

November 2025 - February 2026



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West London Branch



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*We hope to see you at our events!*

## Welcome to our latest events diary

Booking for events will be open from 10.30am on Wednesday 22 October 2025. Please phone or email Rosalind to book.

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/](http://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 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

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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 take card payments using a secure link 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.

We have a new Care and Welfare Officer, Christine Rattray. Some of you will know her as she has been helping with events, and hosting the Monthly Meals, for the last year. See page 2 for her contact details.

The art class continues to be held every Thursday starting at 10.30am. All are welcome, even if you think you cannot draw or paint why not pop along, you may be surprised at yourself! Please see the advert later in the diary for more information.

We are currently trialling a Craft Club on the second and fourth Tuesday of

the month from 2pm to 4pm. Bring along a project that you are working on and we do have some equipment available to use. Refreshments are provided. For more information, please contact Barbara Moorhouse (contact details are on page 2).

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 information by email each fortnight please let me know (contact details are on page 2).

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 07421 140970. Alternatively email me [rosalind.earp@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:rosalind.earp@oddfellows.co.uk).

I hope to see you at an event soon.

Best wishes

**Rosalind**

## 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.**

# Regular Events

## Craft Club



2pm - 4pm



Free



A new Craft Club is held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm. Bring along a project that you are working on. We also have some equipment available to use. Refreshments are provided. Donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Barbara on 07727 026707.

Second and  
Fourth Tuesday



11 November 2025

25 November 2025

9 December 2025

13 January 2026

27 January 2026

10 February 2026

24 February 2026

## Weekly Watercolour Art Class



10.30am - 1pm



Free



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. The Oddfellows, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Heather on 07951 546958.

Every Thursday



## Booking and Cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support.

# November 2025

SUN  
02

## Boisdale Blues Brunch



12.30pm



Members £34.50  
Guests £39.50



Known for its intimate setting and exceptional music performances, Boisdale at Canary Wharf offers the perfect spot to kick off your Sunday with a blend of delicious food and captivating entertainment. Whether you're a blues lover or just looking for a unique dining experience, their Blues Brunch is guaranteed to leave a lasting impression. Join us for a three course meal as we relax and soak in the weekend vibes. This lunchtime Conor Selby will be performing.

Conor has played with The Who at Wembley Stadium and appeared at the Hyde Park Festival in London, alongside Pearl Jam and Stereophonics. He has toured with powerhouse singer Beth Hart, including a performance at the iconic London Palladium, as well as shows with Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Robert Cray, Joanne Shaw Taylor, Betty LaVette, Soul Icon PP Arnold and produced a standout performance at the Cheltenham Jazz Festival.

Please note the full price of this is payable on booking. Attendees will be expected to pay any service charges included in the final bill. Cost: £34.50 for members and £39.50 for guests, plus the cost of travel, drinks and any extras. Book by Friday 24 October 2025. Boisdale of Canary Wharf, 14 Cabot Square, Canary Wharf E14 4QT. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

TUES  
04

## Victorian Female Detectives



2pm



Free



Today we will be joined by Sara Lodge, author of The Mysterious Case of the Victorian Female Detective. The traditional image of the Victorian detective is male, few people realise that women detectives successfully investigated cases, working with the police and private agencies which they managed themselves. Light refreshments will be served, donations are welcomed. Please note that the talk will begin at 2pm, latecomers may not be admitted. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# November 2025

TUES  
04

## Grant Museum Lates - World of Wasps



6pm



Members £5, Guests £10



Did you know that wasps purr? Or that they wag their bodies and tap their antennae to communicate? Wasps have surprisingly relatable social behaviours within their complex societies that are revealed in the world's first exhibition centred on wasps.

We will be visiting the Grant Museum's new exhibition and will experience the hidden, intimate world of wasps like never before!



Based on UCL research, World of Wasps' brings together cutting-edge imaging, projections, commissioned artwork and virtual reality to reveal the unseen lives of wasps – their homes, their lifestyles and their relationships. We will explore the exhibition with a drink, listen to talks from UCL wasp experts including Seirian Sumner and take part in relaxed paper sculpture activities led by artist Peter Ayres. Book by Friday 31 October 2025. Grant Museum, Rockefeller Building, University College London, 21 University Street WC1E 6DE. Contact Rosalind on 07421140970.

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# November 2025

FRI  
07

## Tower of London



11am



Members £5, Guests £35.80



We will be visiting The Tower of London, ahead of Remembrance Day, to see the special commemorative display of ceramic poppies. These poppies were installed inside the Tower of London to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The display of nearly 30,000 of the original poppies, made for the 2014 installation, 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red', returns to the tower, marking the sacrifices made by so many during the Second World War.



On display within the tower's walls, the installation creates striking images, reminding us of loss through war and of the long-lasting impact of conflict. It creates a shared space for visitors to remember and reflect on the collective sacrifice of so many in this important anniversary year. The poppies are on loan from Imperial War Museums and were designed and made by the artist, Paul Cummins. The new display has been created by the designer, Tom Piper.

Please note that a lot of the visit will be outdoors, if you wish to see the Crown Jewels there may be queues which are mainly outside/uncovered. There are a lot of cobblestones, narrow, uneven spaces and staircases. Book by Friday 7 November 2025. The Tower of London, London EC3N 4AB. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

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# November 2025

WED  
12

## Future of Food and optional IMAX



10.30am



Members £5, Guests £10



We will be visiting Future of Food exhibition at The Science Museum to explore how our food today goes from field to plate, how food used to be produced in the past and how will major advances in ecology and biotechnology change food in the future? We will discover the answers to these and many more vital questions in the exciting new exhibition exploring how science is creating more sustainable ways of growing, making, cooking and eating food. There is an optional 60 minute visit to the Imax Cinema for A Beautiful Planet 3 narrated by Jennifer Lawrence. The film provides a unique vantage point to witness humanity's impact on the world. We will meet the crew on board the International Space Station as they capture stunning footage of our magnificent blue planet to deepen our connection to the place we all call home. We will watch this fully immersive IMAX experience on one of the biggest screens in the UK. Cost: Entry to the exhibition is free, plus £5 (members) and £10 (guests) for the Imax. Book by Friday 7 November 2025. Science Museum, Exhibition Road, South Kensington SW7 2DD. Contact Rosalind on 07421140970.

THURS  
13

## Monthly Meal - Spanish



1pm



As per menu



Each month we have a meal in a different area of our District and try different cuisines. Join us this month at La Parra Tapas Restaurant in Fulham for a Spanish meal. 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. A £10 deposit will be required when booking. Book by Friday 7 November 2025. La Parra Tapas, 158 Fulham Palace Road W6 9ER. Contact Rosalind on 07421140970.

TUES  
18

## Social and Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



Join us for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. Free - donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421140970.



# November 2025

WED  
26

## Magic Mike Live

L 7pm

£

Early Bird Tickets £59, Members £79, Guests £87.50



Magic Mike Live, conceived and co-directed by Channing Tatum, is a large-scale, live production show based on the hit films Magic Mike and Magic Mike XXL. It is a 90-minute experience that combines dance, acrobatics and interactive entertainment.



Designed to be empowering, fun and exhilarating. Please note you will need to bring photo ID to gain entry to the venue. Early Bird tickets - limited availability book by Friday 31 October 2025. All other tickets book by Friday 21 November 2025. Hippodrome Casino, Cranbourn Street, Leicester Square WC2H 7JH. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

SAT  
29

## G4 Christmas

L 7.30pm

£

Members £39  
Guests £46



G4 are a four-piece British vocal troupe who first came to prominence when they finished second in



Series 1 of The X Factor in 2004. They will bring glad tidings of great joy this festive season, as they take us on a breathtaking musical journey with their beautifully-blended voices. G4's yuletide magic will enchant us with their extraordinary and unique renditions of traditional carols, sacred contemplations, classical favourites and modern festive hits including Silent Night, O Holy Night, All I Want for Christmas, Walking in the Air, When a Child is Born and The 12 Days of Christmas. With mesmerising harmonies and impeccable showmanship it's no wonder this hotly-anticipated tour sells out year after year, where the guys leave us with chills of delight and a heart full of Christmas cheer. Book by Friday 21 November 2025. Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate SW1H 9NH. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# December

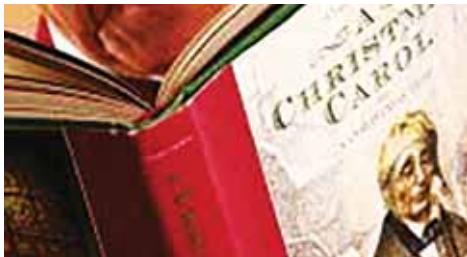
TUES  
02

## A Christmas Carol by Jonathan Jones

 2pm

 Free





Jonathan will be giving us a dramatised reading of 'A Christmas Carol', much as Charles Dickens himself performed it for audiences both here and in the United States of America, using different voices and mannerisms to bring the various characters to life - Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Jacob Marley, Little Tim, the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Jonathan has now performed this over 100 times. Light refreshments will be served, donations are welcomed. Please note that the talk will begin at 2pm, latecomers may not be admitted. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421140970.

WED  
03

## Waddesdon Manor Winter Lights and Christmas Market

 11am

 Members £33.50, Guests £38.50



We will join Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild and his beloved dog, Poupon, on a festive trans-European tour, exploring the unique holiday traditions that light up each country's winter season. Every stop on the journey will highlight a different city, blending local heritage, seasonal customs and links to Waddesdon's famous collection. Outside, the manor and gardens will be illuminated with an innovative new immersive light show, combining a specially commissioned digital projection, lights and sound. The lawns and trees in front of the house will be transformed into a living, moving tapestry of colour.



The popular Christmas Fair and Food Village will be on the south side of the manor. Our timed entry slot for admission to the house is 2.40pm. The coach will leave at 7pm to return to Hammersmith. Cost: Members: £33.50 (£18.50 for National Trust members) plus £15 for the coach. Guests: £38.50 (£18.50 for National Trust members) plus £20 for the coach. Book by Friday 28 November 2025. Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP18 0JH. Contact Rosalind on 07421140970.

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# December

SUN  
07

## Joy of Christmas by Candlelight at St Martin in the Fields



Members £21  
Guests £26



The Joys of Christmas is a one-hour programme of music, carol singing and festive readings. Interspersing traditional favourites with contemporary classics, the captivating performances of St Martin's Voices will give something for everyone as we prepare for the season's celebrations. The choir will sing much loved classics O Holy Night and Carol of the Bells, alongside uplifting numbers including The Twelve Days of Christmas and Jingle Bells, together with audience carols for all to join in with including O Little Town of Bethlehem, In the Bleak Midwinter and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. Book by Friday 28 November 2025. St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square WC2N 4JH. Contact Rosalind on 07421140970.

WED  
10

## Chelsea Winter Illuminations



4.30pm



Members £13  
Guests £18



This winter, Royal Hospital Chelsea becomes home to an immersive festive experience, bringing a seasonal celebration to the heart of one of London's most iconic heritage settings. Chelsea Winter Illuminations is a magical journey through a 1.5km accessible light trail, filled with large-scale art, interactive installations and imaginative soundscapes. The festivities continue at Chelsea Winter Village, featuring a Christmas market, mulled wine and festive bars, workshops, bandstand with live performances and traditional fairground rides. Book by Friday 5 December 2025. Royal Hospital Chelsea, London Gate, Royal Hospital Road SW3 4SR. Contact Rosalind on 07421140970.

FRI  
12

## Christmas Lunch



1pm



Members £39  
Guests £46



Join us for Christmas lunch at The Lamb in Chiswick. Combining the best in British pub hospitality with individuality, character and quirky charm, The Lamb proudly stands out amongst the many watering holes of Chiswick High Road. The perfect setting for a laid-back yet distinctly memorable dining experience. Cost: £39 for members and £46 for guests, plus the cost of any drinks and extras purchased. Please note that attendees will be expected to pay any service charge added to the final bill. Full payment will be required when booking. Book by Friday 21 November 2025. The Lamb, 9 Barley Mow Passage, Chiswick W4 4PH. Contact Rosalind on 07421140970.

# December

SUN  
14

## Sleeping Beauty at The Palladium



5.30pm



Members £89, Guests £99.50



Wake up, London! Sleeping Beauty will make all your dreams come true at The London Palladium this Christmas, celebrating 10 years since panto spectacularly returned to London's home of variety.

Starring Catherine Tate, Palladium pantomime royalty Julian Clary and impressionist

Jon Culshaw, Sleeping Beauty also sees the return of Palladium panto favourites Paul Zerdin, Nigel Havers and Rob Madge along with West End stars Emily Lane and Amonik Melaco.



The West End's biggest Christmas show, now seen by over 1,000,000 people, will celebrate it's 10th anniversary in magnificent style, with that age-old fairy tale message: whilst one small prick can be deadly, at The London Palladium you're promised the happiest of endings. The London Palladium panto is an essential part of the capital's Christmas. Book by Friday 12 December 2025. The London Palladium, Argyll Street W1F 7TF. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

TUES  
16

## Christmas Social and Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



Join us for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz with a Christmas theme and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. Free - donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



# December

WED  
17

## Christmas Carol Goes Wrong



7pm



Members £55  
Guests £65



A new 'Goes Wrong' from Mischief! The Cornley Amateur Dramatic Society are back with tidings of chaos and joy, ready to tackle the Charles Dickens' classic, A Christmas Carol. The Cornley crew battle miscommunication, delays to their set, actors missing in action and a growing feud over who will play the lead.

It's sure to be a disastrous take on the much-loved classic Christmas story of Ebenezer Scrooge. Will Cornley finally change their ways, or will their misfortunes wreak havoc yet again. Enjoy a festive slice of pure escapism at the worst production in Christmas past, present and yet to come! Book by Friday 12 December 2025. Apollo Theatre, 31 Shaftesbury Avenue W1D 7EZ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# January 2026

SUN  
04

## Monthly Meal - Lebanese



12.30pm



As per  
menu



Each month we have a meal in a different area of our District and try different cuisines. Join us this month at Grilandia restaurant in Chiswick for a Lebanese meal. Grilandia offers exceptional Lebanese food with something for everyone, with a relaxed, intimate dining experience that will be truly memorable. 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. A £10 deposit will be required when booking by Thursday 18 December 2025. Grilandia, 4 Turnham Green Terrace, Chiswick W4 1QP. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



TUES  
06

## Social and Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



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

# January 2026

THURS  
08

## Sleeping Beauty at The Palladium – Audio Described (Optional)



7.30pm



Members £75, Guests £85



Wake up, London! Sleeping Beauty will make all your dreams come true at The London Palladium this Christmas, celebrating 10 years since panto spectacularly returned to London's home of variety. Starring Catherine Tate, Palladium pantomime royalty Julian Clary and impressionist Jon Culshaw, Sleeping Beauty also sees the return of Palladium panto favourites Paul Zerdin, Nigel Havers and Rob Madge along with West End stars Emily Lane and Amonik Melaco.



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SUN  
11

## Cinema Trip – Tinsel Town



TBC



Members £9  
Guests £13, TBC



Join us for an afternoon at the cinema to see Tinsel Town. Time to be confirmed. A washed-up Hollywood action hero takes a role in a small

English village's quirky Christmas pantomime, where he finds unexpected inspiration through the show's straight-talking dance instructor. Director: Chris Foggin. Writers: Piers Ashworth, Adam Brown and Jake Brunger. Stars: Kiefer Sutherland, Alice Eve and Rebel Wilson. Book by Wednesday 7 January 2026. Vue Fulham Broadway, Fulham Retail Centre SW6 1BW. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# January 2026

TUES  
20

## Ruislip Belles and Beaux Hand Bell Ringers

2pm

£ Free



Today we will be joined by The Ruislip Belles and Beaux for some jolly sing along songs. They are a group of friends who meet weekly in Ruislip to ring their hand bells. The group has been playing since 2003 and happily one of the original players is still part of the group. Light refreshments will be served, donations are welcomed. Please note that the afternoon will begin at 2pm, latecomers may not be admitted. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



WED  
28

## Ancient Egypt Guided Tour at the British Museum

11am

£ Members £5, Guests £10



Join us for a guided tour at The British Museum. Be amazed by the world of ancient Egypt through monumental stone sculpture's including the colossal statue of Ramesses II. Book by Friday 16 January 2026. The British Museum, Great Russell Street WC1B 3DG. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



# February

TUES  
03

## The Old Bailey



2pm



Free



FRI  
13

## Monthly Meal - Dinner and Jazz at Dishoom



6.30pm



As per  
menu



Today we will be joined by Jack Yeomanson for a talk about The Old Bailey. Court number one at the Old Bailey is probably the most famous courtroom in the land. A veritable who's who of the criminal world has stood trial at the venue from Ruth Ellis to Ian Huntley. This talk will look at some of the most famous trials that took place at the Old Bailey and the fallout from them. Light refreshments will be served, donations are welcomed. Please note that the talk will begin at 2pm, latecomers may not be admitted. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

Each month we have a meal in a different area of our District and try different cuisines. Join us this month at Dishoom Restaurant in Kensington for an Indian meal. Dishoom is known for its Bombay comfort food and its unique atmosphere, designed to evoke the Irani cafés of 1960s Bombay. Dom James and his band will play three sets during the evening. 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. A £10 deposit will be required when booking by Friday 6 February 2026. Dishoom Kensington, 4 Derry Street W8 5SE. Contact Rosalind on 07421140970.

SAT  
07

## Gianni Versace Retrospective Exhibition



11am



Members £24.75  
Guests £29.75



Join us to experience one of the top fashion exhibitions in London with the Gianni Versace Retrospective at Arches London Bridge. Perfect for fans of fashion museums, this is a must-see London fashion exhibition which blends history, culture and iconic design. This era-defining retrospective showcases over 450 rare and original vintage pieces, many never-before displayed in the UK. Celebrate the iconic designer's fearless creativity, boundary-breaking style and indelible influence on 80s and 90s fashion through looks, accessories, original runway footage, interviews and more. Featuring elegant ensembles worn by Princess Diana, bold statements modelled by Kate Moss to stage outfits styled for Elton John, this landmark exhibition is a must-see for fashion lovers and pop culture fans. Book by Friday 30 January 2026. Arches London Bridge, 8 Bermondsey Street SE1 2ER. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# February

TUES  
17

## Social and Games Afternoon



2pm



Free



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

WED  
25

## Design Museum - Blitz: The club that shaped the 80s



12 noon



Members £7  
Guests £12



We will be visiting The Design Museum, for their major exhibition on the legendary Blitz club night that transformed 1980s London style and generated a creative scene that had an enormous impact on popular culture in the decade that followed - from fashion and music, to film, art and design. Book by Friday 20 February 2026. The Design Museum, 224-238 Kensington High Street W8 6AG. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



FRI  
27

## The Phantom of the Opera



7.30pm



Members £45  
Guests £55



Far beneath the majesty and splendour of the Paris Opera House, hides the Phantom in a shadowy existence. Shamed by his physical appearance and feared by all, the love he holds for his beautiful protégée Christine Daaé is so strong that even her heart cannot resist. Andrew Lloyd Webber's mesmerising score along with jaw-dropping scenery and breath taking special effects, magically combine to bring this tragic love story to life. Book by Friday 20 February 2026. His Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, St James's SW1Y 4QL. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

# Bring friendship to your front room



There are many reasons that might prevent you from being able to attend some of our events in person. A clash in the diary might mean something else takes priority, you might not be able to spare the cost this time, or perhaps you just want to stay close to home that day.

We want people to enjoy the benefits of friendship no matter what. That's why Branches all over the country host around 50 free online events each month, ranging from talks, arts and crafts and games, to exercise and meditation sessions. These online events are a great opportunity to catch up with familiar faces and meet new and interesting people from all corners of the country from the comfort of home. You might even discover a new favourite hobby.

## What's coming up online

We have lots of national online events that all our members can enjoy, the events below are just a flavour.

**Tuesday 18 November 2025, 10.30am, 'Scam Awareness Talk' with Age UK**  
Register in advance for this meeting at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/)  
Or use this link to register directly on Zoom:  
<https://tinyurl.com/OddfellowsScamAwareness>

**Tuesday 25 November 2025, 7pm, 'Ditch 'try' – live with intent with Dr Andy Cope**

Register in advance for this meeting at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/)  
Or use this link to register directly on Zoom:  
<https://tinyurl.com/AndyCopeTryOddfellows>

Anyone is able to attend an Oddfellows online event, no matter where they live so spread the word.

All our online events are hosted on Zoom. If you haven't tried Zoom video-conferencing before and would like help on how to use it, let us know. You can come to me, or email the Events team on [events@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:events@oddfellows.co.uk), with any questions and we'll help you get logged on and ready to join in.

To find out about all upcoming in-person and online events, including online events hosted by other branches, go to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events) or ask me to send you a list by email.

**Rosalind Earp**

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*We had the most wonderful day at Savill Garden and Great Windsor Park.*



*We had a high old time on the London Eye.*

## A lovely evening at the Grand Master's Dance



Veronika celebrated her 95th Birthday with us.



*Kath enjoys a small tipple before The Comedy About Spies (the waitress misheard!).*



*A fabulous Persian meal in Acton.*



# 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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care)  
for care and welfare information

## Unity Mutual: A brand-new website and exciting Oddies member benefits

**Unity Mutual, the financial arm of the Oddfellows, is delighted to have launched a brand-new website.**

The fresh design reflects its updated brand identity, but more importantly, it has been built with accessibility and inclusion at its heart – a continuation of the Oddfellows' ethos.



Whether looking for information on savings, investments or life insurance, the new site is easier to use, clearer to navigate and designed so that everyone can get the most from it.

Unity Mutual has partnered with Recite Me to introduce a full suite of accessibility tools, allowing visitors to customise their browsing experience. These include a text-to-speech function, styling features and translation options, which ensure their online services are available to all –

including those who may face barriers due to disability, neurodivergence or limited English language ability.

James Gilliver, Chief of Operations at Unity Mutual, explained: "Accessibility is extremely important to us at Unity Mutual. Our new website reflects our promise to inclusivity, ensuring all customers can access information in the way that best meets their needs."

"But it's not just about accessibility. We've also worked hard to make our content clearer and more engaging, so you can feel confident in understanding your financial choices. Our aim is to empower you and your family to make informed decisions about saving for the future."

An extra reason to take a look is that Oddfellows members can currently benefit from special Guaranteed Investment Bond rates, available exclusively through Unity Mutual.

**To see the new website, its new accessibility features and for more information about its products and rates, go to [www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows), and discover how Unity Mutual can help build a brighter financial future.**

# Thank you for saying 'yes' to friendship

**This Friendship Month, we've been encouraging people to say 'yes' to trying new things, making new friends, and discovering all the brilliant things happening at our Branches throughout the nation.**

It's safe to say, September 2025 has been another fabulous celebration of friendship. The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, said: "Friendship Month 2025 has once again demonstrated what the Oddfellows is all about, and I'm thankful of every single

person up and down the country who had been a part of it."

"Saying 'yes' to trying new things can be daunting, but you've all done an excellent job of showing how positive it is to be a part of friendship groups like ours. So, thank you for saying 'yes' to helping make your Friendship Month events a success, whether that's organising events, serving cups of tea, or simply making people feel welcome and comfortable. It all adds up to another wonderful Friendship Month."



Birmingham Oddfellows



Bradford Oddfellows



Brighouse and Huddersfield Oddfellows



Albert Oddfellows



*Derbyshire Peak Oddfellows*



*Cambridge Oddfellows*



*Heart of the West Oddfellows*



*Concord Oddfellows*



*Halifax Oddfellows*



*Sudbury Oddfellows*

# Application deadlines approach!

**Whether it's enhancing careers or highlighting fantastic people, the Oddfellows has a number of ways we can give our members a boost – but we can only do so if we hear about them.**

Deadlines for applications to be submitted for two of our wonderful schemes are fast approaching – the Apprenticeship Educational Award and the Making a Difference Awards.

## Apprenticeship Educational Awards



Each year, the Oddfellows grants up to three Apprenticeship Educational Awards, which consist of £250 per year for the duration of the apprenticeship.\*

Eligible members must apply via their Branch. If you, or someone you know, has been an Oddfellows member for five or more years, which includes Young Oddfellows membership, and started or plan to start an apprenticeship in 2025, get in touch with your Branch Secretary.

The Branch's deadline for submitting applications for consideration is **Wednesday 31 December 2025**.

\*Each case is reviewed on personal merit. For previous recipients' stories, details on eligibility and how to apply, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/educational-awards)

## Making a Difference Awards



Want to shine a light on those special people at your Branch who go above and beyond? Every Branch has them, so make sure we hear about their brilliance.

Any member can nominate a fellow member, so if there are people at your Branch who make a difference, speak to your Branch Secretary to find out how you can nominate them.

The deadline for Branches to submit their shortlist is **Saturday 31 January 2026**, so get your nominations in as soon as possible so they can be considered.

To find out more about our Making a Difference Awards, the categories, nomination process and the prior winners, go to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference)

**If you've missed these deadlines this time don't worry, just make a note for next year!**

# Events at a glance

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

## November 2025

<b>Sun 2</b>	Boisdale Blues Brunch	12.30pm
<b>Tues 4</b>	Victorian Female Detectives	2pm
<b>Tues 4</b>	Grant Museum Lates - World of Wasps	6pm
<b>Fri 7</b>	Tower of London	11am
<b>Tues 11</b>	Craft Club	2pm
<b>Wed 12</b>	Future of Food and optional IMAX	10.30am
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Monthly Meal - Spanish	1pm
<b>Tues 18</b>	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Tues 25</b>	Craft Club	2pm
<b>Wed 26</b>	Magic Mike Live	7pm
<b>Sat 29</b>	G4 Christmas	7.30pm

## December

<b>Tues 2</b>	A Christmas Carol by Jonathan Jones	2pm
<b>Wed 3</b>	Waddesdon Manor Winter Lights and Christmas Market	11am
<b>Sun 7</b>	Joy of Christmas by Candlelight at St Martin in the Fields	4pm
<b>Tues 9</b>	Craft Club	2pm
<b>Wed 10</b>	Chelsea Winter Illuminations	4.30pm
<b>Fri 12</b>	Christmas Lunch	1pm
<b>Sun 14</b>	Sleeping Beauty at The Palladium	5.30pm
<b>Tues 16</b>	Christmas Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Wed 17</b>	Christmas Carol Goes Wrong	7pm

## January 2026

<b>Sun 4</b>	Monthly Meal - Lebanese	12.30pm
<b>Tues 6</b>	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Sleeping Beauty at The Palladium - Audio Described (Optional)	7.30pm
<b>Sun 11</b>	Cinema Trip - Tinsel Town	TBC
<b>Tues 13</b>	Craft Club	2pm

# Events at a glance

## January 2026

Tues 20	Ruislip Belles and Beaux Hand Bell Ringers	2pm
Tues 27	Craft Club	2pm
Wed 28	Ancient Egypt Guided Tour at the British Museum	11am

## February

Tues 3	The Old Bailey	2pm
Sat 7	Gianni Versace Retrospective Exhibition	11am
Tues 10	Craft Club	2pm
Fri 13	Monthly Meal - Dinner and Jazz at Dishoom	6.30pm
Tues 17	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Tues 24	Craft Club	2pm
Wed 25	Design Museum - Blitz: The club that shaped the 80s	12 noon
Fri 27	The Phantom of the Opera	7.30pm

## 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](mailto:rosalind.earp@oddfellows.co.uk).

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