of Old Age





Sylvie Boulay will be joining us to talk about her book – Beyond Beige: A Woman's Illustrated Story of Old Age. Unflinching, honest and relatable, this book is neither a celebration of, nor a complaint about, old age.



You will either say 'Yes, that's me!' or 'Thank goodness this hasn't happened to me!' Light refreshments will be available. Donations for refreshments are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



#### Social and Games Afternoon

2pm





Join us for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light refreshment's will be served. Donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. 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 or Twitter, make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages.

## Find us at: f OddfellowsUK

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



10am

## **Denbies Vineyard by Coach**

See below



We will be visiting Denbies in the Surrey Hills with two optional tours available.

Denbies Outdoor Vineyard Sparkling Wine Tour: Enjoy a glass of Denbies Sparkling Whitedowns Cuvee as you



are taken through the vineyard to the highest viewpoint on this informative tour. Denbies Sparkling Wine is made from carefully selected handpicked grapes. This informative and relaxed tour is a perfect photo opportunity, cameras are strongly recommended.

Cost: Members: £12.50 per person or £7.50 without the Sparkling Wine. Guests: £14.50 per person or £9.50 without the Sparkling Wine.

Indoor Wine Tasting Experience: The Indoor Wine Tasting Experience begins with a short film in Denbies Cinema. 'The vineyard through the seasons' film shows a fascinating insight into the workings of the vineyard and English wine production, set to a sound track commissioned to accompany the film for Denbies. Learn about the geology and history of the estate and experience the changes in the vineyard through the seasons and appreciate the wine making process from vine to bottle.

Enjoy a glass of Denbies Sparkling Wine during the film also. Following the film, take a short walk of the winery, then head down to the atmospheric cellars to try a selection of Denbies wines.

Cost: Members: £13.50 per person. Guests: £15.50 per person.

Lunch will be available in the conservatory at your own expense. There will also be time to browse the Wine and Gift Shop.

Coach cost: £15 for members and £20 for guest.

Please note that the booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited places for this event and early booking is advised by Tuesday 7 May.

Denbies Wine Estate, London Road, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6AA. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



6pm



### Monthly Meal -Persian in Richmond

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travel, food

and drink

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Each month we will be having a meal in a different area of our District and trying a different cuisine. This month we will visiting Saffron in Richmond who boast that they have the most authentic persian cuisine in London. **Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited places** for this event and early booking is advised by Monday 13 May. Saffron, 5 The Square, Richmond TW9 1DT. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



## June

11am

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### History and Mystery at The Magic Circle

Members £20,

Guests £26

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We will be visiting the Magic Circle, the home of the most famous magic society in the world, for a close-up magic show, a tour of the museum and a parlour magic show. **Please note that the booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited places for this event and early booking is advised by Tuesday 21 May.** The Magic Circle, 12 Stephenson Way, Euston NW1 2HD. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

## 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

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## Maggie's Centre

L<sub>2pm</sub>





Every year, West London District Oddfellows support a number of local and national charities. Today we will be joined by a representative from Maggie's West London to tell us about the great work that they do. Light refreshments will be available. Donations for refreshments are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



Everyone's home of cancer care



D<sub>7pm</sub>

Members £10, Guests £15



Join us for an evening of wine tasting and bluffing. You will be presented with three descriptions of each wine that



you taste, once you have tasted the wine you will need to decide which description is true and which two members of the 'Call My Bluff' team are lying to you! Light refreshments will be provided. **Book by Thursday 14 June**. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

### West London District Branch Meeting

11.30am (£) Cost of your food and drinks

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. There will be an optional lunch after the meeting with a £10 per person subsidy for members. **Book by Thursday 14 June.** Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Barbara on 07727 026707.

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7.30pm



Based on the beloved film and featuring a marvellous Motown-inspired score by Tony and 8-time Oscar winner Alan Menken, this story of music, mishaps and nuns on the run is a joyous and uplifting tale of finding your voice and singing out, with your sisters by your side. Olivier Award-winner and Soul sensation Beverley Knight will reprise her role as disco divain-disguise Deloris Van Cartier and star and co-creator of Gavin and Stacey Ruth Jones joins the Sisterhood as Mother Superior. Reprising their roles are television and stage star Lesley Joseph and West End favourite Lizzie Bea. Completing the congregation are BRIT Award-winning singer songwriter Lemar, Britain's Got Talent and musical theatre star Alison liear and star of Regent Park's La Cage aux Folles Carl Mullaney. Please note that the booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited places for this event and early booking is advised by Tuesday 4 June. Dominion Theatre, 268-269 Tottenham Court Road W1T 7AQ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



12.30pm

travel, food

and drink

Each month we will be having a meal in a different area of our District and trving a different cuisine. This month we will visiting The Crabtree, an iconic pub situated on the quietest and most picturesaue stretch of the Thames between Hammersmith and Putney bridges. Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited places for this event and early booking is advised by Tuesday 4 June. The Crabtree, 60 Rainville Road W6 9HA. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



Join us for an afternoon of games, bingo or a guiz and socialising. Light refreshment's will be served. Donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodae, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

## We have had a busy few months



The Royal Albert Hall Carol Concert



A ha pea Christmas at The Royal Albert Hall



We had quite a messy time at the chocolate making workshop



chocolate making workshop

## We have had a busy few months



Chris Truman was back by popular demand to entertain us with tales of the stupid things that criminals do



Richard and Karen get into the spooky spirit for a haunted bus tour!



The Christmas Disco walking tour was a fun filled evening!



The Christmas Disco walking tour

## with outings, activities and talks



Wisley exploring the winter lights trail



We had a wonderful evening at Wisley exploring the winter lights trail

## Paying your membership by Direct Debit

A new Direct Debit payment initiative was launched in January to try to make membership payments easier. So why choose Direct Debit?

- It is easy to set up, it can be done over the phone or online.
- You don't need to worry about renewing each year as the Direct Debit will automatically be taken upon your renewal date.
- You still have complete control because you can cancel whenever you want – you'll be notified of the payment 6-8 weeks in advance to give you plenty of time to make any changes.
- It's paperless and nothing has to go through the post, so no danger of it going astray.
- It is all done on a totally secure system.
- You can choose to make the membership payment over two consecutive months to help you manage your finances.
- Standard membership would be two monthly payment of £12.50 and extra benefits would be two monthly payments of £17.50.



Find out more by contacting **Membership Services on 0800 028 1810** 





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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

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## Jason Green

Hi, my name is Jason and I am the new Care and Welfare Co-ordinator. I am very much looking to getting to know you all.

Prior to joining the Oddfellows, I spent 12 years working at an Older People's Charity based in Southwark, South East London. Here, I provided help, support and guidance, along with organising activities/ events for people over 50 years of age. As for hobbies, I love music, football and the occasional run!



## 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 carer's rate is available it will be passed on to you. Thank you for your understanding.

## 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.





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# **Society News**



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## **Embrace new experiences and perspectives**

The turn of the year is naturally a



time when we look at our lives, reflect on the last 12 months, and consider any changes that may be needed for the next.

Inevitably, our thoughts will turn to the support and encouragement we have received from those closest to us, but what about those friends we haven't yet met?

#### Stay curious, keep learning

Staying open to meeting new people presents opportunities you might not have considered. They could open new doors and perspectives that might be uplifting and motivational, which can then be really beneficial to us.

It's one of the many things I really love about being part of our Society – having the chance to cross paths with so many interesting people, from all corners of the country, and indeed the world! It's invigorating and helps keep a spring in my step!



It is fantastic that we have welcomed so many new members to our Society in 2023. If you are one of the new members, welcome, and I hope that you are enjoying getting to know other members at your Branch.

If you're a seasoned Oddfellow, and you see a new face at one of your Branch's social events, please make sure you say hello and pull out the chair next to you. Yes, it's about extending our trademark warm welcome, but it's also about what it can do for you. They just might introduce you to your new favourite thing.

#### Strength in numbers

Bringing people together who care about the welfare of others is the bedrock of the Oddfellows. And, as a mutual organisation, it's one of our strengths. We know that by working as a supportive collective, we can achieve so much more than we could alone.

So make sure you add 'stay open to new friendships' to your list of resolutions for 2024. It really is a wonderful way to stay curious about life and remain open to all its joyful possibilities.

On behalf of the Society, my fellow Directors, all the staff at Unity Office and my family, I would like to wish each of you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2024.

Yours always in friendship,

#### Jane Nelson, CEO, the Oddfellows

## Time to plan your next getaway?

Oddfellows Travel has announced its holidays for 2024, and there are six cracking trips on offer.

### Something for everyone

We want to make sure that you travel in confidence and in great company, that's why all our Oddfellows Travel group holidays are hosted by an Oddfellows member and we only use experienced partners we trust.

## Eastbourne, Brighton and Hastings

Join us as we head to the south coast with Alfa Travel.

### 10-14 April 2024 (4 nights)

Staying at the Queens Hotel, Eastbourne. £295 per person based on 2 people sharing a twin room. £355 per person for sole use of a Cosy Double room. Half board. Includes coach pick up and drop off from certain locations, or a self-arrival option.\*





## Oddfellows Summer Holiday to Warwickshire

Come and holiday among friends and relax in this rural retreat.

### 1-5 July 2024 (4 nights)

Warner Hotels, Studley Castle in Warwickshire. Half board from £376 per person, based on 2 people sharing a double or twin room.\*

## Maritime Cities and the Baltics Cruise

Come sail with us as we explore maritime cities and cultural delights of the Baltics.

### 27 June-11 July 2024 (14 nights)

From £1,949 per person. Full board. Departing from Dover on Fred. Olsen's Borealis.\*





## Yorkshire Dales Discovery Tour

Join us on this HF Holidays active getaway to the Yorkshire Dales.

#### 11-14 October 2024 (3 nights)

Newfield Hall, near Malham. Full board. £454 for a Classic single room. £454 per person, based on 2 people sharing a Classic twin or double room.\*



Make the most of your Bank Holiday weekend and sail with us on this cruise to the Isles of Scilly, the Channel Isles and Normandy, France.

#### 23-28 August 2024 (5 nights)

From £799 per person. Full board. Departing from Southampton on Fred. Olsen's Borealis.\*





## **Mystery Cruise**

Sail on this exciting mystery cruise with us and enjoy the thrill of destinations unknown.

12-23 November 2024 (11 nights)

From £1,209 per person. Full board. Departing from Southampton, arriving back in Portsmouth on Fred. Olsen's Borealis.\*

## For full details, including how to book, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

\*Oddfellows Travel holidays are arranged through third party providers, please reference their terms and conditions before booking. Find out more at www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel



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# The 'Generous Generation'



Unity Mutual is the Oddfellows' financial services brand. Earlier this year, it undertook a piece of research which involved customers who are over 50 – and the findings were nothing short of eye-opening.

Unity Mutual has since dubbed this demographic the 'Generous Generation', after discovering that 30 per cent spend between £50 and £100 per month to help their adult children out. Others within this age group spend even more, with some giving up retirement plans to help their offspring, both financially and with childcare.

#### **Rewarding generosity**

To shine a light on such generosity, Unity Mutual launched the 'Generous Generation Awards', with £500 among the prizes.

Julie Oakley, nominated by daughter, Sam, was the deserving winner. She's raised tensof-thousands-of-pounds for charity via The Project Dragonfly CIC, supporting kids and young adults with mental health challenges.



Julie Oakley and her daughter, Sam.

#### **More on Unity Mutual**

You can read Julie's story and find out what she thought of her big win by heading to www.unitymutual.co.uk/awards

As part of the 'Generous Generation' campaign, Unity Mutual is helping the over 50s to live up to its kind-hearted moniker. It's Over 50s Life Insurance\* allows anyone between the ages of 50 and 80 to leave a fixed lump sum to their loved ones – learn more at www.unitymutual.co.uk/over50s

\*Terms and conditions apply.

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## 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



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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.

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### 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.

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## **Events at a glance**

In addition to our regular events, we are holding the Weekly Watercolour Art Class every Thursday at 10.30am, please see page 3 for full details.

## March 2024

Tues 5	Learn about Scams Session	2pm
Thurs 7	Monthly Meal – Mexican in Fulham	6pm
Tues 19	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Wed 27	Tour of Two Temple Place	11am
April		
Tues 2	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Sat 6	Axe Throwing!	6pm
Mon 8	Brixton Windmill Tour	1.30pm
Tues 16	Queen Elizabeth II - A Life in Flowers	2pm
Sat 20	Annual Summoned Meeting	2pm
Tues 23	Royal Albert Hall Coffee Club	1.30pm
Sat 27	Monthly Meal – Indian in Ealing	7pm
May		
Thurs 2	Mamma Mia	3pm
Tues 7	Sylvie Boulay - Beyond Beige: A Woman's Illustrated	
	Story of Old Age	2pm
Wed 15	Denbies Vineyard by Coach	10am
Tues 21	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Wed 22	Monthly Meal – Persian in Richmond	6pm
June		
Mon 3	History and Mystery at The Magic Circle	11am
Tues 4	Maggie's Centre	2pm
Thurs 13	Sister Act	7.30pm
Sun 16	Monthly Meal - Sunday Roast in Hammersmith	12.30pm
Tues 18	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Wed 26	West London District Branch Meeting	11.30am
Fri 28	Call My Bluff - The Wine Edition	7pm

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