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*Daffodils in Danson Park*



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*The Life-Saving Work of the RNLB – Wednesday 13 May*

## Welcome to the new edition of **Out & About**, incorporating **Pathway**, the Magazine of **St Mary Cray and Dartford District**

Inside you'll find local and national Oddfellows news, information about our events, and plenty of useful information about your membership – so do have a read and keep it somewhere handy.

We have lots of great events coming up and we'd love to see you at one soon. All our events are open to everyone, so feel free to bring a friend or family member along.

Branches across the country also host a wide range of free online events, giving you the chance to enjoy

friendship from the comfort of your own home. You can check out the latest online events on our website at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/)

Remember, you can always find details of Branch events, member benefits and the latest Oddfellows news on our website at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk).

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## 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.



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You are invited to send letters contributions and photos for the magazines by the deadline of Wednesday 27 May.

## Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

We've online events for all to enjoy. Give one a try.



To see what's coming up visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/events](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/events)

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# May 2026

## TUES 05 Coffee Morning



If you are free on the first or third Tuesday of the month, we would love to see you at one of our coffee mornings.

We provide tea, coffee and biscuits, as well as good company. Oddfellows Hall, 118 Maidstone Road, Footscray, Kent DA14 5HS. Contact Bonny on 07584 045254.



## THURS 07 Coffee and Chat



Come along and enjoy a coffee, tea, cake and chat. Whether you come along on your own or with a friend, you'll be guaranteed a warm welcome. Greys Tea and Coffee House, 34 High Street, Bexely DA5 1AH. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.



## FRI 08 No-Bake Cheesecake in a Cup - Online Demonstration



Delicious cheesecake in under 10 minutes - no baking required! Learn the easiest, creamiest dessert you'll ever make. Reserve your spot now! Book by Monday 4 May. Reach out to Carly on 07546 735431 to get the Zoom link and the list of ingredients you'll need.

## FRI 08 Talk from Bromley Well



Nicola Fishman, a Community Engagement Officer will be doing a talk on Bromley Well. Come along and find out what they are all about. Nicola will also be available for any questions you may have. There will also be refreshments. Orpington Methodist Church, Hulbert Hall, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 9JH. Contact Anna on 07704 271845 or Sue on 01689 852868.

# May 2026

## FRI 08 Bingo



7pm



Members £10  
Guests £12



Grab your dabbers and join us for a fun filled Friday night of bingo with plenty of cash prizes to be won.



Cost includes eight-game bingo book plus bingo raffle ticket. Bonus flyer available to purchase for an extra £2. Book by Friday 1 May. Oddfellows Hall, 118 Maidstone Road, Footscray, Kent DA14 5HS. Contact Bonny on 07584 045254.

## MON 11 Join us for the Lake Loop Walk at Danson Park



10.30am



Free



Take a refreshing stroll around the scenic Danson Park, where nature's beauty meets tranquility. Enjoy a gentle walk along the Lake Loop perfect for all fitness levels. Book by Monday 4 May. Danson Park, Welling DA6 8HL. Contact Carly on 07546 735431 for meeting point details.



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## WED 13 Good Intent Social



1.30pm



Free



Good Intent Branch has a short information meeting followed by a quiz or games with coffee or tea with a cake or three. British Legion Hall, Devon Road, South Darenth DA4 9AA. Contact Jane on 07791 942969.

## WED 13 The Inbetweeners



1.30pm



Members Free  
Guests £3



You're invited to Flower of Kent Branch next regular monthly social afternoon. The 'Inbetweeners' meet to play games, such as bingo, or Hoy, or a quiz, have a raffle, eat cakes, drink lots of tea or coffee and gossip. The Inbetweeners start at 1.30pm and usually finish about 3.45pm. These occasions are organised by Caroline and John Shine, who will be pleased to see you there. Free car park. Oddfellows Hall, 118 Maidstone Road, Footscray, Kent DA14 5HS. Contact Gill on 07840 546852 or Bonny on 07584 045254.



# May 2026

## WED 13 Presentation: The Life-Saving Work of the RNLI



Join us for an inspiring presentation on the incredible work carried out by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI). Discover how RNLI volunteers and crews dedicate their time to saving lives at sea, respond to emergencies around the UK coastline and promote water safety to protect communities. Everyone is welcome - we hope to see you there! Orpington Methodist Church, Hulbert Hall, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 9JH. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.



## MON 18 Social Get Together



Come and join us for some fun and games whilst enjoying a lovely cup of tea or coffee. Holy Trinity Church, North Room, Church Lane, Bromley Common, Bromley, Kent BR2 8LB. Contact Anna on 07704 271845 or Sue on 01689 852868.

## TUES 19 Coffee Morning



If you are free on the first or third Tuesday of the month, we would love to see you at one of our coffee mornings. We provide tea, coffee and biscuits, as well as good company. Oddfellows Hall, 118 Maidstone Road, Footscray, Kent DA14 5HS. Contact Bonny on 07584 045254.

## THURS 14 Gardening without a Garden - Indoor Planting



Love plants but don't have a garden? Join us for a relaxed and creative session where we'll be planting herbs and seeds into small indoor pots that you can take home and enjoy. Book by Monday 11 May. Oddfellows Hall, 6a Beaconsfield Road, Motttingham SE9 4DJ. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.



# May 2026

## THURS 21 Coffee and Chat



Come along and enjoy a coffee, tea, cake and chat. Whether you come along on your own or with a friend, you'll be guaranteed a warm welcome. Greys Tea and Coffee House, 34 High Street, Bexley DA5 1AH. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.



## THURS 28 Garden of England Social



Social evening with a short meeting, letting the members know what is going on then followed maybe a quiz or games with coffee or tea and usually a cake. Hurst Community Centre, Hurst Community Centre, Bexley, Kent DA5 3LH. Contact Jane on 07791 942969.

## FRI 22 Business Meeting



Pride of Kent Branch Business Meeting for members only. Christ Lutheran Church Hall, 227 Poverest Road, Orpington BR5 1RD. Contact Anna on 07704 271845 or Sue on 01689 852868.

## TUES 02 Coffee Morning



If you are free on the first or third Tuesday of the month, we would love to see you at one of our coffee mornings. We provide tea, coffee and biscuits, as well as good company. Oddfellows Hall, 118 Maidstone Road, Footscray, Kent DA14 5HS. Contact Bonny on 07584 045254.

## THURS 28 Cupcake Decorating



Come along for a fun and relaxed cupcake decorating session! Get creative as you decorate your own cupcakes with colourful icing, sprinkles and tasty toppings. Book by Monday 25 May. Oddfellows Hall, 6a Beaconsfield Road, Mottingham SE9 4DJ. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.



# June

THURS  
04

## Coffee and Chat



2pm



Free



Come along and enjoy a coffee, tea, cake and chat. Whether you come along on your own or with a friend, you'll be guaranteed a warm welcome. Greys Tea and Coffee House, 34 High Street, Bexely DA5 1AH. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.

FRI  
05

## Peter Russell 'The Bee Man'



2pm



Free



Peter Russell will be telling us all about bees and honey. He will also be bringing along some delicious honey and other honey products for you to buy. A date not to be missed! Refreshments will also be provided. Orpington Methodist Church, Hulbert Hall, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 9JH. Contact Anna on 07704 271845 or Sue on 01689 852868.

WED  
10

## Join us for a Beautiful Guided Walk Around Maryon Wilson Animal Park



1pm



Free



A hidden gem full of nature and wildlife. This relaxing tour is perfect for anyone looking to unwind, enjoy scenic surroundings and learn more about the park's



animals and habitats. Whether you're coming alone, with friends, or bringing family along, this will be a lovely way to spend your afternoon. Book by Monday 8 June. Maryon Wilson Animal Park, Flamstead Road, London SE7 8HT. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.

WED  
10

## The Inbetweeners



1.30pm



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Guests £3



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# June

## WED 10 Good Intent Social

L 1.30pm

£ Free



Good Intent Branch has a short information meeting followed by a quiz or games with coffee or tea with a cake or three. British Legion Hall, Devon Road, South Darenth DA4 9AA. Contact Jane on 07791 942969.

## THURS 11 Talent Afternoon

L 2pm

£ Free



Join us for a special talent afternoon. A welcoming and enjoyable event, where you can share a talent or simply come along to enjoy the entertainment. Where you enjoy poetry reading, singing, storytelling or even a little dance, we'd love for you to take part. Book by Monday 8 June. Oddfellows Hall, 6a Beaconsfield Road, Mottingham SE9 4DJ. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.

## FRI 12 Trivia Around the World

L 1pm

£ Free



Join our online Zoom quiz and explore the world through trivia. Who will be our ultimate globe trotter?



Book by Monday 8 June. Please contact Carly on 07546 735431 to receive your Zoom login details.

## MON 15 Social Get Together

L 2pm

£ Free



Come and join us for some fun and games whilst enjoying a lovely cup of tea or coffee. Holy Trinity Church, North Room, Church Lane, Bromley Common, Bromley, Kent BR2 8LB. Contact Anna on 07704 271845 or Sue on 01689 852868.

## TUES 16 Coffee Morning

L 11am

£ £2.50



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# June

**WED**  
**17** **Bob Sinfield - The life of Bob Monkhouse**

**L** 7.30pm

**£** Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for an evening with Bob Sinfield as he talks us through the eventful life of the great British comedian Bob Monkhouse. Oddfellows Hall, 118 Maidstone Road, Footscray, Kent DA14 5HS. Contact Bonny on 07584 045254.



**THURS**  
**18** **Coffee and Chat**

**L** 2pm

**£** Free



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**THURS**  
**18** **Mediumship Night with Laura Buttrick**

**L** 7pm

**£** £10



Join us for a special evening of connection and insight at our Mediumship Night with Laura Butterick. Experience an uplifting night as Laura shares messages in a warm, welcoming environment. Open to members and non-members - everyone welcome. Booking required by Thursday 11 June. Oddfellows Hall, 118 Maidstone Road, Footscray, Kent DA14 5HS. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.

**FRI**  
**19** **Business Meeting**

**L** 2pm

**£** Free



Pride of Kent Branch Business Meeting for members only. Christ Lutheran Church Hall, 227 Poverest Road, Orpington BR5 1RD. Contact Anna on 07704 271845 or Sue on 01689 852868.

# June

THURS  
25

## Indoor Picnic Party



2pm



Free



Join us for an enjoyable indoor picnic party and experience the charm of a picnic without going outdoors. Book by Tuesday 23 June. Oddfellows Hall, 6a Beaconsfield Road, Mottingham SE9 4DJ. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.



THURS  
25

## Garden of England Social



8pm



Free



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# July

THURS  
02

## Coffee and Chat



2pm



Free



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FRI  
03

## Social Get Together



2pm



Free



Come and join us for some fun and games whilst enjoying a lovely cup of tea or coffee. Orpington Methodist Church, Hulbert Hall, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 9JH. Contact Anna on 07704 271845 or Sue on 01689 852868.

# July

## MON 06 Discover a Hidden Gem in Greenwich

🕒 10.30am 🏷️ Free



Take a peaceful escape with a scenic walk through the beautiful Greenwich Park, exploring its historic flower garden



tucked away in the south east corner, immerse yourself in elegant Edwin-style planting, vibrant seasonal blooms. After your stroll, unwind with a well-earned coffee at the charming new Ignatius Sancho Café, the perfect spot to relax, recharge and soak in the atmosphere. Book by Wednesday 1 July. Greenwich Park, Vanbrugh Gate SE10 8QY. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.

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## TUES 07 Coffee Morning

🕒 11am 🏷️ £2.50



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## TUES 07 Coach Trip to Southend-on-Sea - A Perfect Day Out!

🕒 9am 🏷️ £18



Join us for a day trip to the beautiful seaside town of Southend-on-Sea! Whether you're looking to relax by the beach, enjoy the famous pier, or indulge in some classic fish and chips, this is the perfect day out. Various pick-up points available. Spaces are limited - book early to avoid disappointment! Book by Wednesday 20 May. Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2EJ. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.



# July

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1.30pm



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1.30pm



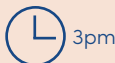
Free



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## THURS 09 Painting and Tea Afternoon



3pm



Free



Unwind, get creative and enjoy a relaxing afternoon at our painting and tea afternoon. Join us for a cozy, welcoming session, where you can sip delicious tea, enjoy sweet treats and create your own beautiful painting - no experience needed! Book by Tuesday 7 July. Oddfellows Hall, 6a Beaconsfield Road, Mottingham SE9 4DJ. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.

## FRI 10 Join Our Virtual Show and Tell!



1pm



Free



Do you have something exciting, creative or unique to share? Bring it to our online show and tell and connect with others from the comfort of your home! Book by Monday 6 July. For Zoom login details, contact Carly on 07546 735431.

# July

## WED 15 Ploughman's Lunch



£ Members £6, Guests £8



Join us for our annual ploughman's lunch. A perfect opportunity to enjoy some delicious food and catch up with friends. Book by Wednesday 8 July. Oddfellows Hall, 118 Maidstone Road, Footscray, Kent DA14 5HS. Contact Bonny on 07584 045254.

## THURS 16 Coffee and Chat



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## FRI 17 Committee of Management Meeting



Committee of Management meeting. Committee members only. Christ Lutheran Church Hall, 227 Poverest Road, Orpington BR5 1RD. Contact Anna on 07704 271845 or Sue on 01689 852868.

## MON 20 Social Get Together



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## TUES 21 Coffee Morning



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# July

THURS  
23

## Music Through the Decades Sing Along



2pm



Free



Step back in time and sing your heart out at our 'Music Through the Decades Sing Along!' Join us for a feel-good musical journey from the swinging 40s to the iconic hits of the 80s. Whether you love wartime classics, rock 'n' roll, Motown or disco - there is something for everyone! Book by Tuesday 23 June. Oddfellows Hall, 6a Beaconsfield Road, Nottingham SE9 4DJ. Contact Carly on 07546 735431.

THURS  
23

## Garden of England Social



8pm



Free



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THURS  
30

## Coffee and Chat



2pm



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FRI  
31

## Social Get Together



2pm



Free



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Orpington Methodist Church, Hulbert Hall, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 9JH. Contact Anna on 07704 271845 or Sue on 01689 852868.

# Get the most out of your membership



As well as making friends and meeting new people, the Oddfellows offers a wide range of benefits to members.

From advice and financial aid through to travel opportunities, we provide a helping hand to make life a little easier. With your standard benefit membership, for £25 a year\*, you have access to:

- Local social events
- Money saving partner offers
- Care and Welfare Helpline and local support
- Dedicated Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Convalescence and Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Benevolence Grants
- Member referral rewards scheme
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Access to group holidays and travel discounts
- Educational and Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

If you're an extra benefit member, your £35 a year membership\* enables access to additional benefits of:

- Optical benefit of up to £30 every second year of membership
- Dental benefit of up to £30 every membership year (after 1 year's membership)

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## Find out more about the benefits and support available

You'll find more information about member benefits in your member handbook. You can also call **0800 028 1810** 9am-5pm Mon to Thurs, 9am-4pm Fri, or visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits)

To make sure you receive our monthly emails for updates on benefits and offers, just email us with your full name, postcode and membership number (if you know it): [membership@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:membership@oddfellows.co.uk)

\*Terms and conditions apply to all member benefits and services. For full details, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions), or call us on 0800 028 1810.



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# Chairman's Message

**After being a Oddfellow for many years I have now taken the plunge to go through the chairs of the District. Watching and being involved in many District Meetings as a Deputy on behalf of my Lodge, the Star of Mottingham, I have seen many people come and go throughout my time.**

My journey started when my father-in-law, Ron Wadlow Past Provincial Grand Master (Past Chairman), re-joined the Oddfellows back in the 90s and was himself in this position in 1997. Since, my family have had an active role within the District and Lodges, being attending members and secretaries.

You may even remember my own dad, George Puddefoot, doing talks on his fuchsias and his famous cheese and wine nights at the nursery. Following tradition, I have the difficult task in selecting a charity.



There are so many that are worthy and close to my heart I am sure I will come to a decision soon and will inform you all. I look forward to my year in office and seeing you all at events and official visits throughout the year.

**Darren Puddefoot**

## REFER A FRIEND

# Share the love and make someone smile

To refer someone you know and make their day, either fill in the **Refer a Friend form** available from your Branch Secretary, or call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, or visit our Members' Area at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk)

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# Meet Carly – Your New Editor and Social Organiser



**Hello! I'm Carly, and I'm delighted to be stepping into the role of Editor for Out and About magazine, as well as Social Organiser for the St Mary's Cray and Dartford District.**

I joined the Oddfellows in June 2022 as a Social Organiser for the Star of Nottingham branch, and from day one, I fell in love with the community, the creativity, and the friendships that make our organisation so special. It didn't take long for me to feel at home, and I've truly enjoyed being part of such a welcoming and supportive group.

Creativity has always been a big part of my life – from arts and crafts as a youngster to planning parties and events for my two children. I've always loved bringing people together and creating memorable experiences, so organising events for the Oddfellows has been incredibly rewarding. It brings me so much joy, and I'm thrilled to continue doing this in my new role.

Taking on the position of Editor is both exciting and a little nerve-wracking! Paul has been an amazing editor, and I hope to live up to his fantastic work. I'm looking forward to bringing my own energy, ideas, and creativity to Out and About, while continuing to celebrate the wonderful stories, events, and people that make our district shine.

Working with the Oddfellows is more than just a job – it's fun, fulfilling, and full of incredible friendships. Every event, conversation, and shared moment helps make this community what it is, and I feel very lucky to be part of it.

I can't wait to meet even more members, hear your stories, and showcase all the fantastic events and activities happening across our district. Here's to creativity, community, and lots of fun ahead – I'm excited for this new chapter and can't wait to get started!

**Carly Hampshire**  
**Editor**

# Didn't we have a Lovely Time

By Paul Fitton

## Songs of Stage and Screen

Members stepped out of the busy streets of Covent Garden into the beautiful Actor's Church – St Paul's - for a free lunchtime concert celebrating the magic of stage and screen. The music featured a mix of favourites from Les Mis, Prince of Egypt, Sound of Music, West Side Story, Wicked, Lord of the Rings, Gladiator, Sound of Music and more.

Vivienne Jones loved the concert. She said, 'Amazing performance. Tissues out. The atmosphere is warm and welcoming'.

## London Silver Vaults

After organising about 1750 events as District Event Organiser, my final Inter-District trip was with 18 members to see the magnificent London Silver Vaults in Holborn.

The secure underground chamber has the largest collection of silverware for sale in the world. Originally a safe depository for London's wealthy aristocracy, the site now houses about 30 sellers in cell-like rooms

of different sizes behind an oval-shaped heavy metal door and four feet walls.

Many familiar faces have passed through the huge steel vault doors: Mick Jagger, Princess Margaret, J K Rowling, Liberace, Anthony Hopkins, Diana Ross, Woody Allen and Gregory Peck, to mention a few. Royal families, including the British nobility shop in the underground arcades.

With so much to see, it wasn't surprising that some members bought some silver items. The visit was an incredible experience.

Our party lunched at The Cittie of Yorke in Holborn. One of London's most unusual pubs, it was rebuilt in 1923 in a medieval style, influenced by the Arts & Crafts Movement and styled to look like an Olde English baronial hall. It was a lovely way to sign-off and as usual, still see members from different areas of London meet and exchange contact details to see enjoy each others' company at future Oddfellows events.



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# Bob Sinfield Salutes Maureen Lipman

**I'll never forget my night with Maureen Lipman. Don't worry, it was all above board and in full view of seven million people, each of them glued to BBC1 for 'The Russell Harty Christmas Party'.**



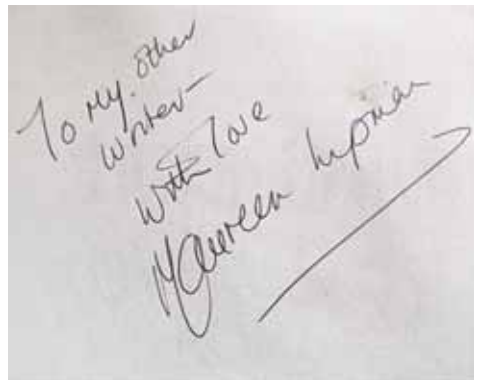
This annual event featured celebrity guests performing their party pieces. 1981's outing included Patrick Moore playing his xylophone with Deryck Guyler on the washboard and Raymond Baxter in full 1920s drag, singing 'I Went to a Marvellous Party'. For the finale, a choir of MPs (including David Steel) offered a medley of carols, led by Anita Harris. I am not making this up.

One notable absentee from the Parliamentary chorus was the then Prime Minister, Margaret Hilda Thatcher, so it fell to Ms Lipman to don a blonde wig, navy blue suit and court shoes for a scurrilous take-off of the Iron Lady. Until that point, very few people knew about Maureen's powers of mimicry, let alone her ability to caricature the Tory leader... but I was one of them.

The reason I remember all this so clearly is that Maureen had asked me to write her script. This was particularly generous of her as she already had a writer of her

own at home: her husband, the esteemed playwright Jack Rosenthal. As a fledgling scribbler, eager for work, I'd had the cheek to contact her in the hope that she might give me a leg-up, so to speak. Previously, I'd written sketches for topical radio shows like 'Week Ending' and 'The News Huddlines' but this was my maiden voyage on the choppy waters of television - live television at that! I couldn't believe my luck.

It was all going tremendously well until the break between the camera rehearsal in the afternoon and the evening transmission. There had been much appreciative laughter from the honourable members at the run-through but later it emerged that one of their number was most aggrieved and had raised a complaint with the producer. To our astonishment, the complainant was none other than David Steel, the last person we'd thought would take exception to a send-up of his main political opponent - but the nature of his objection made perfect sense when we heard it: he wanted us to include a joke about him. For a politician, anything's better than being ignored!



We had to think of something - and fast. I, the great writer, was totally stumped but quick-witted Maureen came up with a line about the Liberal leader and his SDP cohort Shirley Williams. So, one hour later, the viewing public and a rapturous studio audience heard her refer to them as Sapphire and Steel. It was funny that night, anyway.

To this day, I remain a huge fan of Maureen Lipman, not just for her considerable acting skills but also for her immense kindness and encouragement. Whenever we've run into each other since, she's taken one look at my bald head, dropped into her Thatcher voice and said, 'Well well, if it isn't my old friend Norman Tebbit!'

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## Around the Branches



*Soup and Roll.*



*Cheese and Wine Tasting.*

# Around the Branches



*Inbetweeners.*



*Pancake Day Event.*



*Easter Bonnet Event.*

# Linda Regan

**What joy, it's spring. This is my favourite time of the year. I particularly love the month of May. Not only are a multitude of beautiful flowers and trees in full bloom, spreading their colours for promises of the sunny days to come, but also because the month of May gives us two free days: Bank Holidays.**

Seems appropriate, as we Londoners are surrounded by beautiful listed houses and gardens, that many of us choose to visit these on, bank holiday days. The gardens, then, are in full bloom.

I have to admit to visiting Chartwell House, last year (The Manor home of Winston Churchill). It was full of history and beautiful flowers, but what brought a smile to my face was the very large 'NO SMOKING', sign displayed in the house. I wondered if the man himself was looking down, still with a cigar in the corner of his mouth, shaking his head and grinning at the thought of the many cigars he himself had smoked in there.

Bank holidays are a chance to take a day to ourselves to do what we like. Not everyone has a holiday though, as when I looked up why bank holidays came to be, it goes back years. Apparently, In the year 1871, they were declared as Bank Days as all the banks closed on these days, in order to count their money (It wouldn't take them a full day to count mine!).

Going even further back, as far back as Roman days, May Days, as they were named then, were given for prayer, to give thanks to the God of Flowers. I wonder if the God of Flowers is our influence still, and why many people choose to visit gardens or garden centres,

or even do their own gardening on the now Bank Holiday days.

And going even further back, the Gaelic communities had the two holiday days down to pray and ward off evil spirits. I have a clear memory of a weekend spent in Dublin, which I spent mostly in bed with only aspirin to keep me company, trying to ward off the effects of the spirit of pure brandy, given to me as a welcome to Dublin, and known to the Gaelic community as fire water!

In England, May Day marks the end of the first year of the Northern hemisphere, and was originally celebrated by maypole dancing, where people, wearing bells and flowers on their shoes, danced and weaved in circles, with each other, around flower decorated poles. Moving forward in, to post-war days, people danced in their streets on May Days in praise of having to do no work and there being no war. The women often danced using their brooms as their partner. Could this street dancing, perhaps, be the origins of the Notting Hill Carnival, I wondered, although now it takes place on August Bank Holiday.

Also, these days, pole dancing has taken on a whole new meaning. With many pole dancing clubs opening up around London and the suburbs, I wonder would our modern pole dancing dancers, perhaps, now, be better, danced on the days of a full moon!

Linda Regan is a film, television and stage actress, columnist, speaker and a successful novelist. Linda's husband Brian Murphy was an Oddfellow.





Members celebrated Pride of Kent Social Organiser's birthday at one of their regular local events in Orpington in March, writes Paul Fitton. Popular member Sue, seen here to the right on the right

wearing the leopard skin style top, was previously Branch Secretary and has now retired from her Social Organiser's role.

*Photo by Paul Fitton*

## Memories - Green Green Grass of Home - Part Two

By Jacqui Lowther

**In 1942, my Mother finally gave in to my weekly beseeching letters in which I asked her to let us come back to London and live with her and because in December 1941, on my birthday, Japan bombed Pearl Harbour. I think that she thought that now the Americans were finally in the war, the war would be short lived.**

We stayed in a flat in Shepherds Bush with my Auntie Ada and her baby. She was married to my mother's brother, Uncle Georgie. He was a prisoner of war in one of the Stalag Camps in Poland and when the Germans began fighting a losing battle in 1945, he with all his comrades

were forced to march the infamous 1000 mile walk. They were supposed to be heading for Berlin but got rescued by the Russian army.

Our Mam was now working in a munitions factory at Park Royal making torpedoes and her foreman eventually became my stepdad.

My brother and I started in an English school and we were so far advanced in our education that we had to keep moving up to a higher class every few weeks. I ended up in the very last class for the 14 year olds who were preparing to leave school and go

to work and I was only 11 (This makes me sound a real big head but it is true).

One morning after a night of severe bombing, I walked to school and it wasn't there. It had been flattened by a bomb. There was a teacher there, telling all the pupils that we could go to a temporary school which was located at an old fire station. It had been completely re-furnished into classrooms and looked like it had always been a school.

This was the start of the 'Buzz Bombing' and our Mam again decided we would be safer in Wales but not to Cardiff this time. We went to her cousin's in Upper Cwmbran (near Newport).

This was a very small community with just one street and only one side with houses and the opposite side were fields. There was a pub called the Cross Keys at the end of the bridge and the start of the tow path which ran along the canal.

My brother and I never went to school the whole 6 months we were there. We had a lovely time, we just played in the fields all day. We even tried to ride the cows by

sitting on top of the style and trying to call them over but they never came.

Because we weren't at school, Mam wasn't strict with bedtimes and on two occasions we were allowed to get up at the crack of dawn and go and pick mushrooms for breakfast and on another occasion we were allowed to sleep out in the field for the whole night and watched the shooting stars. The war was non-existent there.

We used to go fishing along the tow path with our bits of string and safety pin. Tied up to a long twig. One day, it got darker and darker and then the heavens opened up and as we were running back home, we were showered with hundreds and hundreds of the tiniest, weeniest frogs. The road was awash with them. You could not help standing on them and they were all in my hair. My brother and cousins bravely knocked them out whilst I was screaming. I have been told that this can happen in a canal area.

Eventually we moved back to London and returned to our flat in Hammersmith and I lived there until I married Freddy at the grand old age of '18'.

# A Chance Encounter that led to a Lifelong Connection

**For Val, becoming a member of Oddfellows wasn't something she had planned - it was something that grew out of community spirit, resilience, and a simple act of generosity.**

Her connection with the Society began many years ago, when her husband was organising the long-running Northcraiy and Footscray Flower Show. Just a week before the event, they were unexpectedly left without a venue.

As Val recalls, they had to think quickly. The only realistic option was the local Oddfellows hall. The Lodge stepped in and offered the space for two days, allowing the show to go ahead as planned.

The event was a success, but what stayed with Val was what happened next. Without being asked, the Lodge committee later decided the flower show could continue using the hall free of charge, recognising its value to the local community.

It was a gesture that clearly made an impression. Val and her family decided to join there and then - a decision that would grow into something spanning generations. Over time, her children, grandchildren and even great-grandchildren all became connected in some way.

In the early days, Val admits they 'weren't active members'. But that changed following the loss of her husband, when a simple invitation made all the difference.

Encouraged to attend Lodge meetings, she found herself welcomed in straight away - a moment that marked a turning point.

From there, her involvement steadily grew. She became a familiar face at meetings and social events, eventually taking on the role of Noble Grand in 2014, something she says she thoroughly enjoyed.

Val also became a quiet ambassador for the Society. After sharing her experiences with friends and colleagues, 14 people joined, drawn by what she described as the 'really good entertainment' and the wider benefits of being part of the Oddfellows.

More recently, she has played a role in helping bring new life into local activities, including regular tea afternoons, bingo and Hoy sessions. Taking on the role of caller, she helped create a welcoming, social atmosphere - something that encouraged friends from her own coffee group to come along. Many of them have since become members themselves.

Looking back, Val's story reflects the core values of the Oddfellows - friendship, support, and community. What began as a last-minute solution to a problem became a source of connection, purpose



and enjoyment. As she puts it in her own words, she has 'met many people through the Oddfellows' and remains 'so pleased' to have become a member.

Her journey is a reminder that sometimes the smallest moments - a helping hand, an open door - can lead to something much bigger.

## Photo Competition

**We're excited to launch a new competition for our next Out and About magazine and we'd love you to get involved!**

We're inviting all members to capture a special moment from the local area around St Mary Cray and Dartford District. Your photo could be featured on the front cover of our next issue.



### How to enter:

- Submit a landscape-oriented photograph taken within the local area
- Send your entry by Monday 1 June
- Email your photo to: [carly.hampshire@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:carly.hampshire@oddfellows.co.uk)

We can't wait to see the area through your eyes and showcase the wonderful places that make our community so special. Good luck - we look forward to seeing your fantastic photos.

### Terms and conditions apply

- To be eligible, photos must be taken around St Mary Cray and Dartford and sent to us by Monday 1 June. Don't forget to give them a caption and include your name and membership number.
- Entries must be sent via email to [carly.hampshire@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:carly.hampshire@oddfellows.co.uk) anytime before the closing date by midnight on Monday 1 June. One photo per email is preferred.
- Entry to the competition is automatic on submission of the photo. We will not share your details with any other party and your data will not be used for any other purpose.
- Only one entry per person allowed. No cash alternative is available.
- The competition is open to residents of the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man only.
- The photo competition is managed and fulfilled by St Mary Cray and Dartford (The Promoter). Employees and contractors (and their respective families) of The Promoter are not eligible to enter.
- The name and county of the winner will be printed in the next edition of the St Mary Cray and Dartford Out and About.
- The Promoter, on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope, will provide details of the winning entry, and has the right to publicly disclose the name of the winner.
- The decision of The Promoter on any matter relating to these rules shall be final and no correspondence will be entered into.



## Interested in volunteering?

We couldn't run all our events without our wonderful volunteers. 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 teas/coffees
- 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

### Want to deliver a new activity?

We encourage all our members to arrange events for other members and friends. If you'd like help to run a new event, like a book club, singing group, a one-off walk in the country or coffee morning, get in touch and we'll support you every step of the way.

**If you're interested in finding out more about helping us as a volunteer, contact Eliza by phone on 07391 986653, email at [eliza.puddefoot@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:eliza.puddefoot@oddfellows.co.uk)**

“Supporting events as a volunteer makes me feel more committed to the Oddfellows and what I do. I enjoy meeting up with other members/friends, any outings that take place, the lunches and some of the talks are especially interesting”.

**Cynthia, volunteer**



## Oddies autumn getaway to Llandudno

**Join us as we take a trip to Llandudno, North Wales, on an Oddfellows-hosted group holiday with Alfa Travel.**

Oddfellows members and guests will take in some breathtaking scenery during a four-night stay at the Hydro Hotel from Saturday 26 September to Wednesday 30 September 2026.

From £369 per person, half board, the price includes coach pick up and drop off from locations across the South East via Reading, or a self-arrival option.



### Outstanding natural beauty

Two optional day trips are included in the price of the holiday.

On day two, you'll head by coach to the Isle of Anglesey, where the entire coastline has been designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. You'll call at the seaside town of Beaumaris with its mix of Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian buildings.

On day four, the second day trip will head to Caernarfon, home to Wales' most famous castle and a UNESCO World

Heritage Site. Afterwards, you'll venture into the Snowdonia National Park, calling at Llanberis, situated at the foot of Mount Snowdon, and Porthmadog.

### Relax in great company

We'll be organising some group drinks and times to dine together during the stay, and enjoying the hotel's evening entertainment, but your days will be largely free to plan as you please.

The hotel has a large entertainment suite with a dance floor and entertainment most evenings, and there are sun lounges and a games room with a snooker table.

You'll also find spectacular views over the bay or over the town to the Snowdonia mountain range from many of the hotel's bedrooms and from its Looking Glass Bar.

### Interested in joining us?

This group holiday is open to any members and their guests and will be hosted by our Oddfellows Travel coordinator and South East Lancashire Branch member, Emma Gorst.

For any enquiries, and to find out how to book, get in touch with Emma by calling **0161 214 4634**, or email [travel@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:travel@oddfellows.co.uk).

Please read and understand Alfa Travel's terms and conditions before booking at [www.alfaholidays.co.uk/booking-conditions](http://www.alfaholidays.co.uk/booking-conditions).

## Support with fundraising and donations

**Donating to good causes is a cornerstone of Oddfellowship, and symbolises what it is all about – helping to improve lives through friendship and support.**

It's a thread that runs right through every Branch of the Society. Whether it's members dropping some spare change into a collection at a coffee morning, or the HA Andrews Memorial Fund supporting cutting-edge medical research projects, it all adds up and contributes to that ethos.

### Branch donations add up to huge 2025 total



Reading Oddfellows donated £4,300 to Camp Mohawk

Oddfellows branches and members are avid fundraisers. In 2025, more than £148,000 was handed over to a huge range of wonderful causes throughout the country.

Beneficiaries included schools, charities for people with special needs, animal sanctuaries, causes to improve health conditions, lifeboat and air ambulance

charities, and one branch provided the funds required to buy state-of-the-art medical equipment.

As well as handing over funds, many members bought and collected for foodbanks, including tinned goods and other long-life foods, toiletries and further everyday items.

To find out how you can get involved with Branch fundraising initiatives, speak to your Branch Secretary.

### £10,000 raised for Hurricane Melissa relief efforts

The Oddfellows recently donated £10,000 to support the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal.

Thanks to the generosity of Oddfellows branches across the UK, and with additional support from central funds, the donation will help communities affected by the devastating storm rebuild their lives.

Hurricane Melissa, a Category 5 hurricane, made landfall in Jamaica on 28 October 2025. The strongest hurricane ever to strike the island, it caused catastrophic damage and impacted nearly 1.9 million people.

The funds have been sent to the Jamaica Red Cross, via the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), to support ongoing emergency relief and recovery efforts. This includes providing essential supplies, shelter, and longer-term assistance to those whose homes and livelihoods were affected.



Further information about the Jamaica Red Cross' Hurricane Melissa Emergency Appeal can be found at [www.ifrc.org/emergency/jamaica-hurricane-melissa](http://www.ifrc.org/emergency/jamaica-hurricane-melissa).

### HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipient announced

In October 2025, representatives of the Oddfellows visited the impressive facilities at the Manchester Cancer Research Centre (MCRC) to present a cheque for £67,068 to Prevent Breast Cancer, courtesy of our HA Andrews Memorial Fund.

The money will fund an innovative breast cancer prevention research project for two years.

Carried out by University of Manchester PhD student Anthony Wilby and Dr Hannah Harrison, the project is aiming to discover alternative preventative breast cancer therapies for pre-menopausal women.

The HA Andrews Memorial Fund, which was set up in 1971 to back UK-based medical research projects and organisations, has donated over £1.1m

since its launch. Head to [www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/ha-andrews) to find out more about the Fund, including previous recipients.

### The very best of Oddfellowship

Spokesperson for the Oddfellows, Pam Casey (pictured below at MCRC), said: "The work the Oddfellows does for charities and good causes always astounds me. It reflects the very best of Oddfellowship and it makes me incredibly proud.

"Donating to good causes, no matter how big or small, or how much we can contribute, can make a huge difference. Our efforts might well have saved a life, put some food on a young family's table, or simply have made someone's day a little brighter.

"Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way. You're all a huge credit to yourselves and the Society."



For more on how the Oddfellows raises money for good causes, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back)

## Spring clean your finances for the new tax year

**The start of the new tax year on Monday 6 April might sound like an event reserved for accountants, but at Unity Mutual, the Oddfellows' financial services brand, we believe it's a time everyone can make the most of.**

Here are some simple ways to spring clean your finances and get on top of your money for the tax year ahead.

### Make the most of your ISA

Every adult receives a fresh £20,000 ISA allowance at the beginning of each tax year, so if your savings are lying dormant, why not move them somewhere your interest is protected from tax?



For those comfortable with investment risk, the Unity Mutual Stocks and Shares Flexible ISA\* offers potentially higher growth than traditional Cash ISAs (capital is at risk).

### Guaranteed returns, less hassle

If you have a lump sum sitting idle or an investment coming to maturity, a Unity

Mutual Fixed Rate Bond\* provides a predictable, low-effort option. Simply deposit your money for a set term to secure a guaranteed return.

Even better, Oddfellows members benefit from preferential rates on our 2, 3, and 5-year Bonds.

### Make savings work harder

With many banks still offering low rates, a quick comparison is essential to ensure your money is working for you. Even moving savings to a higher-interest account with your current provider can significantly boost your balance over the year.

### Find out more

Unity Mutual has over 200 years of experience managing Oddfellows members' funds, and our friendly team is on hand to help you navigate the year ahead. Visit [www.unitymutual.co.uk](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk) to find out more.

*\*Terms and conditions apply to all products. With stocks and shares, your investment can go down as well as up meaning your capital is at risk.*

### New tax year, new scams

Stay vigilant against common scams such as fake HMRC tax rebates or urgent payment requests for 'unpaid tax'. While these communications can look genuine, always verify them by going directly to the official government website.



# 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 contact Maria on **07946 063890** or email [maria.greenaway@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:maria.greenaway@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@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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)  
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# At a glance

## May 2026

<b>Tues 5</b>	Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Thurs 7</b>	Coffee and Chat	2pm
<b>Fri 8</b>	No-Bake Cheesecake in a Cup - Online Demonstration	1pm
<b>Fri 8</b>	Talk from Bromley Well	2pm
<b>Fri 8</b>	Bingo	7pm
<b>Mon 11</b>	Join us for the Lake Loop Walk at Danson Park	10.30am
<b>Wed 13</b>	Good Intent Social	1.30pm
<b>Wed 13</b>	The Inbetweeners	1.30pm
<b>Wed 13</b>	Presentation: The Life-Saving Work of the RNLI	2pm
<b>Thurs 14</b>	Gardening without a Garden - Indoor Planting	2pm
<b>Mon 18</b>	Social Get Together	2pm
<b>Tues 19</b>	Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Thurs 21</b>	Coffee and Chat	2pm
<b>Fri 22</b>	Business Meeting	2pm
<b>Thurs 28</b>	Cupcake Decorating	2pm
<b>Thurs 28</b>	Garden of England Social	8pm

## June

<b>Tues 2</b>	Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Coffee and Chat	2pm
<b>Fri 5</b>	Peter Russell 'The Bee Man'	2pm
<b>Wed 10</b>	Join us for a Beautiful Guided Walk Around Maryon Wilson Animal Park	1pm
<b>Wed 10</b>	The Inbetweeners	1.30pm
<b>Wed 10</b>	Good Intent Social	1.30pm
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Talent Afternoon	2pm
<b>Fri 12</b>	Trivia Around the World	1pm
<b>Mon 15</b>	Social Get Together	2pm
<b>Tues 16</b>	Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 17</b>	Bob Sinfield - The life of Bob Monkhouse	7.30pm

# At a glance

## June

<b>Thurs 18</b>	Coffee and Chat	2pm
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Mediumship Night with Laura Buttrick	7pm
<b>Fri 19</b>	Business Meeting	2pm
<b>Thurs 25</b>	Indoor Picnic Party	2pm
<b>Thurs 25</b>	Garden of England Social	8pm

## July

<b>Thurs 2</b>	Coffee and Chat	2pm
<b>Fri 3</b>	Social Get Together	2pm
<b>Mon 6</b>	Discover a Hidden Gem in Greenwich	10.30am
<b>Tues 7</b>	Coach Trip to Southend-on-Sea - A Perfect Day Out!	9am
<b>Tues 7</b>	Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Wed 8</b>	The Inbetweeners	1.30pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Good Intent Social	1.30pm
<b>Thurs 9</b>	Painting and Tea Afternoon	3pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	Join Our Virtual Show and Tell!	1pm
<b>Wed 15</b>	Ploughman's Lunch	1pm
<b>Thurs 16</b>	Coffee and Chat	2pm
<b>Fri 17</b>	Committee of Management Meeting	2pm
<b>Mon 20</b>	Social Get Together	2pm
<b>Tues 21</b>	Coffee Morning	11am
<b>Thurs 23</b>	Music Through the Decades Sing Along	2pm
<b>Thurs 23</b>	Garden of England Social	8pm
<b>Thurs 30</b>	Coffee and Chat	2pm
<b>Fri 31</b>	Social Get Together	2pm