

November 2025 - January 2026



*O*<sup>the</sup> **DDfeLLows** SINCE 1810  
*making friends, helping people*

# *out & about*

## South London District



*South London District*



Music



Art/Crafts



Online



Dining Out



Walks



Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Quiz



Film



Tasting



Wellbeing



## Welcome to the new edition of Out & About, incorporating South Circular, the Magazine of South London District

### Medway Events

Amy Thomas, our new Medway Social Organiser has launched social activities with great success. Amy has established regular social sessions – coffee and chat – at Bredhurst Village Hall in Gillingham. You can find out more in our current programme of over 100 events and are welcome to join any of the new sessions.

### Bob Sinfield – our new columnist

We welcome a new regular contributor to our pages. Bob Sinfield is well-known to many Oddfellows members having entertained them at local Branch events and via online Zooms.

Bob is an actor, author, presenter and raconteur. He has appeared at theatre festivals from Edinburgh to Brighton and written scripts for some of the best comedy performers of the last four decades, including Bob Monkhouse, Leslie Phillips, Tracey Ullman, Joan Sims, Stan Freberg and Rory Bremner. He writes for us from today.

Bob's new drama Peter Sellers At Sea premiered on Radio 4 Extra in September. It marks what would have been the star's 100th birthday.

## Contact Details

**District Secretary:** Clare Puddefoot

**Address:** Oddfellows, 240 Clapham Road, London SW9 0PZ

**Telephone:** 01322 665496

**Email:**

[clare.puddefoot@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:clare.puddefoot@oddfellows.co.uk)

**Magazine Editor and District**

**Event Organiser:** Paul Fitton

**Address:** 15 Moat Close, Green St Green, Orpington, Kent BR6 6ET

**Telephone:** 07851 910619

**Email:**

[paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk)

You are invited to send letters, contributions and photos for the magazine by the deadline of Friday 19 December 2025 to Paul Fitton.

### Retirement

I am retiring from the post of District Event Organiser on 30 January 2026. I'd like to thank all the members that I have known since starting in 2009 for their friendship. Health and happiness to you all – and Carry on Oddfellowing!

**Paul Fitton  
Editor**

**Front cover:** Grand Master of the Oddfellows, South London District's John Mann at the celebratory evening at County Hall. Photo by Paul Calvett.

Paul Calvett's photo above captures a moment at the celebrations honouring Oddfellows Grand Master and South London's John Mann at County Hall.

# Regular Events - Lord Byron Branch

## Regular events addresses:

Stanstead Lodge, 260 Stanstead Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 1DD (weekly)

(Colfeian Sports Club, (entrance is opposite Weigall Road), Horn Park, Eltham Road SE12 8UE

**Contact:** Karen Lewis: 020 8699 0929 or [karen.lewis@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:karen.lewis@oddfellows.co.uk)

## Coffee and a Chat



Members free  
Guests £2



Every Thursday, 2pm



Join us for afternoon refreshments in friendly company. You've no need to book, but if we know that you're coming, we can look out for you. You're welcome to bring a friend too. It's easy to find us and parking is available in surrounding roads. We'll be in the first room on the left as you enter the building through the main entrance.

## Monthly Presentations



Free



See dates below, 2pm



See listings in the events diary pages for further information.

**24 November, 8 December 2025 and 12 January 2026**

## Coffee and Company



Free



Friday, 10am



Join us for our new regular get together at Bredhurst Village Hall. Free tea or coffee for first timers. All will be welcomed. Bredhurst Village Hall, Hurstwood Road, Bredhurst, Gillingham ME7 3JZ. Contact Amy on 07359 997795 or Karen on 020 8699 0929.

**14 November 2025**

**21 November 2025**

**12 December 2025**

**19 December 2025**

**9 January 2026**

**23 January 2026**

# Regular Events - Pride of Clapham Branch

**Regular events address:** Oddfellows Hall, 27 Belmont Close, Clapham, London SW4 6AY.

**Contact:** Jane Parkin: 07791 942969 or [jane.parkin@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:jane.parkin@oddfellows.co.uk)

**Regular updates through WhatsApp and email**

## Knit, Natter and Craft Group



2.30pm



Free



**Tuesdays - 2.30pm-5.30pm**



Join us every Tuesday, anytime between 2.30pm and 5.30pm for our knit, natter and craft group. Whatever you are into, it is more fun doing it with friends in our historic hall. Tea, coffee and encouragement provided free of charge.

It's a lovely way to spend an afternoon with friends or making new ones. This is the members' group, so please share your ideas and enthusiasm. Oddfellows members free, non-members welcome to come along and try before you join. Just five minutes' walk from Clapham Common underground station.

## Chair Exercise



5.30pm



Free



**Tuesdays - 5.30pm-6.30pm**



The exercises are aimed at improving core fitness, strength and mobility and to prevent falls. Do not worry if you have not done much exercise for a while, the exercises are gentle and easy to follow. The sessions last up to an hour.

## A bit about us

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. Find out more at [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810.

# Regular Events - Pride of Clapham Branch

## Yoga for all levels



6.30pm



£5 a month



Join us for our weekly yoga session as our teacher Margherita takes us through some moves to help improve mind and body. The class lasts an hour. The charge is £5 a month, payable on the first class attended in that month. Non-members may have a taster session before joining. No need to book just come in loose fitting clothing.

Every Tuesday - 6.30pm-7.30pm



## Cinema Club



Afternoons



£5



We visit Clapham Cinema every fortnight to catch the latest films. Special price of £5 for afternoon showings. Clapham Picturehouse, 76 Venn Street, Clapham, London SW4 0AT. Times vary, so please contact Jane, times vary.

Thursdays fortnightly, PM



## Watercolour Therapy



2.30pm



Free



Join us by putting paint on to paintbrush and feelings onto paper. Rosana puts us in a comforting atmosphere with calming background music and lovely scents as we relax and paint our artwork. You don't have to be an artist. Just relax, paint and talk about our creations. Oddfellows Hall, 27 Belmont Close, Clapham SW4 6AY. Contact Jane on 07791 942969.

Thursdays fortnightly, 4.30pm



## Thursday Friends (Clapham)



8pm



Members Free  
Guests £2



Enjoy a drink at our bar, or tea or coffee if you prefer. Our Thursday Friends group is a friendly mixed group that enjoys chat and games, as well as the occasional talk, quiz, music evening and outing. We meet on Thursdays and all are welcome.

Every Thursday, 8pm





# November 2025

## TUES 04 Family History Help and Tutorial



2pm



Free



Online



Paul Fitton shows how you can best use resources for tracing 17th and 18th century ancestors in this month's family history presentation. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.



## TUES 04 Quiz Night and District Officers' Visit



8pm



Free



A special evening as the District Officers visit Flower of Kent Branch. We can expect a warm, engaging and friendly evening of fun in this annual event. Paul Fitton entertains everyone rounding off proceedings with a 'Quiz of Quizzes'. The Montrose Club, 158 Hurst Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 9AJ. Contact Charlie on 020 8306 8846.

## FRI 07 Songs From Stage and Screen



1.15pm



Free



Step out of the busy streets of Covent Garden into the beautiful Actors' Church for a free lunchtime concert celebrating the magic of stage and screen. Featuring a mix of favourites from Les Mis, Prince Of Egypt, Sound Of Music, West Side Story, Wicked, Lord Of The Rings, Gladiator, Cinderella and more. Please book your ticket early - limited availability. St Paul's Church, Bedford Street, London WC2E 9ED. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details).



# November 2025

## **FRI** **07** **Transported to Australia Talk and Rhiannon Rees' Moonlight Walk Talk**



First talk: John Silver was a young Suffolk man who was suddenly transported to Australia for housebreaking in 1834. Hear about his life in Suffolk, Tasmania and Melbourne. See how he 'lives on' today in Paul Fitton's presentation about his relative. Second talk: Rhiannon Rees completed the 10km September Thames Moonlight Walk. A challenge in which participants see London's landmarks in a different light. Rhiannon will share a poem that she has written to share her remarkable experience. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.

## **TUES** **11** **Art Unscrewed**



Our monthly paint along with Dulcie Rowe continues. On this occasion, we are painting Beach Huts. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.

## **THURS** **13** **Strolling through Korean Gardens and a Meal at Little Korea**



An exhibition that reimagines Korea's rich garden heritage through large-scale digital projections, immersive soundscapes and multisensory environments, the exhibition brings to life celebrated gardens such as Soswaewon, Bokildo and the Secret Garden of Changdeokkung Palace. The exhibition presents the Korean garden not only as a historical legacy, but also as a living source of artistic and philosophical inspiration, offering a rare pause in the flow of daily life, inviting visitors to reflect on where nature and art meet.

A short walk afterwards takes us to Little Korea, for lunch. Book by Wednesday 12 November 2025. Korean Cultural Centre UK, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2N 5BW. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details).



# November 2025

FRI  
14

## Early Explorers in Australia



2pm



Free



Online



The Burke and Wills expedition was an 1860–61 attempt to cross Australia. Led by Robert O'Hara Burke and William John Wills, the team successfully reached the Gulf of Carpentaria. However, their return was plagued by misfortune, leading to the deaths of Burke and Wills from starvation and thirst, a tragic end to an ambitious journey. Ian Hutt gives another informative presentation. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.

FRI  
21

## Double Bill: The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and The World's Shortest Ever War



2pm



Free



Online



Ian Hutt gives the first presentation. We probably all know several of the ancient wonders of the world. Do you know how many still exist today and what happened to the others? All will be explained! This is followed by Paul Fitton describing the complete story of the world's shortest ever war, the Anglo-Zanzibar war of 27 August 1896 – from 9am to 9.38am to be precise. Will the presentation be longer?!). Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.

Photo by John Longstaff



Photo by Richard Mohun



TUES  
18

## Quiz Night



8pm



Free



Phil Hotchkin is your emcee as he asks the questions in tonight's quiz. This follows the short business meeting. The Montrose Club, 158 Hurst Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 9AJ. Contact Charlie on 020 8306 8846.





# November

MON  
24

## Navigating the Care Conundrum



8pm



Free



The speaker from Silvertime Legal will dive into



some of the elements relating to care, care fees and care homes. What our thresholds are before we have to pay for our care and why our homes could be taken from us to pay for this. Lasting Power of Attorney and why these simple set of documents could save us from financial or physical abuse in an unclear care system. Colfeian Sports Club, Entrance is Opposite Weigall Road, Horn Park, Eltham Road SE12 8UE. Contact Karen on 020 8699 0929.

FRI  
28

## The Perfect Playground



2pm



Free



The Crystal Palace was surrounded by 200 acres of parkland. Laid out to rival Versailles, Joseph Paxton's landscape included lakes, cascades and thousands of fountains and featured life-sized models of prehistoric animals as a backdrop to grand events. It's also become home to national events including the FA Cup final and even the birth of television. The Crystal Palace was destroyed by fire on 30 November 1936. Today, the future of the site is still under debate. The third in a series of three presentations by Michael Gilbert. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.

# December

TUES  
02

## Family History Help and Tutorial



2pm



Free



Online



This month's family history guide talk shows the useful information that you can gain from inquest records. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.



# December

## TUES 02 Quiz Night



Tanya Trevillion entertains members with a great quiz. This follows the short business meeting. The Montrose Club, 158 Hurst Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 9AJ. Contact Charlie on 020 8306 8846.



## FRI 05 Marriage Through The Ages



Paul Fitton's presentation takes in marriage from its earliest days over 4,000 years ago, through medieval times to the present day. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.



## MON 08 & FRI 19 Railway 200 Exhibition



The Travelling Railway 200 Exhibition Train is returning to London in December and we are offering you the opportunity to visit with other members. Inspiration comprises four train carriages, spanning the past, present and future of the railways in its 200th anniversary year. Rail's history is explored in a 'Railway Firsts' coach, highlighting landmark moments in rail's development. Alongside will be a 'Wonderlab on Wheels', inviting visitors to test their engineering skills with hands-on exhibits. Next is the 'Your Railway Future' carriage, which showcases some of the lesser-known roles in rail and encourages people to join the railway to shape the next 200 years.

The final coach is a 'Partner Zone', offering an exhibition space. We will finish with a meal nearby - cost as per menu. Book early to receive full details. Limited ticket availability.

**The exhibition is being held at two different venues:** at Paddington Station, Praed Street, London W2 1HQ on 8 December and Victoria Station, Victoria Street, London SW1E 5ND on 19 December. Book by the day before each visit. The tickets are free but there is limited availability. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details).

# December

MON  
08

## Business Meeting followed by Christmas Social



Our final business evening for the year and hopefully time to sit and have a chat for the last time in



2025. Colfeian Sports Club, Entrance is Opposite Weigall Road, Horn Park, Eltham Road SE12 8UE. Contact Karen on 020 8699 0929.

THURS  
11

## The Perfect Playground



Michael Gilbert returns to present part three of his trilogy -



The Perfect Playground. The Crystal Palace was surrounded by 200 acres of parkland. Its landscape included thousands of water features. Its life-sized models of prehistoric animals and large-scale events, festivals and sporting fixtures attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors. Today the future of the site is still under debate. Stanstead Lodge, 260 Stanstead Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 1DD. Contact Karen on 020 8699 0929.

FRI  
12

## Greenwich Park - The Queen's Favourite



Greenwich Park is the oldest Royal Park and teeming with history. Why was it so popular with Queens of



England? How did Greenwich come to be the centre of the world with its iconic Royal Observatory? Tudors, giant steps, anarchists, French gardeners and Canadian history all feature in its 600 year history. Chris Hawkins returns following his Lesnes Abbey presentation in September. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.

FRI  
12

## Live Music from Cover2Cover



Cover2Cover is a greatest hits revival band presenting some of the most memorable hits from the past 70 years. You'll want to stay on the floor dancing all night. Gents, shine up your dancing shoes and ladies, bring either a partner, or a handbag to dance around! From 7.15pm for 7.40pm to 11.15pm. Book by Wednesday 10 December 2025. The Montrose Club, 158 Hurst Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 9AJ. Contact Charlie on 020 8306 8846.

# December

## TUES 16 Art Unscrewed



Join regular instructor Dulcie Rowe as she guides us as we paint Highland Cow. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.



## TUES 16 Christmas Social and Quiz



A special Christmas celebration social evening with entertainment from the quiz grand master, Charlie Boswell. The Montrose Club, 158 Hurst Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 9AJ. Contact Charlie on 020 8306 8846.

## THURS 18 Enjoy a Christmas Dinner in Bredhurst



Christmas is all about good food, great company and making lots of brilliant memories. This year, why not savour a fantastic Christmas dinner in Bredhurst? The Bell, The Street, Bredhurst, Gillingham, Kent ME7 3JY. Book by Monday 1 December 2025. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details).

## FRI 19 It's Chrissmaaasss! Online Christmas Party!



Join an online Christmas party. Bring your own food, drink and party streamers. Look out for Father Christmas squeezing down the chimney as you enjoy Christmas themed fun and frolics with your Oddfellows friends. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.



# January 2026

TUES  
06

## Family History Help and Tutorial: My Family and other Famous People and how to find out more



2pm



Free



Paul Fitton tells the story about the lives of his ancestors and advises you how to discover your ancestor's interests and pastimes. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.



FRI  
09

## The Life of a Cotton Mill Worker



2pm



Free



What was life like for cotton mill workers 200 years ago? The Industrial Revolution changed the lives of thousands of people. Discover how their lives were affected in Paul Fitton's presentation. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.



MON  
12

## Business Meeting



8pm



Free



Business Meeting and if we have time it's followed by a social with either a game of darts, cards or a chat Colfeian Sports Club, Entrance is Opposite Weigall Road, Horn Park, Eltham Road SE12 8UE. Contact Karen on 020 8699 0929.





# January 2026

TUES  
13

## Music Bingo with Mick and Jacque



Mick and Jacque promise another great night of songs with their music bingo game! This follows the short business meeting. The Montrose Club, 158 Hurst Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 9AJ. Contact Charlie on 020 8306 8846.



FRI  
16

## Two Firsts! Dixie Locke Talk and The Story of Laika - the First Dog in Space Talk



Double Header! Dixie Locke was Elvis Presley's first love. This is a sweet tale of love between a couple of



teenagers with their whole lives in front of them... and how things could have been. Paul Fitton's second presentation tells the story of how a stray dog in Moscow became the first earthling to enter space back in 1957. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.

FRI  
23

## Wallington's Henry Codling



Michelle Andrews tells the story of one of her distant ancestors, Henry Codling. You'll have a glimpse



of his life as a carpenter/joiner on the Wallington Estate, Northumberland in the 19th century. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.

TUES  
27

## Art Unscrewed



At the end of our one hour session, you'll have painted Whisky Sour. Zoom Meeting



ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.

# January 2026

TUES  
27

## Quiz Night at the Montrose

8pm

£ Free



Colin Sharp asks questions of all 'sharps and sizes' at this evening's quiz? This



follows the short business meeting. The Montrose Club, 158 Hurst Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 9AJ. Contact Charlie on 020 8306 8846.

WED  
28

## The London Silver Vaults and a Meal

11am

£ Free, Meal as per menu



A visit to The London Silver Vaults is jaw-dropping! This hidden gem in central London is a centre of excellence and expertise, a magnet for royalty and celebrities. Familiar faces such as Mick Jagger, Princess Margaret, Liberace and Gregory Peck have visited. Don't worry, you don't have to buy! You can just 'windowshop'! Meet outside on Southampton Buildings and enjoy lunch locally afterwards. *Photo by Matt Brown and shown under the Creative Commons Licence 4.0.*

Book by Tuesday 27 January 2026. The London Silver Vaults, 53-64 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1QS. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details).

FRI  
30

## Tour of Trafalgar Square

2pm

£ Free



135 members have already enjoyed our tours of Trafalgar Square. Paul Fitton helps you to explore the history of the vicinity with some secrets and surprises in store, in a virtual tour. Travel back to King Henry VIII's time, learn about Nelson, discovering who was the real hero of Trafalgar and hear about the beautiful buildings surrounding the square in this virtual tour. Zoom Meeting ID: 910 7968 6020 and Passcode 1810. Contact Paul (see page 2 for details) for a direct link.



Photo by George Ciobra

# Forthcoming Event

**Sunday 26 April 2026, 7.30pm**

**The Shoop Shoop Show - The Cher Collection**

**Aldwych Theatre, 49 Aldwych, London WC2B 4DF**

Get ready to experience a Cher show like no other! 'Turn Back Time' with The Shoop Shoop Show - The Cher Collection, an exhilarating music-led production with a party atmosphere is led by international powerhouse vocalist Rachael Hawnt, the winner of ITV's Starstruck.



The show spans every decade of Cher's incredible career so be prepared to be dazzled by disco HITS and pop rock chart-toppers. With incredible custom-made costumes, jaw-dropping production, choreography and a world class live band, The Shoop Shoop Show - The Cher Collection will have you singing and dancing the night away. Save up to 46%. Subject to availability. Contact Paul on 07851 910619, paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk

**Cost: Tickets £12.50 Grand Circle, £20.83 All Areas and £29.17 Dress Circle and Stalls. Please book by Tuesday 21 November 2025.**

**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)

OEW/1024SMALL

# Welcome Amy!

**I have been appointed as the new Social Organiser for Medway and am very much looking forward to meeting you all, existing and future members alike.**

Our first group meeting took place on 12 September at Bredhurst Village Hall and this will be our regular meeting venue. We offered complimentary tea, coffee, biscuits and I even went the extra mile and provided some homemade cake! but most importantly a warm and friendly welcome from myself and members will be on offer at every meeting. Everyone is welcome to join.

So a bit about me - I am a positive, kind and friendly person, I am still very much hungry for life and all it has to offer. I am a mummy to two wonderful boys aged 13 and 8 and we love to travel, explore near and far, play sports, camp, and walk our little dog (a maltichon) named Blue and just spend as much time together as possible. I enjoy my garden and although not at expert level I enjoy the concept that the garden returns as much as it is given,



and I feel this is also true of all things in life be that work, relationships, homelife, health etc. My working life has included many different roles most recently being part of the Almshouse Association which has been a real pleasure to be part of and combined two of my great passions history and people. I feel I have much to offer and much to gain with this role and am very much looking forward to getting started!

## Art Unscrewed

**Our monthly paintalong with Dulcie sees members relax for an hour as they follow her guidance on 'how to' paint each image.**

The sessions, given via Zoom, are suitable for beginners and practised artists. This is Michelle Andrews' pop art style image of Oysters painted at September's Art Unscrewed session. Find out more in the events listings.



# Bob Sinfield Remembers Peter Sellers

**Inspector Clouseau, Major Bloodnok, Dr. Strangelove, even James Bond: these characters and so many others were brought to life by one of film and radio comedy's greatest names, Peter Sellers. Whenever I get the chance to address an Oddfellows gathering on the subject of this extraordinary performer, I jump at it (no mean feat at my age).**

Born 100 years ago to theatrical parents who toured the country as a variety act, young Peter seemed destined to make his mark as a comedian and impersonator. But at that time, the talkies were in their infancy and wireless mirth was strictly rationed by the dour Lord Reith, so it wasn't until the post-war era that he broke into BBC radio by phoning a top Light Entertainment producer and pretending to be Kenneth Horne. His mimicry was so convincing that it led to a glittering - if poorly paid - comedy career in 'steam' broadcasting, notably on the long-running Goon Show.

Cinema success beckoned and in the 1960s, he became an international star, sharing the screen – and romantic scenes – with the likes of Sophia Loren...but he found it hard to distinguish fantasy from reality and went round telling the world that Sophia was in love with him. Nobody believed this, especially not her.

Still, he really did get to play the ultimate ladies' man, 007, in a massively unpopular version of Casino Royale where he refused to appear on the set with Orson Welles despite being in the same scene as him.

Worse disasters were to follow and, by the early '70s, he had a string of box-office flops behind him, plus three broken marriages and a fourth one on the way.



It was then that he decided to make a pirate comedy caper called *Ghost in the Noonday Sun*. His plan was to shoot the picture on a ship off the coast of Cyprus. Fellow Goon Spike Milligan was drafted in to work on the script and a young Hungarian director called Peter Medak tried his best to call the shots and cope with the increasingly erratic behaviour of the star. Everything went wrong from the first day and when completed, it was deemed to be so bad that Columbia Pictures refused to release it.

Some good did come of it, though. While on Cyprus, Sellers made a commercial for Benson & Hedges (you could do that then), wearing a Clouseau-style overcoat. This led to a revival of the bungling French detective so beloved of slapstick fans. Peter Sellers was back on top.

So, a happy ending, then...of sorts. It was short-lived, though, and so was he. Sellers died of a coronary in 1980 at the shockingly early age of 54. I've been a fan of his since childhood and am still an enormous admirer of his outstanding gifts as a character actor...but knowing what I do of how difficult he could be, I'm very glad I never had to make a film with him!



# Grand Master's Celebration

Weekend 19 and 20 September 2025 by Clare Puddefoot



*Paul Calvett's photo shows John Mann (centre) at the Pearly Kings and Pearly Queens Night*

**Following on with tradition, the South London District had the pleasure of hosting the 2025 Grand Master's celebration weekend for our own Brother John Mann, Grand Master of the Order.**

Friday evening was a relaxed affair, with 78 people including Past Grand Masters and their consorts, members of the South London and St Mary Cray & Dartford Districts, who enjoyed a South London themed evening in the Oddfellows Hall, 118 Maidstone Road Footscray.

The evening started with pie, mash and liquor supper, with jellied eels and a range of shell fish available to try. A good old fashioned sing song was hosted by Pearly Kings, Queens, Princes and Princess from across London, followed by a disco. A raffle was held and all proceeds were given to the Pearlies for their charitable work. Saturday evening started with a bus ride on an old Routemaster red bus, from Blackheath to the Riverside rooms inside

County Hall, Westminster, situated on the South Bank.

Members enjoyed a welcome drink in the Knotts library followed by a three course meal with coffee and petite fours, while listening to Ray Lowe, in the elegant Parliament Room overlooking the river Thames. The evening continued with members either enjoying more of Ray Lowe's entertainment in the Westminster Bridge Room or sitting in the library with a night cap, enjoying the view across the Thames of iconic landmarks like the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Bridge and Big Ben that were lit up.

Members were able to take their final photographs of Big Ben and the London Eye which was illuminated pink, before hopping back onto the Routemaster red bus, for the ride that took everyone back to The Clarendon Hotel Blackheath. See the photospread in the centre pages.

# Grand Master of the Order John Mann's Celebrations at County Hall

Photos by Paul Calvett



*Paul Calvett with Jacqui and Colin Worley*



*Nighttime view of the Houses of Parliament from County Hall*



*Mick Coleman and Caroline Meeks*



*Homeward bound on Routemaster Bus*



*Guests at dinner table*



*The 'Clapham' table*



*'We're on the way!'*



# Didn't we have a Lovely Time, the Day we went to...

## Tutankhamun

### Immersive Experience

'Thank you for organising such a wonderful day out. I had a really good time, never having visited an 'immersive exhibition' - and it was well worth the money', reports Nadine Nylander. The experience allows visitors to explore Egyptian civilisation, with a fascinating mix of historical information, original and replica artefacts, and Virtual Reality experiences.



*Photo by Nadine Nylander*

## Thames Riverboat Trip

A wonderful day, with one voyager saying, 'What a great day those who didn't come along missed'. Our Thames Clipper boat took us from Westminster to Putney Pier where we embarked with a choice of exciting adventures. Most visited Fulham Palace with its magnificent botanical gardens and a park café lunch while others opted for a riverside walk past boating houses and pub/restaurant meals. All the members, including a few first timers got on so well with each other that they've already agreed to meet up again at our next central London outing. Everyone returned home with a smile on their face after a lovely day in west London.



*Photo by Paul Fitton*



*Photo of the Botanical Gardens by Paul Fitton*



*Photo of Fulham Palace by  
Loraine Toynton*

surrounding buildings and uncovers the secrets in the nooks and crannies of the square in 45 minutes. Our lunch was in the atmospheric, subterranean and modern Café in St Martin's in the Fields Crypt - a unique dining experience surrounded by history and original brick-vaulted ceilings.

### **Guided Tour of Clapham's Blue Plaques**

A dozen members learned about a dozen famous Clapham people whose former homes display blue plaques during a 1½ mile walk led by Paul Fitton. Perhaps the most poignant was the story behind WWI poet Edward Thomas in Shelgate Road, the writer of Adlestrop, which says so much in its 16 lines. Afterwards, we ate at the London and South western in Clapham Junction.

### **London Treasure Hunt**

Unfortunately, Friendship Month's central London event had to be cancelled because of the transport strike.

### **Tour of Trafalgar Square**

135 members have enjoyed this popular tour in the past ten years. Without leaving the square, Paul Fitton covers the history of the area going back to King Henry VIII's time, the story of Nelson – and the real hero of the Battle of Trafalgar, tells the background to the statues, the



*Over a dozen members enjoyed Trafalgar Square – Photo by Paul Fitton*





## Around the Branches

**Don't forget, you can attend any Oddfellows social activity, not just in London but around the country.**

### Lord Byron

Amy Thomas organised a great launch event at Bredhurst Village Hall in Gillingham. About twenty people attended and seven of these joined on the day. They are all looking forward to regular Friday morning social meet-ups and other activities. You couldn't ask for more.

Branch Trustee Peter Mann introducing prospective new recruits to the benefits of Oddfellows membership at Bredhurst.

Another new social group started this year meeting at Stanstead Lodge in Forest Hill every Thursday afternoon. Branch Secretary Karen Lewis leads the social chat and any other activities. Locally, members enjoyed a stroll in Horniman's Gardens followed by a picnic.

Karen also arranges a monthly Monday evening business meeting at Colfe's sports ground clubhouse in Lee.

So, that's morning, afternoon and evening events for the Branch.



## Flower of Kent

Members enjoy meeting fortnightly at The Montrose Club in Hurst Road, Sidcup. Branch Secretary Charlie Boswell mixes proceedings with musical entertainment from DJ Mick Coleman, including special events such as Music Bingo and 'Desert Island Discs' as well as quiz nights with a rotation of comperes as well as games evenings, curling being the most recent. No! That's not a hairdressing game! Charlie arranges outside activities too, such as an annual golf day, as pictured on previous page.

## Pride of Clapham

Jane Parkin has combined her role of Branch Secretary with Social Organiser. Keeping members up to date on their phones via WhatsApp, she organises regular craft, chatter, chair exercises, yoga, relaxing watercolour therapy, cinema visits, games evenings and lunches, as well as the monthly Branch business meetings. Locally, members have also visited exclusively, the National Trust's 575 Wandsworth Road and toured local Blue Plaques finishing with a meal.



*Photo by Paul Fitton*

Here is Rosana, whose calming relaxation therapy sessions involve watercolour painting, fragrances, poetry and light background music, offering a rare pause in the flow of daily life, inviting you to reflect on where nature and art meet.

## Find out more...

By viewing activities in the events programme and by contacting officials – see page 37.

## Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

Share your news, start a conversation or simply stay up-to-date! If you're on Facebook make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages.

Find us at  OddfellowsUK

# A Christmas Poem For The Little Ones

## The Bairns Or Children

By Jacqueline Ingleby-Douglass, Our Resident Poet

*Mammy... Daddy... Santa's been.  
May we go downstairs?  
We heard the sleigh bells and some noise  
— the scraping back of chairs.*



*He must have found the brandy  
and the sweet mince pies.  
He found the stockings on our bed.  
That man is very wise.*



*Let's hope he's brought my laptop.  
Let's hope he's brought my bike.  
Let's hope he's brought us loads of things,  
The things he knows we'd like.*

*What's that - it's only midnight?  
and Santa hasn't been.  
So back to bed to try to sleep.  
We think that's rather mean.*



# Keep Young and Beautiful

## Part Three© by Paul Fitton

**Last time, we signed off talking about memory. I remember arriving at work 20 years ago and opening my bag to pull out my phone. I was surprised to pull out the television remote control. I spent the rest of the day wondering how my wife was going to watch Bargain Hunt using my mobile phone to turn on the television!**

Well my memory can't be that bad. I remembered that story!

You'd think with all the brain cells that I'm losing so rapidly, my weight would reduce – but no - my weight stays the same.

One thing that I am losing though is height. I've shrunk from 6'2" to 6 feet in the last year. When I was young, my mum used to mark my height with a pen on the door frame as I grew. Now my wife marks the door frame measuring how I shrink! I look like John Wayne riding a horse – without the horse. I'll have to give up driving soon at this rate as my feet won't reach the pedals.



Are you finding bending down difficult? I now have a de minimus rule if I drop any coins. If it's less than £2, I don't bother, knowing that I'd have to try and stand up again afterwards.

Are you looking forward to the new year? Watch out for that awkward moment when you realise that 1972 and 2026 are as far apart as 1972 and 1918. I'll give you a little piece of advice for a longer life at the end of each of this series of articles. Today's tip is keep breathing.

## Used Stamps

**Jane Parkin is collecting used stamps for Many Tears Animal Rescue Charity. She would love to receive your used stamps. Please either hand them to her or send to her at Oddfellows Hall, 27 Belmont Close, Clapham, London SW4 6AY.**



# Letters and Feedback

## Zoom

" I felt Michael Gilbert's presentation about The 1851 Hyde Park Exhibition was knowledgeable and interesting and well worth the 90 minutes of my time. "

Wade Miller-Knight

" I really enjoyed the talk on the Belgian royal family... quite fascinating and how it was told. I am curious about history, royalty stories etc. I am especially pleased that I clicked on the link and zoomed in, no problem! Keep me informed from now on. "

Anon of Mallorca

" Thank you and Rhiannon so much; I thoroughly enjoyed her talk about her journey from Lands End to John O'Groats and look forward to many more. "

Janty Thomas

" Wonderful talk which has totally opened my eyes. I had no idea how magnificent the relocated Crystal Palace was. "

I an Hutt

## Tour of Trafalgar Square

" Paul led a very interesting tour of Trafalgar Square, enlightening us with detailed information on the various monuments and buildings nearby. I would recommend it. "

Loraine Toynton



" Thank you so much for organising and leading the Trafalgar Square tour. Who'd have thought that lions can't sit like that! According to AI Google, the sculptor used his Labrador dog as a model so that must be correct! Loved the old metric measurements - they will be a relic soon - and my favourite fact, George Washington and the USA soil. I'll have to come again when the 4th Plinth is re modelled with another thrilling installation and the fountains are working cooling and soothing us. Thank you Paul for all your hard work. "

Diane Smethurst



## Boat Trip

"The 30 July Boat Trip went very well. It was my first event since joining and felt welcomed by Paul and other members. Thoroughly enjoyed the Boat trip, it was nice seeing the sights along the Thames. Visiting Fulham Palace and Gardens was interesting. An enjoyable day out."

Loralne Toynton



"Thank you for the wonderful boat trip to Putney. I really enjoyed the journey and the great company."

Clare Rublano

"I had a really enjoyable day on the Thames boat trip. There were three of us from St Mary Cray and Dartford, along with members from South and North London Districts. Travelling from Westminster Pier to Putney on one of the Thames Clippers, was a new experience for me. We had time for a snack lunch, and visiting Fulham Palace and the Botanic Gardens, before our return to Westminster. Looking forward to the next Oddfellows outing!"

Sue Potts

## Out and About

"I've just read your Out & About magazine from cover to cover. It's about 4x thicker than we ever got from my own District. That only had the diary - no news or interesting articles. Regarding the presentations, my mother remembered when the Crystal Palace caught fire!"

Anon of another District

"I have just received the latest magazine - and am very impressed with it. The presentation and the content are excellent. Also, somehow you consistently find interesting topics for your excellent Friday talks. You sure congratulated on the quality and content you always provide. Very well done."

I an Hutt

"What an excellent magazine the August to October edition is! It must have taken a lot of work to put it all together."

Anon of Clapham

# Linda Regan

**Someone once said that we learn something new every day. I don't know who said it, but I feel sure that is something I will learn on another day.**



What I really want to tell you about, is, what I learned today.

I had a hospital appointment, and after giving in my name at reception, I was told to sit in the waiting area, which was situated in between three wards. This I did. However, as I delved into my bag to get out my book to read while waiting to be called, my attention was drawn to a hospital cleaner in in the aisle with a dustbin and brush. He was tutting and rattling the scooper loudly as he tried to sweep something up. And to my horror, I saw it was a rather large and lively Daddy Longlegs spider who was fighting like mad to avoid the degradation of the prickly broom.

‘No, stop,’ I cried loudly, making every head in the waiting area turn in my direction. ‘Please. You might hurt him.’

You may know by now I am very animal orientated and don't believe we have the right to harm anyone from the animal kingdom.

‘It's a spider,’ the cleaner told me. ‘They are ghastly. They frighten everyone. I need to get rid of it.’

‘No, please. You might break one of its legs if you brush too harshly. I'll pick it up and I'll take it outside.’

As I bent down to retrieve the poor creature, which was attempting to run for its life as I'm sure it was petrified, I caught it in my tissue and assured it all was well, that it was safe and I would find it some nice greenery and earth outside where it could scamper about and be safe. At the exact moment out came my doctor to call me in for my appointment. ‘Can you just give me a moment,’ I asked him as the spider wriggled around trying to free itself from the tissue I had placed around it. ‘There's a spider here and rather than get swept up, I'll just take it outside.’

The doctor smiled. ‘We get a lot of those in here at this time of the year,’ he told me. ‘It's because its warm in here and it's the time of the year when they lay their eggs.’

‘Oh,’ I said. ‘Now I have learned something’

‘You didn't know it was the time of the year that spiders mate?’ He shrugged. ‘Well why would you.’

‘No, I didn't,’ I told him. ‘And I didn't know they laid eggs either, so that's something else I've learned.’ I glanced down at the spider and then looked up and jerked my head to the signs on the wall. ‘But actually, I've learned three things.’ I pointed to the sign on the wall that said,

“Straight ahead for the **Maternity Ward**”.  
‘I didn’t know spiders could read, either.’

That seemed to amuse him. Then I  
thought again, ‘No, four things,’ I added,

looking down at the leggy creature now  
curled into a ball in my tissue.

‘In that case this little lady must be a SHE,  
so why is SHE called a **Daddy** Longlegs?’

## Oddfellows Memorabilia

by Paul Fitton

Continuing our look at Oddfellows Memorabilia, here are two rare Oddfellows jewels. They commemorate the centenary of the Oddfellows in 1910.

The first was engraved and presented to ‘A F Oberall PPGM Jan 1911’. The front of the jewel bears the words. ‘Manchester Unity 1810 CY 1910 IOOF with the title bar, ‘1810 MUIOOF 1910’.

The second medal was produced in 1910 to recognise 100 years of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. It is of silver-gilt and enamel and was made by Spencer of London and has a Birmingham hallmark for 1910.

The Oddfellows 1910 Annual Movable Conference was held in Southampton and presided by Grand Master Edward Bourne.



## Booking and Cancellations

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

# 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 Clare on **020 7735 2770** or email **clare.puddefoot@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)  
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!**

# Branch Contacts and Meetings

## District Meetings

**District Secretary:** Clare Puddefoot

**Address:** South London District,  
Oddfellows, 240 Clapham Road,  
London SW9 0PZ

**Telephone:** 01322 665496

**Email:** clare.puddefoot@oddfellows.co.uk

District Committee Meetings take place monthly. Biannual District Meetings are held for Branch Deputies.

### District Event Organiser and

**Magazine Editor:** Paul Fitton

**Address:** 15 Moat Close, Orpington,  
Kent BR6 6ET

**Telephone:** 07851 910619

**Email:** paul.fitton@oddfellows.co.uk

### Branch Meetings

All members and prospective members are invited to attend Branch business meetings. These start at 8pm and are followed by social events by 9pm with refreshments and a chance to socialise.

## Lord Byron Branch

**Secretary:** Karen Lewis

**Secretary and Social and  
Development Officer:**

55 Kilmore Road,  
Forest Hill, London SE23 2SS

**Telephone:** 020 8699 0929

**Email:** karen.lewis@oddfellows.co.uk

**Meeting address:**

Colfeian Sports Club, Horn Park,  
Eltham Road, London SE12 8UE

**Meeting dates:**

Mondays 10 November, 8 December  
2025 and 12 January 2026

**Social address:** Stanstead Lodge,  
260 Stanstead Road, Forest Hill,  
London SE23 1DD

**Social and Development  
Officer for Medway:**

Amy Thomas

**Email:** amy.thomas@oddfellows.co.uk

**Telephone:** 07359 997795

**Social address:**

Bredhurst Hall, Hurstwood Rd,  
Bredhurst, Gillingham, Kent ME7 3JZ

## Pride of Clapham Branch

**Secretary:** Jane Parkin

Correspondence Address: 18

Glendale, Swanley, Kent BR8 8TB

**Telephone:** 07791 942969

**Email:** jane.parkin@oddfellows.co.uk

**Meeting/Social address:** Odd

Fellows Hall, 27 Belmont Close,  
Clapham, London SW4 6AY

**Meeting dates:** Thursdays 20  
November, 18 December 2025 and  
15 January 2026

## Flower of Kent Branch

**Secretary:** Charlie Boswell

Correspondence Address:

12 Garden Avenue, Bexleyheath,  
Kent DA7 4LF

**Telephone:** 020 8306 8846

**Email:** charlie.boswell@oddfellows.co.uk

**Meeting/Social address:**

The Montrose Club, 158 Hurst Road,  
Sidcup, Kent DA15 9AJ.

**Meeting dates:**

Tuesdays 4 and 18 November and  
2 December 2025 and 13 and 27  
January 2026

# At a glance

## Weekly Events

Every Tuesday	Knit, Natter and Craft Group (Clapham)	2.30pm
Every Tuesday	Chair Exercise (Clapham)	5.30pm
Every Tuesday	Yoga for all levels (Clapham)	6.30pm
Every Thursday	Thursday Friends (Clapham)	8pm
Every Thursday	Coffee and a Chat (Forest Hill)	2pm

## November 2025

<b>Tues 4</b>	Family History Help and Tutorial	2pm
<b>Tues 4</b>	Quiz Night and District Officers' Visit	8pm
<b>Thurs 6</b>	Water Colour Therapy at Clapham	2.30pm
<b>Fri 7</b>	Songs From Stage and Screen	1.15pm
<b>Fri 7</b>	Transported to Australia Talk and Rhiannon Rees' Moonlight Walk Talk	2pm
<b>Tues 11</b>	Art Unscrewed	4pm
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Strolling through Korean Gardens and a Meal at Little Korea	11am
<b>Thurs 13</b>	Cinema Club Clapham	1.30pm
<b>Fri 14</b>	Coffee and Company	10am
<b>Fri 14</b>	Early Explorers in Australia	2pm
<b>Tues 18</b>	Quiz Night	8pm
<b>Thurs 20</b>	Water Colour Therapy at Clapham	2.30pm
<b>Fri 21</b>	Coffee and Company	10am
<b>Fri 21</b>	Double Bill: The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and The World's Shortest Ever War	2pm
<b>Mon 24</b>	Navigating the Care Conundrum	8pm
<b>Thurs 27</b>	Cinema Club Clapham	1.30pm
<b>Fri 28</b>	The Perfect Playground	2pm



# At a glance

## December

<b>Tues 2</b>	Family History Help and Tutorial	2pm
<b>Tues 2</b>	Quiz Night	8pm
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Water Colour Therapy at Clapham	2.30pm
<b>Fri 5</b>	Marriage Through The Ages	2pm
<b>Mon 8</b>	Railway 200 Exhibition	1.15pm
<b>Mon 8</b>	Business Meeting followed by Christmas Social	8pm
<b>Thurs 11</b>	Cinema Club Clapham	1.30pm
<b>Thurs 11</b>	The Perfect Playground	2pm
<b>Fri 12</b>	Coffee and Company	10am
<b>Fri 12</b>	Greenwich Park - The Queen's Favourite	2pm
<b>Fri 12</b>	Live Music from Cover2Cover	7.15pm
<b>Tues 16</b>	Art Unscrewed	4pm
<b>Tues 16</b>	Christmas Social and Quiz	8pm
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Water Colour Therapy at Clapham	4.30pm
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Enjoy a Christmas Dinner in Bredhurst	1pm
<b>Fri 19</b>	Coffee and Company	10am
<b>Fri 19</b>	Railway 200 Exhibition	12.30pm
<b>Fri 19</b>	It's Chrissmaaasss! Online Christmas Party!	2pm

## January 2026

<b>Tues 6</b>	Family History Help and Tutorial: My Family and other Famous People and how to find out more	2pm
<b>Thurs 8</b>	Cinema Club Clapham	1.30pm
<b>Fri 9</b>	Coffee and Company	10am
<b>Fri 9</b>	The Life of a Cotton Mill Worker	2pm
<b>Mon 12</b>	Business Meeting	8pm
<b>Tues 13</b>	Music Bingo with Mick and Jacquie	8pm
<b>Thurs 15</b>	Water Colour Therapy at Clapham	3.30pm
<b>Fri 16</b>	Two Firsts! Dixie Locke Talk and The Story of Laika - the First Dog in Space Talk	2pm

# At a glance

## January 2026

<b>Thurs 22</b>	Cinema Club Clapham	1.30pm
<b>Fri 23</b>	Coffee and Company	10am
<b>Fri 23</b>	Wallington's Henry Codling	2pm
<b>Tues 27</b>	Art Unscrewed	4pm
<b>Tues 27</b>	Quiz Night at the Montrose	8pm
<b>Wed 28</b>	The London Silver Vaults and a Meal	11am
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Water Colour Therapy at Clapham	2.30pm
<b>Fri 30</b>	Tour of Trafalgar Square	2pm

## Oddfellows Extra

– big brand offers and savings

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

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

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

### Access Oddfellows Extra

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



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

Oddfellows Extra is operated on behalf of Oddfellows by Parliament Hill Ltd who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority for under register number 308448.

OEA50723

The Oddfellows is the trading name of The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Manchester Unity Friendly Society Limited, incorporated and registered in England and Wales No. 223F.  
Registered Office: Oddfellows House, 184–186 Deansgate, Manchester M3 3WB