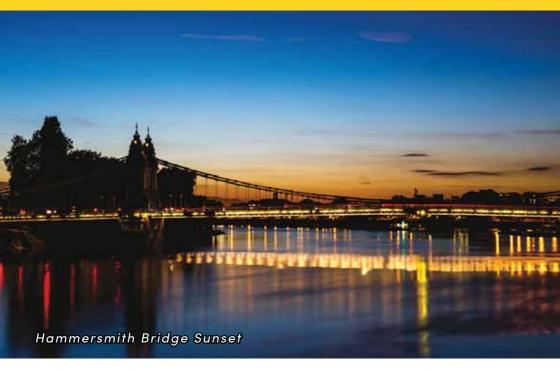


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Day Trip/ Travel











Coffee Morning



Dining Out

Welcome to our latest events diary

The weather may be getting colder but you are guaranteed a warm welcome at all our events. We have been very busy over the summer months and have welcomed many new members. You can see some pictures later in this diary.

The art class continues to go from strength to strength, it is held every Thursday starting at the new time of 10.30am.

We have some great events and trips coming up but please do remember that the diary is prepared well in advance and it could be possible that events have to be altered. We do also add new events so please check the website www.oddfellows. co.uk/events/ or our Facebook page, West London Oddfellows, for up to date information. If you would like to receive updates by email (or have a hard copy posted to you) please let me know so that I can add you to the list.

Please note that many events sell out well before the booking deadline. We do operate a waiting list for events that sell out so even if the booking deadline has passed it is worth asking if there is something that you are interested in. We require a deposit at the time of booking with the balance being due at least



We hope to see you at our events!

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two weeks before the event. We can accept cash, cheques and bank transfers. At present we can only take card payments in person at 186 Hammersmith Road. If you are unable to attend an event and we are able to resell the place we will of course give you a full refund.

There are still many virtual events run by different Oddfellows branches throughout the country, taking place on Zoom and Facebook each week. Again up to date information can be found on the website. If you would like to receive the list by email each fortnight please let me know.

If you have any ideas or would like something included in our next diary please let me know. I can be contacted on the office number 020 8741 5297 on Thursdays from 10am – 3pm or Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm on 07421140970. Alternatively email me rosalind.earp@oddfellows.co.uk.

I hope to see you at an event soon.

www.oddfellows.co.uk

Best wishes, Rosalind



or to book on **07951 546958**

November 2023



Monthly Meal at Caraffini







Each month we will be having a meal in a different area of our district and trying a different cuisine. This month



we will be going Italian at Caraffini in Chelsea. Caraffini opened in 1994, at the accomplished hands of Paolo Caraffini and Frank di Rienzo. With over 60 years of combined restaurant experience, Caraffini quickly became an icon on Chelsea's Italian restaurant scene. Family is at the heart of the business. Today, the restaurant continues to be overseen by Paolo, accompanied by his daughter, Francesca, and Frank's son, Matthew. Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited places for this event and early booking is advised by Friday 27 October 2023. Caraffini, 61-63 Lower Sloane Street, Chelsea SW1W 8DH. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



Social and Games **Afternoon**







Join us for an afternoon of games, bingo or a guiz and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.





The Royal Albert Hall Afternoon Coffee Club



Members £5,



Aimed at an older audience, moving about, dancing and singing are all welcome, as is simply sitting and listening. For this performance British Baritone Maciek O'Shea will perform a varied repertoire of popular opera, singalong classics and songs from the stage and screen. Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited tickets for this event and early booking is advised. Extra money collected from guest tickets will be donated to the Royal Albert Hall. Book by Wednesday 1 November 2023. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, Kensington, London SW7 2AP. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

November



Chocolate Making Workshop



Members £40,



A fantastic introduction to the art of chocolate making. A deliciously fun treat, packed with decadent truffle making, demonstrations and of course lots of mouth watering chocolate! Not only will you be feasting on chocolate throughout the session but you will also leave laden with your very own handmade creations. Optional lunch prior to the event. Please note booking deadline is a guideline, as there are limited tickets for this event and early booking is advised by Thursday 16 November 2023. 22 Waterson Street London, London E2 8HL. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



Booking and cancellations

Please remember the importance of early booking for all events to avoid disappointment or cancellation due to lack of support. Please note that a place is not guaranteed at any event until full payment has been received.



A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Old Bailey









Back by popular demand! We welcome Chris Truran back to talk to us about the stupid things that criminals do to get themselves arrested. It is unbelievable how stupid criminals can be. While fingerprints and forensics capture many, there are plenty of times when they have brought about their own downfall. Very much a light hearted look at the world of the stupid criminal. Chris ioined the Metropolitan Police in 1975. He trained as a scene of crime officer and worked in central, north and north west London. During his 38½ years he examined over 25.000 crime scenes ranging from shoplifting to murder. Light refreshments will be available. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DI. Contact Rosalind on 07421140970.

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

November



Glow at Wisley - Winter Illuminations by Coach







Wisley Glow 2023. See the garden in breathtaking beauty as amazing illuminations light your way on a



wonder-filled journey. Wander the enchanting route around the garden and see some of Wisley's iconic sights in a new and dazzling light. The Glasshouse will be filled with light and fun with a Christmas beach theme, and outside, the Glasshouse Lake will sparkle with disco balls. Rock Garden and Oakwood will be all aglow, while the Alpine Meadow becomes a 'field of fire'. Enjoy the Wisteria Walk lit in a haze of purple, before the grand finale of fire and water at the Laboratory. Please note, some installations contain flashing lights and special effects. Two mobility scooters are available, free hire, deposit required. Some wheelchairs are also available. Two (£35.50) or Three (£40) course festive meal available - booking for the meal essential by Wednesday 1 November 2023. The coach will depart Hammersmith at 2.30pm. Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited tickets for this trip and early booking is advised. RHS Garden Wisley, Woking GU23 6QB. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

December



Christmas Party Silent Disco Walking Tour



6.30pm (£) Members £20, Guests £29, Concessions £26





It's the number one walking tour in the capital! An all singing, all dancing, immersive, liberating experience. Join us on this fun-packed tour around some of London's iconic Christmas lights and sights and listen (via silent disco headsets) to a specially selected playlist of some of our most popular smash hits, Christmas classics and of course their unrivaled hilarious commentary - all guaranteed to help you get in the festive spirit. Event starts near Marble Arch Station at 6.30pm and ends at the same location. Optional dinner. Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited tickets for this event and early booking is advised. Book by Friday 24 November 2023. The City of Quebec Pub, 12 Old Quebec Street, Marylebone W1H 7AF. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

December



Social and Games Afternoon







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





Peter Pan Goes Wrong



7.30pm



£) Members £35, Guests £50



From the creators of The Play That Goes Wrong. The members of the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society have set their sights on a brand new show for the whole family, and they hope it's going to be better than their last production. But with flying mishaps, technical



errors and far too many squabbling castmates, will they get to Neverland in one piece? Peter Pan Goes Wrong in the West End promises all the chaotic humour and pitch-perfect comic timing that Olivier award-winning theatre company Mischief Theatre are known and loved for, with extra crocodiles, fairies and festive fun. Optional early dinner. Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited tickets for this event and early booking is advised. Book by Tuesday 21 November 2023. Lyric Theatre London, 29 Shaftesbury Avenue W1D 7ES. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

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

December



Christmas Lunch







The Royal Albert Hall Afternoon Coffee Club









Blanc, Goldhurst House, Parr's Way,

Fulham W6 9AN, Contact Rosalind on





The Royal Albert Halls' Afternoon Coffee Club is a series of relaxed live music performances ranging from smooth jazz to classical, in the comfortable surroundings of the Elgar Room. Aimed at an older audience. moving about, dancing and singing are all welcome, as is simply sitting and listening. Artiste(s) TBA. Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited tickets for this event and early booking is advised. Extra money collected from quest tickets will be donated to the Royal Albert Hall. Book by Friday 1 December 2023. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, Kensington, London SW7 2AP. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970

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. We welcome everyone of all ages. To find out more visit www.oddfellows.co.uk or call 0800 028 1810.

December



Winchester Christmas Market by Coach







Winchester is known as Englands Christmas Capital, the Christmas Market is a great place to find unusual gifts and decors. Boasting over 110 handpicked stalls and with its festive atmosphere, the market definitely gets you into the holiday spirit. Coach



departs Hammersmith at 11.30am and departs Winchester at 6pm. Please not the booking deadline is for guidance, please book early to avoid disappointment. Entry to the market is free. Entry to the Cathedral is £12.50 for adults £10 concessions. Book by Tuesday 12 December 2023. Winchester Cathedral, Winchester SO23 9LS. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



A History of Christmas



£ Free



Royal Albert Hall Friendship Matinee of Carols







Join us for a pictorial look at Christmas through the years with readings and songs by Nick Dobson. If you have been good this year light refreshments will be served! Donations welcome. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



Join us this Christmas for a Friendship Matinee of Carols at the Royal Albert Hall. Featuring a delightful programme of timeless classics and contemporary carols that will undoubtedly get you in the festive spirit! Price of tickets includes a donation to the Royal Albert Hall. Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited tickets for this event and early booking is advised by Friday 15 December 2023. Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, Kensington, London SW7 2AP. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

January 2024



Monthly Meal at Los Molinos





Cost of your travel, food and drinks



Each month we will be having a meal in a different area of our district and trying a different cuisine. This month we are off to sample Spanish fare at Los Molinos. Los Molinos is a family-run Spanish restaurant located in the heart of Brook Green, serving authentic Spanish cuisine since 1991. The menu is inspired by the traditional dishes of Spain and features a variety of tapas,



paellas and main courses, all made with the freshest ingredients. Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited tickets for this event and early booking is advised by Wednesday 3 January 2024. Los Molinos, 127 Shepherds Bush Road, Brook Green W6 7LP. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



Drag Bingo!







CellarDoor is an intimate cocktail bar beneath the Aldwych. Imagine 30s Berlin meets New York basement dive. In homage to its previous incarnation as the 'most infamous gents in Theatreland',



once the reputed haunt of Wilde, Orton, and Gielgud. The bar still boasts the 'sexiest toilets in London'. Please note the venue expects you to purchase at least two drinks. Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited tickets for this event and early booking is advised by Friday 5 January 2024. CellarDoor Zero Aldwych, London, Outside the Lyceum Theatre on Wellington Street, Aldwych WC2R OHS. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

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

January 2024



Social and Games **Afternoon**







loin us for an afternoon of games, bingo or a quiz and socialising. Light refreshments will be served. Donations are welcome. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970



February



Lasting Power of Attorney made simple







We will be joined by a representative from LPA Made Simple to give us more information about Lasting Powers of Attorney and the services they can offer. They have over 12 years experience helping people understand and acquire this essential protection. They guide each person through all



options to ensure that they have the best solution to match their particular circumstances. Light refreshments will be available. If anyone wishes to discuses LPA made simple's services prior to the talk their direct line is 0845 057 3286 and website www.lpamadesimple.co.uk which contains full information. Alternatively call Jackie Lucas directly on 01277 364043. Oddfellows Lodge, 186 Hammersmith Road, Hammersmith, London W6 7DJ. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

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

February



Argylle at Vue Cinema



£

Cost of your ticket, food and drinks



The world's greatest spy gets caught up in a globe-trotting adventure. Starring Bryce Dallas Howard, John Cena, Sam Rockwell, Catherine O'Hara, Jason Fuchs, Dua Lipa, Ellie Conway, Henry Cavill, Samuel L. Jackson, Bryan Cranston. Directed by Matthew Vaughn. Time to be confirmed – afternoon or early evening. Optional lunch or dinner. Book by Thursday 8 February 2024. Vue Fulham Broadway, Fulham Broadway Retail Centre SW6 1BW. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



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Museum of the Home

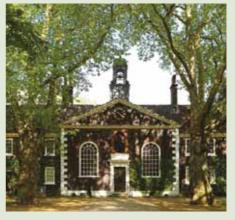




Members £5,



The museum is in 18th-century Grade I listed former almshouses. The museum explores home and home life from 1600 to the present day with galleries which ask questions about 'home', present diverse lived experiences, and examine the psychological and emotional relationships people have



with the idea of 'home' alongside a series of period room displays. In 2023, Vogue described the Museum as having 'an irresistible mix of nostalgia, set design and social history'. All money collected for this event will be donated to the museum. Book by Friday 9 February 2024. Museum of the Home, 136 Kingsland Road E2 8EA. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.

February



Social and Games Afternoon







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





Monthly Meal at Côte Kensington





Cost of your travel, food and drinks



Each month we will be having a meal in a different area of our district and trying a different cuisine. This month we will visiting Côte in Kensington, a modern, French brasserie chain, serving regional specialties and traditional classics. Please note booking deadline is a guideline, there are limited places for this event and early booking is advised by Friday 23 February 2024. Côte Kensington, 47 Kensington Court W8 5DA. Contact Rosalind on 07421 140970.



Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

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

Find us at:



OddfellowsUK

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

We have had a busy few months



We spent a very enjoyable afternoon having a guided tour of Syon House



We had a lovely Sunday Lunch overlooking the River Thames in Barnes



Disco walking tour

with outings, activities and talks



Disco walking tour



The Royal Osteoporosis Society



Warners on Hayling Island

We have had a busy few months



We had a great time in Worthing



Dinner and Dancing at Sarastro in Covent Garden



Dinner and Dancing at Sarastro in Covent Garden

with outings, activities and talks



We had a lovely Afternoon Tea at The Bedford Hotel in Bloomsbury



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Assistance at events

Please be aware that we do not provide staff to give assistance to individuals at any events, including but not limited to, pushing wheelchairs, providing physical support or to provide individual attention for any personal needs. If you need any such assistance, in the interest of your own safety we cannot accept your attendance unless it includes a companion or carer to accompany you. If a carer's rate is available it will be passed on to you. Thank you for your understanding.

Interested in volunteering?

Helping others is at the heart of being an Oddfellow and that's exactly what our wonderful volunteers do. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

You can help us by:

- Welcoming members, guests and speakers at events
- · Helping prepare refreshments
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender.

To find out more, contact Rosalind on **07421 140970** rosalind.earp@oddfellows.co.uk.

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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

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Society News

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Meet the Grand Master

Vale of York
Oddfellows' Barbara
Needham was
officially welcomed
as the Society's
Grand Master
(Chairman) during



the annual conference in May, a position she'll hold for two years.

The oldest of five in a close family, at weekends they would often travel around Yorkshire and go camping. It was during these trips she met Peter, a member of the Oddfellows since birth who would go on to become Grand Master himself.

Barbara joined the Oddfellows' Good Samaritan Lodge in Goole when she married Peter in 1973. "It was all arranged within four weeks," she said. "Nothing like the expensive events that happen today!

"I borrowed my sister-in-law's wedding dress. Peter got a new suit. We catered ourselves in the local village hall. I think the wedding cost us £14, which is all you had to pay for the licence, and then we went away camping for our honeymoon."

Barbara and Peter would later welcome daughter Claire into the world, herself an Oddfellow, who would go on to a have a successful accountancy career.

Barbara's career was in primary education, most notably a 30-year stint at a school

in Broughton where she ultimately became Head Teacher.

"It was something that I'd always wanted to do ever since I went to school. I never wanted to do anything else," Barbara said.

Despite representing the Society in a variety of roles, Barbara says that never in her wildest dreams did she anticipate becoming Grand Master.

"It's a great honour because you're just a custodian," she said. "Although you wear the chain and you're the figurehead, that's not what makes you an Oddfellow. What makes you an Oddfellow is what's in your heart."

"I just want to do my best, because the ethos of Oddfellows is what we should all live by. The whole world would be a better place if people looked after each other."

Find out all the ways you can get involved in the Society by visiting www.oddfellows.co.uk/society-involvement



Barbara Needham (middle right) with daughter Claire (left), husband Peter (middle left) and sister Vivienne (right).

Society News Issue 23

Thanks for filling your September with friendship!

Jane Nelson, the Oddfellows' CEO, has reflected on another successful Friendship Month:

"Wow, what a brilliant Friendship Month we had! All our Branches have worked extremely hard to make each and every one of near 250 special taster events a great success.

"Be it coffee mornings, music events, walks, meals or games, we've loved seeing

the happy, smiling faces of people enjoying the benefits of friendship.

"To everybody who attended, hosted or volunteered at our Branches' Friendship Month events this year, I'd like to say a big THANK YOU! It's your hard work that ensures our continued success."

Take a look at some of the fun that's been had by some of our Branches!



Brighton and Sussex members enjoying a coffee morning.



A friendly game of badminton in Mid-Surrey.



Mitcham, Reigate and Crawley friends keeping cool from the sunshine.

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Delicious pancakes at a Handforth and Altrincham event.





Relishing friendship and fresh air on a walk in Nottingham Trent.

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Help with Lasting Power of Attorneys

Arranging a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) can seem daunting, so our Head of Care and Welfare, John Aitken (pictured



right), has answered some frequently asked questions about them.

What is an LPA?

There are two types and you can do one or both:

A property and financial affairs LPA covers decisions about money matters, for example buying and selling property, dealing with bills and running bank accounts. You can start using this at any time.

A health and welfare LPA covers decisions about health and care matters including medical treatment, where someone should live and who they should have contact with. This can only be used once the person has lost capacity.

What is 'losing capacity'?

This means no longer having the understanding or mental faculties to make decisions. Once someone loses capacity it is too late to set up a Power of Attorney. If this were to happen, family members would need to apply to the Court of Protection to take control of their assets and finances, which can be a lengthy and costly process.

How do LPAs work?

The person making the application is the 'donor' and can give power to an 'attorney' to make decisions and take actions on their behalf.

The donor can choose multiple attorneys and specify which decisions they can make. If there is more than one attorney, the donor can specify whether they can act alone or must make decisions together.

The LPA must be signed either by a solicitor or someone else of the donor's choosing to certify the LPA and confirm that they understand and have not been pressured into it.

Family members can't do an LPA for someone. Like a will, people must do it for themselves with no coercion.

How much does it cost?

It costs £82 to register each type of LPA (so £164 in total) with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG). People on meanstested benefits or a low income can get an exemption or reduction of this fee. If you choose to use a solicitor, their costs will need to be added.

For more advice on LPAs, including how to make an application and links to relevant websites, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/news/helpwith-lasting-power-of-attorneys





None of us know what is around the corner...

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence on **020 8741 5297.**

Oddfellows Advice Line Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number) Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm **Email:** oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



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

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Care and Welfare Helpline Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number) Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

Run by the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department, you can access information and guidance on issues such as accessing health and care services, supported housing, support for carers, and planning for later life. The helpline will try and identify any Oddfellows benefits or services in the community which may be of help to you.

Events at a glance

In addition to our regular events, we are holding the Weekly Watercolour Art Class every Thursday at 10.30am, please see page 3 for full details.

November 2023

Sat 4	Monthly Meal at Caraffini	7pm
Tues 7	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Wed 8	The Royal Albert Hall Afternoon Coffee Club	1.30pm
Sun 19	Chocolate Making Workshop	3pm
Tues 21	A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Old Bailey	2pm
Sun 26	Glow at Wisley - Winter Illuminations by Coach	4pm

December

Fri 1	Christmas Party Silent Disco Walking Tour	6.30pm
Tues 5	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Wed 6	Peter Pan Goes Wrong	7.30pm
Fri 8	Christmas Lunch	1pm
Wed 13	The Royal Albert Hall Afternoon Coffee Club	1.30pm
Thurs 14	Winchester Christmas Market by Coach	11.30am
Tues 19	A History of Christmas	2pm
Thurs 21	Royal Albert Hall Friendship Matinee of Carols	11am

January 2024

Fri 5	Monthly Meal at Los Molinos	6pm
Sat 13	Drag Bingo!	2pm
Tues 16	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm

February

Tues 6	Lasting Power of Attorney made simple	2pm
Sun 11	Argylle at Vue Cinema	TBC
Fri 16	Museum of the Home	10am
Tues 20	Social and Games Afternoon	2pm
Wed 28	Monthly Meal at Côte Kensington	1pm