

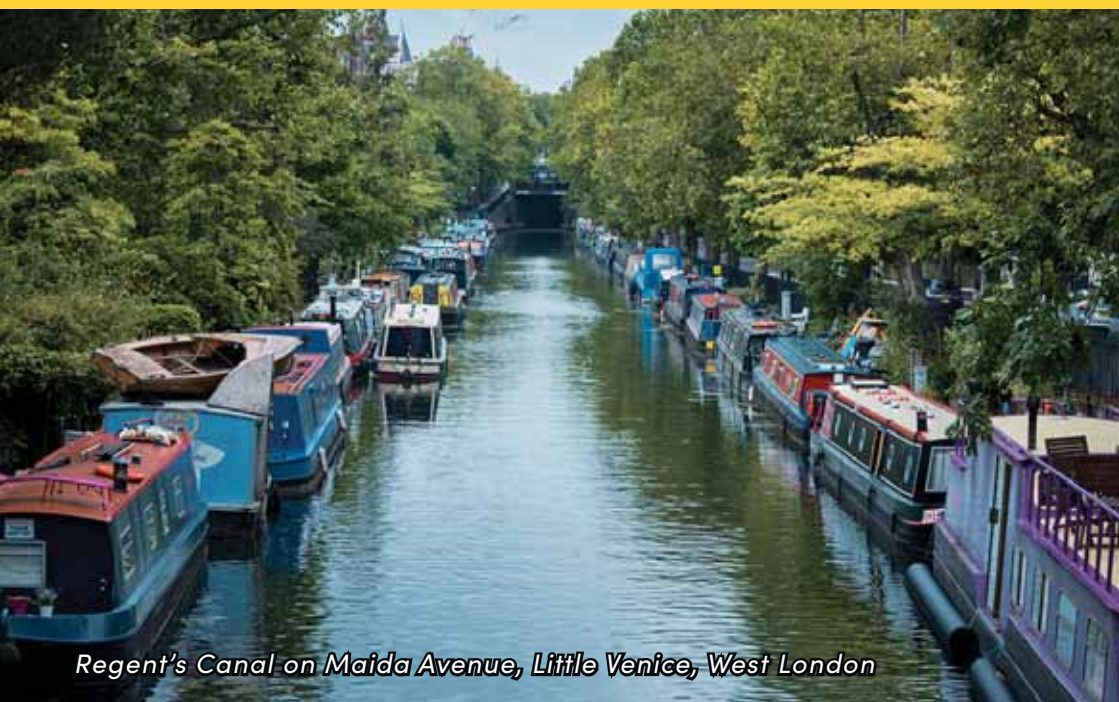
November 2021 – February 2022



the
ODDfellows SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people

out & about

West London District



Regent's Canal on Maida Avenue, Little Venice, West London



Games



Walks



Day Trip/
Travel



Social



Quizzes



Talks



Coffee
Morning



Dining Out



We hope you can join us for our Christmas Lunch on Thursday December 16

Welcome to our latest events diary and newsletter

Unfortunately, Boris decided to extend the lockdown which meant that we had to postpone our welcome back afternoon tea until July. This meant that our first event was actually the river cruise of Regents Canal. We had a lovely lunch at the Earl of Camden and then boarded the Jenny Wren for a leisurely cruise to Little Venice and back. The weather was perfect and the commentary was very interesting.



Having a good catch up on the boat

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We had our welcome back tea at the beginning of August and again were blessed with a beautiful day so were able to sit out in the courtyard.



Enjoying a brew with scones



For friendship month in September we had a coach outing to Rye and Camber Sands, with beautiful weather yet again. We also had a very funny talk by Bob Sinfield, titled 'The Gag Trade, Misadventures in TV and Radio Comedy).

Please remember that this diary is prepared well in advance and it could be possible that events have to be altered.



Bob Sinfield

We do also add new events so please check the website www.oddfellows.co.uk/events/ or our Facebook page, West London Oddfellows, for up to date information.

If you would like to receive updates by email (or have a hard copy posted to you) please let me know so that I can add you to the list. There are many virtual events run by different Oddfellows branches throughout the country, still taking place on Zoom and Facebook each week, up to date information can be found on the website. If you would like to receive the list by email each week please let me know.

If you have any ideas or would like something included in our next diary please let me know. I can be contacted on the office number 020 8741 5297 on Thursdays from 10 - 3pm or at any time on 07421140970 alternatively email me rosalind.earp@oddfellows.co.uk.

Rosalind Earp

November

TUES
02

Social and Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



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

THURS
04

Beginners Watercolour Art Class



11.30am



£2



A six week beginners watercolour art course. All welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided. Book by Thursday 21 October 2021.
186 Hammersmith Road,
Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ.
Contact Heather on 07951 546958.



TUES
16

Open Age



2pm



Free



Vivienne Mitchell, Senior Coordinator at 'Hammersmith and Fulham Open Age'



will be telling us more about the organisation. Open Age was established in 1993 and we're now celebrating over 25 years of championing an active life for older people, working across Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster and Hammersmith and Fulham to enable anyone aged 50 or older to sustain their physical and mental fitness, maintain an active lifestyle and develop new and stimulating interests. Open Age provides opportunities to their members to take part in meaningful activities, strengthen their sense of community, rediscover old hobbies, find new ones, make new friends and most of all, have fun! They provide over 350 weekly activities from more than 60 sites and over everything from health and fitness classes such as dance, yoga, chair exercise and walking groups to creative and performing arts sessions and weekly groups with speakers. Light refreshments will be provided.
186 Hammersmith Road,
Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ.
Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

November

WED
24

Christmas Market and Lights



10am



See below



This year we are doing something a little different for our Christmas outing. We will be visiting Waddeson Manor in Aylesbury for the Christmas Market and Winter Light Trail. We will be staying overnight at The Holiday Inn Express at Bicester and returning to Hammersmith the next day via Broadfields retail park for some more shopping!

Cost: Hotel £80 Bed and Breakfast. Christmas Market £15 (National Trust members £5) Non-members also pay £45 for the Coach. Booking is essential by Friday 5 November 2021. 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

December

TUES
07

Social and Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



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



December

THURS
16

Christmas Lunch



12 noon



See below



This year we will be visiting Raymond Blanc's Brasserie Blanc at Fulham Reach for our Christmas meal. You can't get a better location than fabulous Fulham, nestling on the bank of the river Thames. Exuding glamour and with gorgeous views, this riverside brasserie is the perfect spot for a festive celebration.

Details of the menu can be found at

<https://brasserieblanc.com/christmas/> and select Xmas Party Menu.



Cost: Three courses: £30 for members, £39.50 for guests. Two courses: £20 for members, £30 for guests. Booking is essential by Tuesday 16 November 2021. Brasserie Blanc, Goldhurst House, Parr's Way, Fulham W6 9AN. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

January 2022

TUES
04

Social and Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



Join us for an afternoon of board and card games and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome.

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



January 2022

WEDS
12

Wicked



11am



£22.50 plus the cost of your meal



Join us for lunch and an afternoon at the theatre. When Dorothy famously triumphed over the Wicked Witch of the West, we only ever heard one side of the story. 'Wicked' tells the

incredible untold story of an unlikely, but profound friendship, between two young women who first meet as sorcery students. The blonde and very popular Glinda, and a misunderstood green girl named Elphaba. Following an encounter with the Wonderful Wizard, their friendship reaches a crossroads and their lives take very different paths. Their extraordinary adventures in Oz will ultimately see them fulfil their destinies as Glinda The Good and the Wicked Witch of the West.

Booking is essential by Friday 17 December 2021. Apollo Victoria Theatre, 17 Wilton Road, Pimlico, London SW1V 1LG. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

TUES

18

Talk by London Air Ambulance



2pm



Free



West London Oddfellows support a number of local and national charities. We will be inviting a speaker from the London Air Ambulance to come and tell us about the great work they do. London's Air Ambulance is the charity that delivers an advanced trauma team to London's most seriously injured patients. Using a helicopter from 08:00 to sunset, and rapid response cars at night or in adverse weather situations, London's Air Ambulance brings the hospital to the patient when time is critical. They perform innovative and potentially life-saving procedures usually found in the emergency department on-scene.

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



February

TUES
01 **Social and Games Afternoon**



2pm



Free



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TUES
15 **The Weird and Wonderful World of The Law**



2pm



Free



Great fun and plenty of laughs! An enjoyable romp through the legal world: drawing on over 25 years as a locum solicitor travelling around the country, encountering raging judges, dotty clients, and weird cases. Join David on a sideways journey through bizarre true-life oddities, daft old laws still in place, and political correctness gone raving mad! Light refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome. 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

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February

THURS
16

Death on The Nile



11am



Cost of your ticket



Gal Gadot, Leticia Wright and Kenneth Branagh co-star in the adaptation of the Agatha Christie mystery which serves as the sequel to 2017's hit *Murder on the Orient Express*. Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot's Egyptian vacation aboard a glamorous river steamer turns



into a terrifying search for a murderer when a picture-perfect couple's idyllic honeymoon is tragically cut short. Set against an epic landscape of sweeping desert vistas and the majestic Giza pyramids, this tale of unbridled passion and incapacitating jealousy features a cosmopolitan group of impeccably dressed travellers and enough wicked twists and turns to leave audiences guessing until the final, shocking denouement.

The release date is scheduled for Friday 11 February 2022. Please contact Rosalind in late January for further details. Book by Friday 4 February 2022. Venue to be confirmed. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



Why not become an Oddfellows pen pal friend?

How would you like to write a letter to another member and become a Penfellow? If the answer is yes, get in touch.

Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970 or rosalind.earp@oddfellows.co.uk



Weekly Watercolour Art Class

**Cost:
£2**

Beginners weekly watercolour art class.

Class is designed for beginners, but more experienced painters are welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Please book in advance by Thursday 21 October

**Starting from:
Thursday 4 November
11.30am - 1pm**

**186 Hammersmith Road,
London W6 7DJ**

To book please contact
Heather on **07951 546958**



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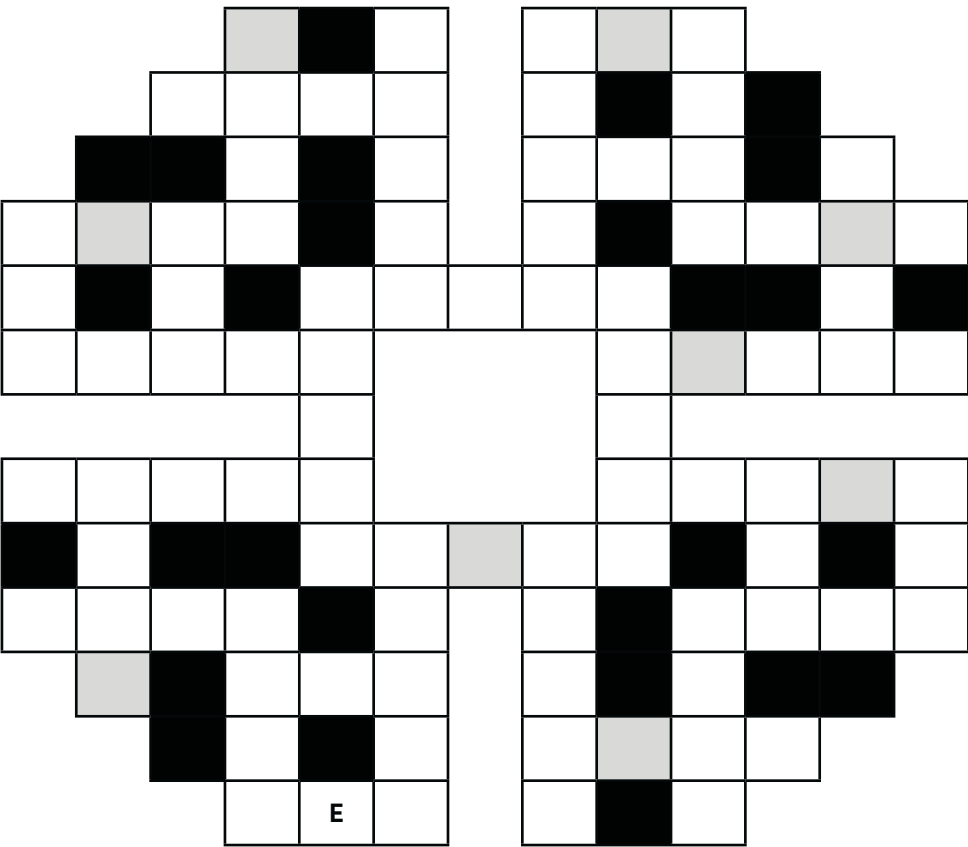
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Flower Power

Fit the listed words into the grid below (one letter is already in place), then rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to form the name of a flower. Answer on page 19.



- 3 letters

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- 4 letters

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TAXI

- 5 letters

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FLASK

FROTH

KHAKI

LATIN

LIMBO

LUSTY

RANCH

SHARK

THIEF

TOPIC

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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 Dawn on **020 8741 5297** or email **dawn.hugowillis@oddfellows.co.uk**

Oddfellows Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org



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

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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.

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

Peak District Discovery Tour

September's Peak District Discovery Tour was our first Oddfellows Travel group holiday since the pandemic began. We teamed up with HF Holidays, who provided a knowledgeable guide to some of Derbyshire's most stunning locations. Holiday-making members and their guests explored Bakewell and the Chatsworth estate, (Chatsworth House and Edensor Village), Tideswell, Castleton, Derwent, Hathersage and Eyam.

The group replaced their cars for the comfort of a coach for the duration of the three-night trip, and were in a safe pair of hands as the driver took the strain of navigating narrow lanes and busy car parks so they could relax and enjoy the views. He also pointed out features that only a local driver would know. Sightseers travelled from far and wide. One lady from Grenada had been visiting family when travel restrictions forced her to stay in England, so she made the most of her time here by joining the group as a guest!

It didn't matter if people didn't know anyone else on the trip, as Oddfellows Travel's on-board host, Mike Hall, was a friendly face and helped people to feel comfortable and included. It was fantastic to see complete strangers leave as friends. Oddfellows Travel is busy preparing its holiday programme for 2022, so keep checking our website at www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel, call Mike on 0161 832 9361, or email him on mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk.



*Dam Busters film location
– Derwent Dam.*



The adventurous group.



HF Holiday Guide Alistair and guests.

Bringing friends back together

After 18 difficult months of repeated lockdowns and social restrictions, where so many of us were held back from spending time with each other in person, it has been incredible to finally reunite.

And what better an excuse than Friendship Month this September! It was a great chance to catch up with old friends, re-build any lost social confidence and show newcomers all the benefits of Oddfellows membership. Jane Nelson our CEO, said: "It's been fantastic to see so many members and new faces come together to celebrate Friendship Month. Thank you to all our Branches and member volunteers who have worked tremendously hard to host hundreds of online and in-person taster events this year."

**ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER**



*Fun for all ages
- Brighton and Sussex Branch*



*Bringing folk together on the Isle of
Mona - Ormskirk and Southport Branch*



*Walking in great company
- Nottingham Trent Branch*



*Sharing a laugh
- Heart of England Branch*



*The warmest of welcomes
- Bradford Branch*

Apply now for a 2021 Apprenticeship Educational Award

If you're an apprentice, or soon to become one, take a look at our Apprenticeship Educational Awards.

Each year, the Society grants up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards consisting of £250 a year for the duration (a maximum three years) of a member's apprenticeship.

Oddfellows Chairman and Grand Master, David Ogden, said: "We were thrilled to grant awards to three young members last year and support their apprenticeships in carpentry, plumbing and manufacturing engineering.

Establishing yourself in a trade has significant investments, such as starting to build up your own set of tools or buying training resources, so we're always happy to help where we can."



Eligibility and how to apply

You need five years' continuous Oddfellows membership to apply, which can include Young Oddfellows membership.

To apply, speak to your Branch Secretary. The deadline for Branches to submit applications for consideration is 31 December 2021 and judging takes place in February 2022. Good luck!

Shaun Wallace

We were delighted to have Shaun Wallace ('The Dark Destroyer' from ITV quiz show 'The Chase') support Friendship Month this year! You can listen to his special message on our UK Facebook channel. He also joined our CEO, Jane Nelson, on 19 regional radio interviews.



As a team, they aired the importance of friendship and talked about our recent survey into friendship and the pandemic. You can find out more about the survey at www.oddfellows.co.uk/news

Oddfellows in conversation

Do you enjoy a podcast? In our latest 'Oddfellows in conversation' recording, presenter and podcaster, Dom Burch, chatted with CEO, Jane Nelson, about all things Friendship.

It's the second in the series with the first being a conversation with our new Chairman and Grand Master, David Ogden, about his appointment to the role. You can listen to them on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/Oddfellows



We're also proud to be sponsoring national magazine The People's Friend's latest round of 'Reading Between the Lines' podcasts, which feature recordings of Oddfellows members from across the UK.



In each episode, they choose a story from the publication's extensive back catalogue of fiction and have a friendly chat about it. They're well worth a listen. You can find them at www.thepeoplesfriend.co.uk/category/reading-between-the-lines

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Photos from recent social events



Events at a glance

November 2021

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Thurs 4	Beginners Watercolour Art Class	11.30am
Tues 16	Open Age	2pm
Wed 24	Christmas Market and Lights	10am

December

Tues 7	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Thurs 16	Christmas Lunch	12 noon

January 2022

Tues 4	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Wed 12	Wicked	11am
Tues 18	Talk by London Air Ambulance	2pm

February

Tues 1	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Tues 15	The Weird and Wonderful World of The Law	2pm
Wed 16	Death on The Nile	TBC

Booking

Please remember the importance of booking early for our events. Please note a non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking to confirm your place and full payment is due before the event. Sometimes large amounts of money is collected so, for safety reasons, where possible a cheque (made payable to The Oddfellows) would be appreciated.

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

Photo of Waddesdon Manor - Christmas Illuminations by Rob Farrow

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