

November 2024 - February 2025



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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 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 two weeks before the event. We can accept cash, cheques and bank transfers. We can now 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 Lodge 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 cannot draw or paint why not pop along, you may be surprised at yourself!.



We hope to see you at our events!

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Our Care and Welfare Officer, Zoe Khowega, is running a craft club on Monday afternoons from 2-4pm, please see the adverts on page 3. 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.

Please note that the office will be shut from Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January 2025 inclusive. If you need any assistance during this period the care and welfare phone line at Manchester is open and messages will be checked. The number is 0800 0149 822.

I hope to see you at an event soon.

Best wishes,

Rosalind

Regular Events

Craft Club

**Every
Monday**



2pm



Free



Pop in with your favourite craft: Crochet, knitting or sewing, whatever you enjoy. You can even teach or learn something new. We also have equipment. Refreshments available. Oddfellows Hall, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



Weekly Watercolour Art Class

**Every
Thursday**



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. 186 Hammersmith Road, London W6 7DJ. Call Heather for more information or to book on 07951 546958



November

SUN
03

Sunday Lunch



1pm



Cost of your
travel, food
and drink



Each month we will be having a meal in a different area of our District and trying different cuisines. Back by popular demand this month is a Sunday lunch. We will be visiting The Lamb at Chiswick. 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 Tuesday 22 October 2024. The Kings Head, 214 High Street, London W3 9NX. 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.

TUES
05

Bonfire Night Quiz



2pm



Free



Join us for a bonfire night themed quiz and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. Free, donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Hall, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



SAT
09

Fireworks at Barnes



6.30pm



Members £11.50,
Guests £16.50, plus
the cost of any food
and drink purchased



There will be traditional bonfire, hot mulled wine, large



bar, BBQ, selling hot dogs, burgers and a spectacular fireworks display. Light up your night with sparklers and glowsticks which can be bought on site. There will be music throughout the evening. Book by Friday 1 November 2024. The Club House, Lonsdale Road, Barnes, London SW13 9QL. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

November

TUES

19

Swinging London – A Talk by Nick Dobson



2pm



Free



Back by popular demand, Nick will show us an illustrated timeline of London in the 1960s. Dust off your mini skirts or bell bottoms and join us for a groovy afternoon! Light refreshments will be served – donations welcomed. Oddfellows Hall, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



FRI

22

London Symphony Orchestra Lunch Time Concert with Optional Lunch at Pizza Express



11.30am



Members £5, Guests £10, plus the cost of your travel, food and drink



A bite-size concert, featuring LSO Musicians and introductions from presenter Rachel Leach. Enjoy a programme of music by female composers, in celebration of St Cecilia's Day, who is the patron saint of music and musicians.

This short concert will introduce you to the broad range of orchestral instruments and the exciting world of chamber music. Followed by an optional lunch at Pizza Express. All money collected will be donated to the LSO. Book by Friday 8 November 2024. LSO St Lukes, 161 Old Street, London EC1V 9NG. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



November

MON
25

Festive Light Trail and Christmas Market at Blenheim Palace



10.30am



Members Entry £22, Coach
£15. Guests Entry £69.50,
Coach £20.



Discover a festive atmosphere like no other at Blenheim Palace in 2024. The historic palace and gardens will once again come alive with thousands of twinkling lights, seasonal scents, sparkling baubles and the warmth of the festive season. Join us for a swashbuckling adventure in Neverland, a place bursting with magic and make believe. Follow Tinkerbell through their state rooms as she sprinkles fairy dust over baubles and Christmas trees, wander through a moonlit London skyline and onto the Mermaid Lagoon.

Firmly positioned as one of the UK's leading illuminated trails and unmissable within the seasonal calendar. This has everything you need for an unforgettable time. The seasonal village of wooden chalets offers everything from inspired Christmas gift ideas to tasty treats and if you have worked up an appetite, there is a tempting selection of street food stalls. Book by Friday 1 November 2024. Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire OX20 1UL. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

WED
27

Christmas Concert at The Musical Museum



1.30pm



Members £27.50,
Guests £32.50



We return to the wonderful Christmas show at the Musical Museum. The show includes a glass of Prosecco on arrival, instrument demonstrations and a concert with Chris and Joanne on the Mighty Wurlitzer plus Roland and Hammond organs. Afternoon tea is served in the interval with sandwiches,

hot sausage rolls and mince pies. Book by Friday 1 November 2024.

The Musical Museum, 399 High Street, Brentford TW8 0DU.

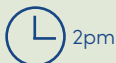
Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

December



TUES
03

Eliza McClelland - A Christmas Party



2pm



Free



Today we will be joined by Eliza McClelland for an afternoon of sparkling entertainment including stories, jokes, poems and fun, all about Christmas. It will put everyone

in the Christmas spirit and brings good cheer! Eliza is an actress and comes from a theatre family. She has worked extensively in theatres all over the UK - playing anything from Amanda in 'Private Lives' to an Ugly Sister in 'Cinderella'. She has appeared on telly in Casualty, Peak Practice, Constance Kent, Inspector Lindley to name but a few.

She is an extremely experienced after dinner speaker and loves meeting new groups. Light refreshments will be served. Free - donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Hall, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

MON
09

Christmas Carols at the Old Royal Naval College and Optional Lunch



12 noon



Members £24.25, Guests £29.25,
plus the cost of your travel, food and drinks



Come and enjoy a Christmas concert in the beautiful Chapel of St Peter and St Paul at the Old Royal Naval College, regarded as one of the finest 18th century interiors. Following a brief introduction that sets the scene to this breathtaking chapel, the award-winning Trinity Laban Choir will perform a concert with a chance for you to join in some of your festive favourites. The concert will be preceded by an optional lunch. Included in your visit, is entry to the Painted Hall, known as the 'Sistine Chapel of the UK' with its magnificent painted ceiling and walls of over 40,000 square feet depicting 200 figures including kings, queens and mythological creatures. It also includes the 2024 winter art installation Mars in the Painted Hall - Old Royal Naval College (ornc.org) (you will have access to rest of site if you wish enjoy the Chocolate House exhibition and Visitor Centre). Book by Friday 25 October 2024. The Chapel of St Peter & St Paul, Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, London SE10 9NN. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

December

WED
11

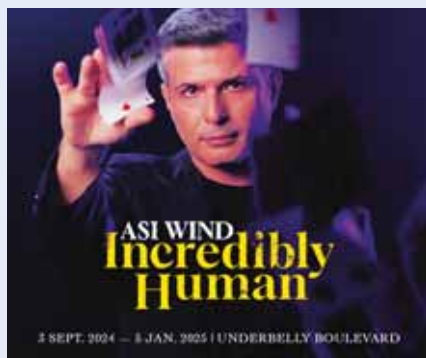
Magic and Mind Reading - Asi Wind - Incredibly Human

7.30pm



Members £35, Guests £40, plus the cost of your travel, food and drink

Magic, mind reading and Q&A Asi Wind's recent Off-Broadway show, Inner Circle, was a critically acclaimed, sold-out success, described as Astonishing (The New Yorker). His follow-up, Incredibly Human, transcends the boundaries of magic, reminding us that we all possess magic within ourselves. Wind was crowned the '2022 Magician of the Year' by the Academy of Magical Arts. This show contains mild adult language. Optional pre show meal. Book by Friday 29 November 2024. Underbelly Boulevard Soho, 6 Walkers Court, Soho, London W1F 0BT. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



FRI
13

Christmas Lunch



12.30pm



Three courses
£44.95 plus tip,



Join us for our annual Christmas lunch, this year it will be at The Blackbird in Earls Court. With an outstanding reputation for great beer and delicious home-made food, The Blackbird is one of the best pubs in Earls Court and are featured in the Good Beer Guide. Book by Friday 15 November 2024. The Blackbird, 209 Earls Court Road, London SW5 9AN. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



TUES
17

Christmas Quiz



2pm



Free



Join us for an afternoon of festive fun and games. Light refreshments will be served - donations



are welcomed. Oddfellows Hall, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

December

THURS
19

Only Fools and Horses The Musical



7.30pm



Members £45, Guests £55,
plus the cost of your food and drink



Join us as we take a trip back in time, where it's all kicking off in Peckham. While the yuppie invasion of London is in full swing, love is in the air as Del Boy sets out on the rocky road to find his soul mate, Rodney and Cassandra prepare to say 'I do' and even Trigger is gearing up for a date (with a person!). Meanwhile, Boycie and Marlene give parenthood one final shot and Grandad takes stock of his life and decides the time has finally arrived to get his piles sorted.



Starring Paul Whitehouse as Grandad and Vinnie Jones as Danny Driscoll! The record-breaking West End musical comedy – Only Fools and Horses, heads to London's Eventim Apollo, Hammersmith, for a strictly limited Christmas season. Optional pre theatre meal. Book by Friday 6 December 2024. 45 Queen Caroline Street, Hammersmith, London W6 9QH. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

January 2025

TUES
07

A History of Jewellery Advertising



2pm



Free



At our first event of the year we are joined by our very own Michelle Romero for a fascinating look at jewellery advertising. We will discover the allure and intricate design of jewellery advertising from 1900 to today. Michelle vividly brings these advertisements to life, uncovering the context of their creation throughout the 20th century in a serious yet entertaining manner.

Explore the brands, fashions and historical events that shaped our perception of jewellery on both sides of the Atlantic and witness the global influence of advertising in the 21st century. Light refreshments will be served. Donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Hall, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

January 2025

SAT
11

The Kings Gallery - Drawing the Italian Renaissance



11.30am



Members £14,
Guests £19



The Renaissance period saw a dramatic transformation in the way that artists worked, with a new-found appreciation for creativity pushing artistic boundaries. Drawing became central to this development, evolving from an essential tool of workshop practice to an exciting art form in its own right. This exhibition brings together the widest range of drawings from this revolutionary artistic period ever to be shown in the UK.



Exploring the diversity and accomplishment of drawing across Italy between 1450 and 1600, the exhibition will feature around 160 works by over 80 artists such as Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael and Titian alongside lesser-known artists, all drawn from the Royal Collection, which holds one of the worlds greatest collections of Italian Renaissance drawings. Book by Monday 9 December 2024. The King's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, London SW1A 1AA. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

WED
15

District Branch Meeting



11.30am



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. **You must notify Barbara of your intention to attend this meeting by Friday 3 January 2025.** Light refreshments will be served. Oddfellows Hall, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. **Contact Barbara on 07727 026707.**



January 2025

THURS
16

Scottish Ceilidh at the National Army Museum



6.30pm



Members £15, Guests £20, plus the cost of your food and drink



Lace up your ghillies and get in some practice ahead of Burns Night at this special after-hours Cèilidh event. Accompanied by a live Scottish country dance band, expert Cèilidh caller and instructor Simon Wales will lead an evening of dancing suitable for all abilities.

The museums' café will be open from 6.30pm until 10pm, serving food and drink to keep up your dancing spirits. There will be archival items relating to the Scottish regiments of the British Army on display throughout the night.

Running order 6.30pm. Doors open with access to the café 7.30pm. First dance session begins 8.30pm. Interval 9.15pm. Second dance session begins 10.15pm event ends. Book by Monday 6 January 2025. National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsea, London SW3 4HT. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



TUES
21

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, but donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Hall, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



January 2025

WED
22

Monthly Meal - French



12.30pm



Cost of your
travel, food
and drink



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 French Fayre at Brassiere Zedal in Piccadilly. 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 10 January 2025. Brassiere Zedel, 20 Sherwood Street, London W1F 7ED. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

February

TUES
04

Chinese New Year



2pm



Free



This afternoon we will be joined by our Chinese friends from JD Consultancy to tell us all about Chinese New Year. Light refreshments will be available - donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Hall, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



February

WED
05

Les Misérables



7.30pm



Members £42.50,
Guests £47.50



Les Misérables centres on the character Jean Valjean, an ex-convict in 19th-century France. The story spans many years as it tells of Valjean's release from prison and reformation as an industrialist, while being constantly pursued by the morally strict inspector Javert. Optional pre theatre meal. Book by Wednesday 22 January 2025. Sondheim Theatre, 51 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1D 6BA. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



February

SUN
09

Afternoon Tea - On a Bus



3pm



Members £49.95,
Guests £59



A unique 90 minute sightseeing trip around London combined with a sumptuous afternoon tea. Fantastic views from our upper deck seats. Includes a glass of Prosecco or soft drink and a souvenir mug. Please note you may have to share a table with people not in our group, there are no toilets on board. Book by Friday 31 January 2025. Golden Tours Stop 1, Bulleid Way, London SW1W 9SR. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



WED
12

Monthly Meal - Thai



6.30pm



Cost of your travel,
food and drink



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 Thai Fayre at Latymers in Hammersmith. 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 31 January 2025. The Latymers, 157 Hammersmith Road, London W6 8BS. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

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, but donations are welcomed. Oddfellows Hall, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



February

TUES
25

Fan Museum – A Guided Tour with Tea and Biscuits with Optional Lunch and Boat Trip



11.30am



Members £10, Guests £15, plus the cost of your travel, food and drink (tea and biscuits are included in the price)



The Fan Museum is the only organisation of its kind devoted entirely to the multifaceted history, culture and artistry of the fan. The museum is small-scale, independent and accredited by Arts Council England. Situated within the World Heritage Site of Greenwich, London, a pair of beautifully restored Grade II Listed early Georgian period townhouses accommodate the museum and its collections.



The tours strike a balance between education and entertainment and offer fascinating insights into The Fan Museum and its collections, the history and culture of fans and the craft of fan making. There is an Antiques Tuesday Market in Greenwich. There will be an optional lunch and we will travel back by boat (optional). Book by Tuesday 4 February 2025. The Fan Museum, 12 Crooms Hill, Greenwich, London SE10 8ER. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

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We have a great selection of escorted holidays for you to enjoy

South Devon Delights – Torquay **Mon 31 March – Fri 4 April**

Solo rooms from £295.
Twin room based on 2 people
sharing £295 per person.
Half board.

Oddfellows Summer Holiday **Warner's Cricket St. Thomas** **(Somerset)** **Mon 7 – Fri 11 July**

Half board from £350 per person,
based on 2 people sharing a
double or twin room.

Whales, Waterfalls and **Geysers of Iceland** **Thurs 17 – Tues 29 July**

Departing from Dover on
Fred.Olsen's Borealis. From
£1,799 per person, based
on 2 people sharing a cabin.
Full board.

Scarborough **Weds 1 – Sun 5 October**

Solo rooms from £325.
Twin rooms based on 2
people sharing £325 per
person. Half board.



For Oddfellows Travel questions and bookings, contact
Emma Gorst **0161 214 4634** or travel@oddfellows.co.uk
www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

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and conditions before booking. Find out more at
www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

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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We have had a busy few months!



In August 14 of us went on Holiday to Alvaston Hall in Cheshire. We went on a day trip to Liverpool while we were there



Monument by sculptor Andy Edwards



We had a lovely evening playing 'Call my Bluff - the Wine Edition' Ron won, he knows his wines!



We have a variety of speakers once a month. This is William Freeman and his talk 'Confessions of a Wedding Day Professional!'



One of our Friendship Month events in September was a trip to The Afternoon Coffee Club at the Royal Albert Hall



Another of our Friendship Month events was a lovely meal at Côte followed by Prosecco tasting at Prosecco House



Prosecco tasting at Prosecco House



We had a wonderful day out to Tetbury, and a tour of the Kings gardens at Highgrove House, followed by an Afternoon Tea

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A brilliant Baltic experience

In late June, 17 Oddfellows from across the country met in Dover to board Fred. Olsen's Borealis and set sail to discover the delights of the Baltics.

Lots to see and do

During their 14 nights, the Oddies crew, made up of members from Ipswich, Norwich, Leeds, Worcester, Derby and Tunbridge Wells, visited seven different ports throughout the region, stopping off in Germany, Poland, Sweden, Estonia and Finland.

There was plenty on offer, with organised excursions and chances to explore independently at each stop-off.

On board there were interesting talks, crafts sessions and plenty of opportunities to simply find a quiet corner with a book.



Warnemünde, Germany

Ipswich Oddfellows member and host for the fortnight, Wendy Atkins, said:

"We experienced mostly fair weather but more importantly calm seas.

"In each of the ports we observed maritime traditions, stories of war-torn devastation, magnificent architecture and saw evidence of Russian aggression."

On-board Oddfellowship

Wendy added: "Our group sat together for dinner where we were able to share the experiences of the day and to learn more about Oddfellowship. New friendships were made!

"The Oddfellows party had two organised get-togethers – a welcome hot chocolate and coffee meeting as we sailed and a drinks party when members were able to get to know one another.

"In the evenings there was varied entertainment in the main theatre but also music in the bars to suit all tastes. Of course, there was plenty to eat and drink too!"



Dressed for dinner

Travel in good company

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For more information about Oddfellows Travel and to read the full review go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel

Our biggest celebration of friendship yet!

The Oddfellows' CEO, Jane Nelson, has expressed her thanks to everyone involved in making 2024's Friendship Month a huge success:

"Once again I am so proud of each and every person at our brilliant Branches for all the efforts they have put into making this year's Friendship Month so wonderful.

"It's hard to believe that this is the 15th time we've claimed September as our month-long celebration of all the benefits

of friendship, but it's safe to say it's been our biggest yet, with over 300 taster events throughout the country – that's a huge amount of work!

"Coffee mornings, walks, talks, music events, meals, games, quizzes, day trips – whatever it might be, you've pulled out all the stops to let the nation know that we're here and ready to offer support, fun and friendship to all."



A day trip to Provender House with Canterbury Oddfellows



Mersey Oddfellows took a walk in Birkenhead



Brighton and Sussex Oddfellows enjoying a coffee morning



Bury St Edmunds Oddfellows getting crafty



Cakes galore at Halifax Oddfellows



Friendship and laughter at Ipswich Oddfellows



Humber Wolds Oddfellows' Teatime get-together

Our survey said...

Earlier this year, we asked a random sample of members about their experience of being an Oddfellow. Thank you to the near 1,500 who took the time to respond to our survey. We really value your thoughts and opinions as they help us to ensure we can continue to improve on what we do.

In terms of overall membership satisfaction, with 10 being 'completely satisfied' and one 'not at all satisfied', the average member gave a score of 8.6, which is wonderful to know. This score is better than the average of other organisations that carry out a similar survey, and is something the Society is very proud of.

Using the same scale, members indicated they were most satisfied with the friendliness and supportiveness of their Branch (8.9), the way their Branch communicates with them (8.9), and that their membership represents value for money (9). Perhaps unsurprisingly, those who indicated they were most satisfied with the friendliness and supportiveness of their Branch, and the face-to-face events on offer, were the most likely to recommend the Oddfellows to someone else.

People also told us why they joined, revealing that the most popular reasons were because friends or family suggested it (55.1%), to attend social events (45.1%) and to make friends (43.6%).

Our monthly meetings are always friendly. We always enjoy some sort of activity and have an uplifting afternoon.

Would be quite nice to be reminded of exactly what benefits are now given/provided. I've been a member for so many years that I have lost track.

I love all the events. My life would be empty and lonely without Oddfellows.

We were also pleased to receive feedback on how we can improve. One thing a number of members suggested we could change is their ability to claim for payment plans against their Dental and Optical Care Benefit. We're pleased to say that this is now possible.

It was also suggested that awareness of support, offers and benefits is quite low, with some members not understanding what they are entitled to.

To learn more about your membership entitlements, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits. Terms and conditions apply.

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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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 **Craft Club** every Monday and **Weekly Watercolour Art Class** every Thursday, please see page 3 for full details.

November 2024

Sun 3	Sunday Lunch	1pm
Tues 5	Bonfire Night Quiz	2pm
Sat 9	Fireworks at Barnes	6.30pm
Tues 19	Swinging London – A Talk by Nick Dobson	2pm
Fri 22	London Symphony Orchestra Lunch Time Concert with Optional Lunch at Pizza Express	11.30am
Mon 25	Festive Light Trail and Christmas Market at Blenheim Palace	10.30am
Wed 27	Christmas Concert at The Musical Museum	1.30pm

December

Tues 3	Eliza McClelland – A Christmas Party	2pm
Mon 9	Christmas Carols at the Old Royal Naval College and Optional Lunch	12 noon
Wed 11	Magic and Mind Reading – Asi Wind – Incredibly Human	7.30pm
Fri 13	Christmas Lunch	12.30pm
Tues 17	Christmas Quiz	2pm
Thurs 19	Only Fools and Horses The Musical	7.30pm

January 2025

Tues 7	A History of Jewellery Advertising	2pm
Sat 11	The Kings Gallery – Drawing the Italian Renaissance	11.30am
Wed 15	District Branch Meeting	11.30am
Thurs 16	Scottish Ceilidh at the National Army Museum	6.30pm
Tues 21	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Wed 22	Monthly Meal – French	12.30pm

February

Tues 4	Chinese New Year	2pm
Wed 5	Les Misérables	7.30pm
Sun 9	Afternoon Tea – On a Bus	3pm
Wed 12	Monthly Meal – Thai	6.30pm
Tues 18	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Tues 25	Fan Museum – A Guided Tour with Tea and Biscuits with Optional Lunch and Boat Trip	11.30am