

July - October 2024



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West London Branch



Japanese Gateway (Chokushi-Mon), Kew Gardens London



Games



Walks



Day Trip/
Travel



Social



Quizzes



Talks



Coffee
Morning



Dining Out

Welcome to our latest events diary

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 so even if the booking deadline has passed it is worth asking us 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 two weeks before the event. We can accept cash, cheques and bank transfers. We can now take card payments over the phone as well as in person. If you are unable to attend an event and we are able to resell the place we will of course give you a full refund. Please note that if you are attending an event that involves a service charge on the final bill you will be expected to pay your share, the Branch is unable to pay this on your behalf.

The art class continues to be held every Thursday starting at 10.30am. All are welcome, even if you think you



We hope to see you at our events!

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cannot draw or paint why not pop along, you may surprise yourself! Please see the advert later in the diary for more information.

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 get in touch. 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 or to book on **07951 546958**

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July

TUES
02

Confessions of a Wedding Day Professional!

⌚ 2pm

£ Free



There are almost 400,000 weddings in the UK every year. Of the estimated nine billion pounds spent on these events, a small percentage will go to wedding day professionals such as Celebrants and Toastmasters. We are joined by William Freeman, who will tell us about his experiences as a Wedding Toastmaster, MC and Celebrant over the last 10 years. We will peek behind the scenes and hear stories and confessions, and discover awkward and amusing situations, some of which still give him the shivers! Light refreshments will be served – donations are welcome. Oddfellows Branch, 186 Hammersmith Road 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
10

Fawlty Towers - The Play

⌚ 7.30pm

£ Members £35
Guests £40



Nearly 50 years since it first hit our TV screens, the 'Greatest British sitcom of all time' (Radio Times) is now a brand-new stage play, adapted by comedy legend John Cleese and directed by Caroline Jay Ranger. Starring Adam Jackson-Smith as the inimitable Basil, Anna-Jane Casey as the iconic Sybil and Paul Nicholas as the bumbling Major, this 18-strong cast take on the iconic characters at Torquay's most chaotic hotel – Fawlty Towers! Featuring your favourite scenes from the sitcom's unforgettable 12 episodes, this really is the stage comedy event of the year! Book by Friday 28 June. Apollo Theatre, 31 Shaftesbury Avenue W1D 7ES. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

SUN
14

Cream Tea - Lee Valley Boats



12 noon



Members £24
Guests £29



Join us for a leisurely cruise along the River Lee whilst enjoying a cream tea. Please note there is a 10 minute walk from the station to the boat. Book by Friday 5 July. Lee Valley Boat Centre, Old Nazeing Road, Broxbourne EN10 6LX. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



TUES
16

Social and Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



Join us for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. Donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Branch, 186 Hammersmith Road W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



WED
17

Monthly Meal - Caribbean



1pm



As per
menu



Each month we will be having a meal in a different area of our District and trying different cuisines. This month we will be exploring the Caribbean options at Turtle Bay. Please note that attendees will be expected to pay any service charges included in the final bill. The Branch will not pay this on your behalf. Book by Friday 12 July. Turtle Bay, 245 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 8PW. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

SAT
27

Poisoned Chalice Cocktail Experience



6pm



Members £32
Guests £37



The Case of the Poisoned Chalice - an immersive cocktail mystery experience you won't want to miss. Sebastian Moran, Moriarty's right-hand man, will be testing us! Can we defeat his maniacal mind and make the perfect cocktail? Crack the case and find the ingredients - succeed and we will drink to our success. Fail and this may be the last mistake we make! Experience includes a welcome drink, a set of four cases to solve and your own cocktail creation. Book by Friday 19 July. Sherlock, The Official Live Game, Floor G, W12 Shopping Centre W12 8PP. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

August

FRI
02

ABBA: One Week in Brighton



10.30am



Members £7.50
Guests £9.50, plus travel



We will be travelling to Brighton on the train, to visit the Brighton Museum and Art Gallery for the 'ABBA One Week in Brighton' exhibition. This exhibition celebrates the 50th anniversary of ABBA's Eurovision win at Brighton Dome on 6 April 1974. Walk, dance and sing through ABBA's visit to Brighton, through photographs, film, memories, memorabilia and discover the week that catapulted the band to fame. Relive the excitement of that iconic week through personal stories of people who were there. From the backstage crew and people in the audience to the autograph hunters who rushed to the stage door to meet the Swedish superstars. Cost: £7.50 for members and £9.50 for guests, plus the cost of your travel. Book by Friday 12 July. Brighton Museum & Art Gallery, Pavillion Gardens BN1 1FN. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

TUES
06

Social and Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



TUES
20

The History of the Oddfellows



2pm



Free



Join us for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. Donations are welcomed.



Join us to find out about the origins of our Society, a whistle-stop tour from 1810 (and before) to the present day.



Light refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome. Oddfellows Branch, 186 Hammersmith Road W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

August

WED
28

Exclusive Private Tour of Highgrove Gardens - Home to the King and Queen



12 noon



See below



Join us for a very special, one and half hour exclusive Private Tour, which will be led by an experienced guide. In addition to revealing the gardens' history, organic management and sources of inspiration, they will explain the hidden curios and horticultural innovations behind them. Highgrove is a place of peace and tranquillity, where The King's passion and imagination have been etched onto the Cotswold landscape. From the magnificent wildflower meadow to the enchanting setting of the arboretum, the gardens embody His Majesty's gardening ideals and organic principles. Optional dining packages will be available. Cost: For members: £57.50 for the tour and £15 for the coach. For guests: £62.50 for the tour and £20 for the coach. Plus the cost of your food and drink. Book by Wednesday 7 August. Highgrove, Tetbury GL8 8TQ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



FRI
30

Monthly Meal - Burger



6pm



As per menu



Each month we will be having a meal in a different area of our District and trying different cuisines. This month we will be going for burgers to celebrate National Burger Day which took place on 28 May. Please note that attendees will be expected to pay any service charges included in the final bill. The Branch will not pay this on your behalf. Book by Friday 23 August. Venue to be confirmed. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



September - Friendship Month

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1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES **03** **Social and Games Afternoon**



Join us for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. Donations are welcomed.

Oddfellows Branch, 186 Hammersmith Road W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



TUES **10** **Afternoon Coffee Club at The Royal Albert Hall**



Community Coffee Club is a series of relaxed live music performances ranging from smooth jazz to classical. Join us



for a cuppa, cake and an afternoon of outstanding music. Book by Friday 30 August. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, Kensington, London SW7 2AP. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

SUN **15** **Mrs Doubtfire**



Out-of-work actor Daniel will do anything for his kids. After losing custody in a messy divorce, he creates the alter ego of Scottish nanny Euphemia Doubtfire in a desperate attempt to stay in their lives. As his new character takes on a life of its own, Mrs Doubtfire teaches Daniel more than he bargained for about how to be a father! Optional pre-theatre meal. Cost: £40 for members and £50 for guests, plus the cost of your food and drink. Book by Thursday 5 September. Shaftesbury Theatre, 210 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8DP. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

Further events are being added, see:

www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

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TUES
17

AgeUK - Hammersmith and Fulham



Every year, West London District Oddfellows support a number of local and national charities. Today we will be joined by a representative from AgeUK to tell us about their work and the opportunities for our members to benefit from their services. Light refreshments will be served. Donations for refreshments are welcomed. Oddfellows Branch, 186 Hammersmith Road W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

WED
18

Monthly Meal - Lebanese



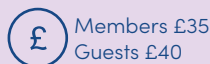
Each month we will be having a meal in a different area of our District and trying



different cuisines. This month we will be trying the Lebanese fare at Chamisse. Please note that attendees will be expected to pay any service charges included in the final bill. The Branch will not pay this on your behalf. Book by Friday 13 September. Chamisse, 55 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8PP. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

SAT
28

Prosecco Tasting



In this two hour session we will explore the different styles and flavours of five different types of Prosecco: Extra Brut, Brut, Extra Dry, Dry and Rose. We will learn the difference between each glass, where they originate and understand how to differentiate the tastes of each type of Prosecco. We will leave the experience with the understanding that each glass of Prosecco is unique and has its own individual story. Optional post tasting dinner. Cost: £35 for members and £40 for guests, plus the cost of your food and drink. Book by Saturday 7 September. Prosecco House, 1 Crown Square, One Tower Bridge SE1 2SE. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



October

TUES
01

Social and Games Afternoon



Join us for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. Donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Branch, 186 Hammersmith Road W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



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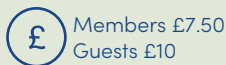
The Art of Banksy



See the iconic pieces that brought the anonymous artist international acclaim – ‘Girl With Balloon’, in three colour variations, ‘Flower Thrower’ and ‘Rude Copper’ alongside unique works including hand drawn sketches and personal artworks which Banksy created for friends, colleagues and family. The exhibition also focuses on Banksy’s Dismaland, the Walled Off Hotel in Bethlehem and recent artworks which acknowledge the ongoing war in Ukraine. The Art of Banksy is not curated or authorised by the artist. Book by Friday 27 September. 100 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0JG. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

SUN
06

Catacombs Tour at Brompton Cemetery



We will be visiting picturesque Brompton Cemetery, a well-loved resting place and wildlife refuge in Kensington. Brompton is one of the

‘Magnificent Seven’ cemeteries created in the 19th Century in response to a rapidly-growing population. It’s the only cemetery in the country to be owned by the Crown and managed by The Royal Parks. We will be taking a tour of the catacombs, followed by an optional lunch. Please note that there are steps and uneven surfaces. Cost: £7.50 for members and £10 for guests, plus the cost of your food and drink. Book by Friday 20 September. Brompton Cemetery, Fulham Road SW10 9UG. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



October

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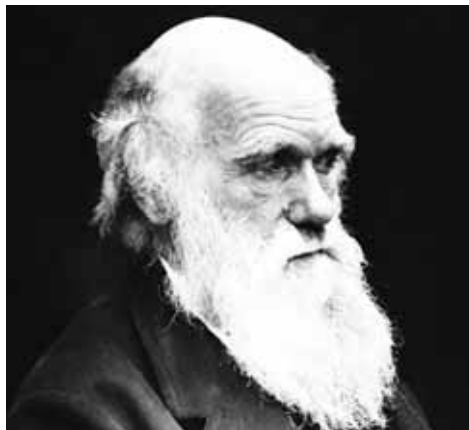
Blasts From The Past!

L 2pm

£ Free



Blasts From The Past – Bob Sinfield revisits some of history's most colourful characters, including Thomas Edison, Charles Darwin and the roguish diarist Samuel Pepys. Join us for an afternoon of fun packed nonsense. Light refreshments will be served, donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Branch, 186 Hammersmith Road W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



WED
16

Coffee and Crafting - Blackwork Embroidery at Richmond Museum

L 1pm

£ Members £7.50
Guests £10



During this workshop we will explore the story behind a beautifully crafted object in the museum's collection, how it helps tell the story of Richmond and teach the skills for attendees to create their own pieces, drawing on inspiration from the object. No experience needed – absolute beginners very welcome.

Everyone gets a beautifully designed information booklet about the objects we explore, their histories and the craft techniques covered in the workshop, along with a goody bag of materials so you can keep crafting at home. We will be exploring Blackwork embroidery inspired by mourning wear and hear ghost stories from Richmond Palace! Optional early dinner. Cost: £7.50 for members and £10 for guests, plus the cost of your food and drink. Book by Friday 20 September. Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond TW9 1TP. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



October

SAT 19 Half Yearly Summomed Meeting



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 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. Please note you must notify Barbara of your intention to attend this meeting by Friday 4 October. Light refreshments will be served. Oddfellows Branch, 186 Hammersmith Road W6 7DJ. Contact Barbara on 07727 026707.

FRI 25 Monthly Meal - Vegetarian



Each month we will be having a meal in a different area of our District and trying different cuisines. October is National Vegetarian Month. We will be visiting The Gate in Hammersmith to try out their delicious vegetarian menu. Please note that attendees will be expected to pay any service charges included in the final bill. The Branch will not pay this on your behalf. Book by Friday 18 October. The Gate, 51 Queen Caroline Street, London W6 9QL. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



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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**

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We have had a busy few months!



Denbies Vineyard



Veronika enjoying a glass of fizz at Denbies



Aisha's amazing at Axe Throwing!



Tour of Two Temple Place; such concentration whilst listening to the tour guide!



Lunch for our outgoing Chairperson, Teresa Daly

Assistance at events

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



Fab U Lous Drag Bingo - Everyone having a blast!



Fab U Lous Drag Bingo

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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– big brand offers and savings



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

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

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

Access Oddfellows Extra

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

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*Terms and conditions apply to all benefits.
Visit the Oddfellows Extra website for details.



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

Members meet in Llandudno for AMC

The late May Bank Holiday weekend in the beautiful North Wales coastal town of Llandudno was the setting for this year's Annual Movable Conference (AMC).

Hosted by Deeside Oddfellows, members from throughout the UK made the trip to reflect on the previous 12 months and discuss and vote on the course of the next, all presided over by the Grand Master (Chairman), Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham.



Business conducted, AMC Llandudno

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, with Oddfellows Brass putting on another wonderful performance.



Oddies on the coach to Portmeirion

Members also took part in a ceilidh at the welcome evening, graced the green at the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, took a day trip to Portmeirion and got all dressed up for the Farewell Dance.

Who should be our next major Fund recipient?

Our HA Andrews Memorial Fund provides major financial support over a two or three year period to a project or organisation involved in, or conducting, medical research in the UK.



The funding for Southampton University's Centre for Cancer Immunology, which was nominated by a member in Guernsey, is in its final year, so we're now open to suggestions on who to support from 2025.

If you've a suggestion of who we can support next, let us know. Go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews to find out more about the criteria, how to nominate and our deadlines.

Making a Difference Awards 2024

Five members have received national recognition for the brilliant and selfless work they put into making their Branch and the Society as wonderful as they can be.



Terry Rendle, Oswald Branch Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Terry's contributions to the running of Oswald Branch's social events.

He regularly comes up with ideas for events, plans and advertises them, organises and purchases supplies, arranges



catering, sells tickets, physically arranges chairs and tables in the room, taxis people to and from, hosts and clears up after. All this at the age of 84.

"Socialising is so important as you get older," Terry said. "It keeps your brain busy and your body busy which means you might last a bit longer."

He added: "I was flabbergasted. I had to read the letter three times before I realised what I was reading."

Pat and David Lang, Three Counties Branch Achieving Together

The married couple from Didcot, Oxfordshire, joined the Oddfellows over half-a-century



ago, and in that time have taken on many voluntary roles, including serving as Branch Chairman five times between them.

They are Welfare Visitors, regularly checking in on around 50 fellow members, and are well known for providing food for events and meetings. They are also responsible for an annual Christmas lunch event which, since 2009, has raised over £2,100 for the HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

David said: "It has never been about being rewarded. We love what we do, it's as simple as that.

Pat added: "I'm honoured. We have much to thank the Oddfellows for and have met so many lovely people."

Peter Coe, City of Norwich Branch

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

As a mutual society, the Oddfellows is run by and for our members and this award seeks to recognise those who have gone the extra mile to assist in the running of their Branch and the Society as a whole.

Peter has gone several extra miles, having held a number of voluntary roles, including Branch and



District Chairman, and is still a member of the social committee to this day, helping to organise many wonderful events.

Peter said: "The Oddfellows is full of very, very friendly people. We all get on. I've made some very good friends here over the years.

"It's my life. It's what I do. The best thing I did was join the Oddfellows."

Claire Needham, Vale of York District Giving Something Back

Lifelong member Claire has been recognised for the work she does to raise money and awareness for worthy causes.



She donated nearly £3,000 for Motor Neurone Disease Association and Martins House Children's Hospice having run the Rob Burrows Leeds Marathon last year, and has helped raise more than £30,000 through her role as Chairman of her workplace's Charity Committee.

Claire has also held positions on the Oddfellows' Benevolence Committee and Investigations Committee, making a positive difference to the lives of her fellow members.

"I was completely surprised and I feel really honoured," Claire said. "It's a really nice feeling. It's nice that other people think it's making a difference and it's having an impact."

The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Each of the winners are fully deserving of this recognition and I'm very proud of all of them. They typify what it is to be an Oddfellow and the Society and their respective branches are lucky to have them."

Who is your local Branch star? Member nominations are now open for the 2025 awards. To find out more, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference.

Financial worries revealed



Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, recently surveyed 2,000 people throughout the UK to uncover what's keeping them up at night when it comes to their finances. Here's what they discovered. Do any of these resonate with you?

Cost of living

The worry peaks for those aged 40-49, with 63% feeling the pinch, closely followed by those in their 50s and 60s (both at 62%).

Emergency planning

35% of those surveyed worry they don't have enough money set aside for emergencies like car repairs or medical treatments. Additionally, 28% fret about potential home repair costs.

Pension and retirement

Living on a tight pension is a reality for 22% of respondents, and 18% worry they aren't contributing enough to their pension pot. Many in their 60s regret not paying more into their pensions earlier.



Savings and financial planning

Only 39% of people have money in savings or investments, but this number jumps to 61% for those in their 70s. Yet, just a third have a financial life plan.

Stress and anxiety

Financial stress affects 58% of respondents. Those in their 60s and 70s are less worried compared to younger age groups, with only 35% and 27% respectively reporting anxiety.

Financial regrets

Over half (51%) have financial regrets, including not saving enough each month (46%) and spending on pointless things (43%). Interestingly, more than one in 10 (12%) wish they'd married someone with more money.

These findings show that, while financial worries are largely universal, planning and saving can make a significant difference, especially as we age. Whether you're setting up your first financial plan or adjusting your retirement strategy, it's never too late to take control of your financial future.

Go to www.unitymutual.co.uk to find out more.

Oddfellows members have access to a dedicated Citizens Advice Line. Its advisers can help you to find a way forward with any money or debt problems but are unable to give financial advice. Visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/citizens-advice to find out more.

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



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**

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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.

July 2024

Tues 2	Confessions of a Wedding Day Professional!	2pm
Wed 10	Fawlty Towers - The Play	7.30pm
Sun 14	Cream Tea - Lee Valley Boats	12 noon
Tues 16	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Wed 17	Monthly Meal - Caribbean	1pm
Sat 27	Poisoned Chalice Cocktail Experience	6pm

August

Fri 2	ABBA: One Week in Brighton	10.30am
Tues 6	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Tues 20	The History of the Oddfellows	2pm
Wed 28	Exclusive Private Tour of Highgrove Gardens - Home to the King and Queen	12 noon
Fri 30	Monthly Meal - Burger	6pm

September - Friendship Month

Tues 3	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Tues 10	Afternoon Coffee Club at The Royal Albert Hall	1.30pm
Sun 15	Mrs Doubtfire	7.30pm
Tues 17	AgeUK - Hammersmith and Fulham	2pm
Wed 18	Monthly Meal - Lebanese	1pm
Sat 28	Prosecco Tasting	5pm

October

Tues 1	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Sun 6	Catacombs Tour at Brompton Cemetary	11am
Sat 12	The Art of Banksy	11am
Tues 15	Blasts From The Past!	2pm
Wed 16	Coffee and Crafting - Blackwork Embroidery at Richmond Museum	1pm
Sat 19	Half Yearly Summoned Meeting	2pm
Fri 25	Monthly Meal - Vegetarian	1pm