

March - August 2026



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# out & about

St Marnock District – Covering East and West of Scotland Branches



Queen's View, Pitlochry  
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Edinburgh Gin Distillery  
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Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



*Bo'ness Steam Train with  
Afternoon Tea - Tuesday 16 June*

**Welcome to the Spring/  
Summer edition of Out & About,  
incorporating our newsletter  
covering the events of the last 6  
months.**

We visited the theatre, a castle, a museum and an exhibition, to name a few of our recent events. All were very enjoyable, giving members and friends the opportunity to visit places that they may not have gone to on their own.

Our Christmas lunches in both Glasgow and Edinburgh were excellent. One of our members, Maureen Brown, kindly collected for the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity at the Glasgow lunch. In addition to the donations on the day, further donations from two of our members raised the total to £200! Thank you to all who donated. As always, this money will be put to good use, helping the children who are in hospital and their siblings. Whether the event is in the East of West of Scotland, everyone is welcome to come along.

## **A bit about us...**

The Oddfellows is a not-for-profit friendly society that's been around for over 200 years. Our aim is to bring people together through our social events, as well as support our members with a range of benefits and services. The Society is run by our members for the members. For more information visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

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### **Branch Address:**

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I hope there is an event for you to enjoy over the coming months.

August has been kept free for our annual holiday – in the past few years we have visited Dublin, Belfast, The Cotswolds and Liverpool and we are currently looking at options for this year, including Wales, The Lake District, York, Durham and North Scotland.

I look forward to seeing you at our Coffee with Friends and events over the coming months.

**Christine, Social Organiser**

## Books with Friends

If you would like to join our friendly book group, please let me know and I will supply the relevant details. We all love a book recommendation so come along and share your favourite books within a friendly group of like-minded reading enthusiasts.

Thank you to our Member Irene Lavery who organises this event.



## Coffee with Friends

We have regular 'Coffee with Friends' events in the West and East.

All dates are incorporated in the 'Events at a Glance' section.

Coffee with Friends is an informal event where we meet for coffee, chat and an update on forthcoming outings. There is no need to book for these events. If you know someone who would benefit from membership of the Oddfellows, please feel free to bring them along for a coffee all are welcome.

**Christine**  
Social Organiser

## Colour Key

● East of Scotland

● West of Scotland

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# Regular Coffee Morning

## East of Scotland



11.30am



Free



**Second Tuesday  
of the month**

Come along and join our friendly group for our monthly 'Coffee with Friends' in Edinburgh. Enjoy a coffee and chat and make some new friends - everyone is welcome! You can also learn about our monthly events, such as meals, visits to museums, theatres and much more. We even have an annual holiday!



Why not bring a friend along too? The more, the merrier. Our 'Coffee with Friends' is held in Le Monde at 11.30am We hope to meet you soon for a coffee and chat. Le Monde, 16 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2PF. Contact Christine on 07389 826328.

**10 March 14 April 12 May 9 June 14 July 11 August**

## West of Scotland



10.30am



Free



**Last Monday  
of the month**

Come along and join our friendly group for our monthly 'Coffee with Friends' in Glasgow. Enjoy a coffee and chat and make some new friends - everyone is welcome! You can also learn about our monthly events, such as meals, visits to museums, theatres and much more. We even have an annual holiday!



Why not bring a friend along too? The more, the merrier. Our 'Coffee with Friends' is held in the café/Bar in Glasgow Royal Concert Hall (opposite Buchanan Street Bus Station) at 10.30am on the last Monday of the month (please note the coffee event will be held on the Tuesday morning following Bank Holiday Mondays in May and September). We hope to meet you soon for a coffee and chat. Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, 2 Killermont Street, Glasgow G2 3NW. Contact Christine on 07389 826328.

**30 March 27 April Tuesday 26 May 29 June 27 July 31 August**

# March 2026

WED  
11

## Vintage Bus Tour with Afternoon Tea - Edinburgh



12 noon



£44.50



The friendly team will welcome you aboard and guide you to your table. Slide into your seat and delight upon your afternoon tea stand loaded with delicious sweet and savoury treats. Enjoy all the classics, including home baked scones with fresh whipped cream and jam, sandwiches, mini bread rolls or wraps, mini quiche, petit fours and mouth watering cakes. All washed down with a glass of fizz and fresh, tea or coffee.

Eat and drink at your pleasure as the vintage red bus takes you on a wonderful journey of discovery through the city. Book by Monday 2 March. STAND ZE, Waterloo Place, Edinburgh EH1 3EG. Contact Christine on 07389 826328.

WED  
25

## Sharmanka Kinetic Theatre



3.30pm



£14



Sharmanka is one of the most popular and unique attractions in Glasgow. It has been entertaining and enthralling audiences for over three decades since its original opening in 1989. Sharmanka was founded by sculptor-mechanic Eduard Bersudsky and theatre director Tatyana Jakovskaya in St Petersburg (Russia) and moved to Scotland in mid-90s. With an extensive record of national and international tours and exhibitions, audiences in many countries have been fascinated by Sharmanka's magic.

Its dynamic shows are layered with cross-cultural stories, full of multi-sensory experiences and loved across all generations. Eduard Bersudsky is the leading artist and co-creator of the Millennium Clock Tower at the National Museum of Scotland (Edinburgh) and a recipient of the Creative Scotland award in 2005. Book by Monday 2 March. Sharmanka Kinetic Theatre, Trongate 103, Glasgow G1 5HD. Contact Christine on 07389 826328.

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# April

## WED 22 The Edinburgh Gin Distillery at The Arches



Winner of Gin Distillery of the Year, we will join a guided tour and tasting that celebrates flavour and craft. Learn about the stories, stills and botanicals behind the Edinburgh gin experience. The tour lasts 65 minutes. Book by Wednesday 8 April. Arch 16, The Arches, East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8FS. Contact Christine on 07389 826328.



## WED 29 Luss Distillery Tour



Nestled in one of Scotland's most picturesque villages, on the shores of Loch Lomond, Luss Distillery is the proud home of Ben Lomond Scottish Gin. The dedicated visitor centre, gin distillery, shop and café beckons adventurous spirits to embark on a unique gin journey.

We can then take a self-guided tour of the Discovery Centre or browse the exclusive selection of gin gifts. Whether you're a seasoned gin explorer, or simply passing through and feeling curious, there's something here for everyone. Following the tour, we will have a light lunch in the café/bar, Scoff and Patter. Cost: £15 (subsidised private coach from Glasgow from Glasgow - £10). Lunch - £15 approximately. Luss Distillery, Church Road, Luss, Alexandria G83 8NZ. Contact Christine on 07389 826328.



# May

TUES  
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## Vintage Bus Tour with Afternoon Tea - Glasgow



12 noon



£44.50



The friendly team will welcome you aboard and guide you to your table. Slide into your seat and delight upon your afternoon tea stand loaded with delicious sweet and savoury treats.

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FRI  
29

## Dr Neil's Garden and Coffee in Café



12 noon



Donations



This garden is a special place. It is the result of the imagination, dedication, and sheer hard work of two local GPs, Doctors Andrew and Nancy Neil, who began creating the garden in 1963.

Many people find this place more than just a mere garden to see beautiful plants and trees. It is a place to take time out to relax and connect with nature, just as was always the intention of the two doctors. Many people find the garden a place of inspiration and a quiet oasis for meditation and contemplation. We can then have coffee and cake in the café. Book by Friday 22 May. 5 Old Church Lane, Duddingston, Edinburgh EH15 3PX. Contact Christine on 07389 826328.



# June

SAT  
13

## Pitlochry, Perth and Loch Tummel



8.45am



£27.95



Discover the beauty of Highland Perthshire on this delightful day trip to Pitlochry, Perth and the stunning Loch Tummel. Begin your journey in the city of Perth, nestled on the banks of the River Tay. Enjoy a leisurely stroll through its historic streets, browse local shops, or relax with a coffee in one of its charming cafés. Enjoy Pitlochry, a picturesque Victorian town surrounded by forests and rolling hills. Explore the town's quaint high street, or visit the famous Pitlochry Dam and Fish Ladder.

Queen's View, overlooking the shimmering waters of Loch Tummel. Named after Queen Victoria, this iconic viewpoint offers one of Scotland's most breathtaking views. Book by Friday 1 May. Buchanan Street Bus Station, Killermont Street, Glasgow G2 3NW. Contact Christine on 07389 826328.

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TUES  
16

## Bo'ness Steam Train with Afternoon Tea



2pm



£40  
approximately



This was an extremely popular event and members asked if it could be added to this year's diary. We will travel from

Edinburgh city centre in a private coach to Bo'ness, where we will board the steam train. Those coming from Glasgow will take public transport. There's nothing like a departure by steam or the rumble of a mighty heritage diesel locomotive.

Enjoy a scenic ten-mile return train journey to Manuel along the Forth Estuary, through woodlands, past waterfalls and over the Avon Viaduct. We will travel from Edinburgh in a private coach to Bo'ness. Friendly volunteers will be waiting to welcome you aboard and invite you to soak up the atmosphere of the award-winning heritage railway through the sights, sounds and smells of yesteryear.

Included is an afternoon tea of freshly made sandwiches, cakes and scones with tea or coffee. Book by Monday 25 May. Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway, Bo'ness Station, Union Street, Bo'ness EH51 9AQ. Contact Christine on 07389 826328.

SAT  
18

## Lord of the Dance



2.30pm



£45.30



Michael Flatley's internationally renowned dance troupe returns in 2026 with yet another breathtaking extravaganza. Fresh costumes, choreography, brand-new technology and more will come together for yet another unforgettable show in this new tour, 30 Years of Standing Ovals.

So expect a thunderous evening as theatres across the country strengthen their stages for the one and only Lord of the Dance! Lord of the Dance is the most successful touring show in entertainment history. It has to date played in over 65 different countries and territories, to over seven million people on every single continent. Lord of the Dance has become the most talked about, the most written about, and the most acclaimed show in musical history since its world premiere. It has gone on to receive unparalleled accolades and has broken theatrical records everywhere. Book by Friday 27 February. Edinburgh Playhouse, 18-22 Greenside Place, Edinburgh EH1 3AA. Contact Christine on 07389 826328.

WED  
22

## Museum of Rural Life - East Kilbride



12 noon



Entry £11, Lunch  
£10-£15



Explore life in the countryside at this five-star museum, farmhouse and historic working farm. Learn about the land, people and ways of working that have shaped Scotland's rural history. Discover Scotland's largest collection of tractors, combine harvesters and other farming machinery.

Say hello to the animals, from Highland cattle to Clydesdale horses. Visit the Georgian farmhouse and see rooms as they would have been in the 1950s. Explore the bothy, outbuildings and kitchen garden. Cost: £11 entry (free to National Trust members). Lunch £10 - £15. Book by Monday 15 June. Museum of Rural Life, Wester Kitchochside, Philipshill Road, East Kilbride G76 9HR. Contact Christine on 07389 826328.

# What's been happening in the East and West of Scotland

**Tuesday 15 July 2025**

## Millport Gin Distillery and Lunch

This was our second visit to the Gin Distillery in Millport.

We learned about the history of gin and why it is called 'mother's ruin', which encouraged women to neglect their children. The owner was entertaining and knowledgeable and members were able to sample the various gins distilled on the island.

We then took the ferry back to Largs and had a lovely late lunch in Allegria. Museum of Scottish Fire Heritage and Lunch We were given a guided tour at the Museum, exploring the origin of the fire service and the impact of the Great Fire of Edinburgh.



We viewed equipment, fire appliances and uniforms and learned how firefighting has evolved. We then had lunch in a local Italian restaurant.

## 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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## Monday 4 August

### Annual Holiday – Liverpool and Chester



Eleven members travelled to Liverpool where we stayed in The Pullman Hotel which was excellent. The holiday was fantastic, with a trip to Chester and guided tour of Liverpool, in particular focusing on The Beatles. Members also had free time to explore the many cathedrals and sights of Liverpool. There was so much to see and a return trip in the future would be welcomed by members.





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## **Thursday 11 September** **September has been a month of musicals!**

Firstly, eleven members attended the West End production of Fiddler on the Roof in the Festival Theatre, Edinburgh. A fantastic performance to a sell-out audience. The music, dancing and humour made it an extremely enjoyable afternoon.

## **Saturday 13 September**

Two days later 13, members travelled to Pitlochry Festival Theatre for Grease The Musical. We enjoyed a light lunch before the matinee performance. Again, a great afternoon of music, featuring all the well-known songs originally performed by Olivia Newton John and John Travolta.

Pitlochry is a favourite for next year's events to visit the town and enjoy lunch.

## **Wednesday 8 October**

### **Tutankhamun Exhibition**

Thirteen members enjoyed this immersive experience, learning about the history of ancient Egypt and the life of Tutankhamun. There were spectacular artefacts and the immersive experience demonstrated the rich history of Egypt and the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. The exhibition was quite unique, very well presented and easy to navigate.



## Saturday 18 October

### Bo'ness Steam Train with Afternoon Tea

Ten members travelled from Glasgow and Edinburgh where we met a private minibus to take us to Bo'ness.

We then boarded the Bo'ness & Kinneil steam train on a glorious autumn day.

We watched the steam engine join the carriages before travelling from Bo'ness for around one hour along the Forth estuary. We were served a delicious afternoon tea while on board, in traditional surroundings.

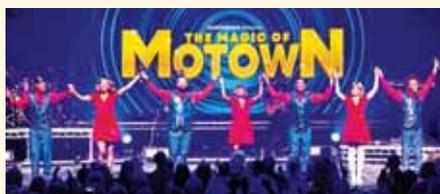
Members have already asked to go back and I have included it in next year's events diary.



## Friday 14 November

### The Magic of Motown

What a great way to spend a Friday night! We enjoyed a lovely meal at Amalfi, recommended by one of our Members, before heading to The Glasgow Royal Concert Hall for an uplifting evening of Motown music. Everyone was on their feet for the fabulous music of Motown.



## Tuesday 18 November

### Lauriston Castle

With its calm, tranquil atmosphere, and stunning views across the Firth of Forth, Lauriston is the perfect place to escape from the bustle of the city centre. We enjoyed a guided tour of the Castle and took a step back in time to experience what life was like in an Edinburgh middle-class home at the beginning of the 20th century. We then had a lovely lunch, served to us in the servant quarters.



## Tuesday 2 December

### Christmas Lunch – Ardnamurchan - Glasgow



Two years in a row, members have enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch at Ardnamurchan – great atmosphere, food and service. A fantastic turnout of 37 members!

Once again, Maureen, one of our members collected for Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity. In addition to the donations on the day, further donations from two of our members raised the total to £200! Thank you to all who donated.



## Sunday 2 December

### Christmas Lunch – Howie's Waterloo – Edinburgh



Howie's Waterloo, didn't fail to impress. The food and service were excellent.

Although a small group, it was lovely to get the opportunity to speak to members about their forthcoming plans for the festive season.

## Saturday 24 January 2026

### Burns' Cottage and Lunch at Brig O'Doon Hotel

This was an extra special visit as it was a few days before Burns' Night.

Our guide was extremely knowledgeable and showed us around the cottage where Burns was born. It has been extremely well maintained by the National Trust with sound effects which gave us an added insight as to how life was like in the 1700's – very difficult, hard working life for Robert Burns and his siblings, not to mention his parents who ensured they were well educated.



We also visited the Burns' museum, before enjoying a lovely lunch at the Brig O' Doon Hotel. Another one worth a visit again in the future.

## Friendship: the constant that carries us forward A message from our CEO, Jane Nelson

**Another year has passed by so quickly at the Oddfellows, and it reminds me how fast life moves. However, in a hurried world, friendships really do slow the pace and bring us back to what truly matters.**

Life for each and every one of us feels richer in good company. Even between get-togethers, friendships keep us hopeful. They anchor us through life's ebb and flow – deepening our joy in good times and supporting us in challenging ones. True friends celebrate our successes, steady us when we falter, and offer a sense of belonging.

Life may change, but lasting friendship remains a constant that grounds us, making everything a little brighter. And whether near or far, genuine connections help us navigate life with resilience, laughter, and warmth.

Remember every friendship begins with a simple moment of connection, and we all have the power to create new ones or welcome others into our community who seek companionship. Please always stay open to new friendships in 2026 and nurture the ones you treasure.

If you're a member and see a new face at one of our social events, offer that warm welcome we're known for. A friendly chat, a check-in, or an introduction can ease first-visit nerves and help turn a new space into a familiar one. These small acts show that we want people with us for the long run.

Throughout 2026, let's hold on to what gives our Society its strength – the belief that shared friendship creates a place where people feel supported, valued, and at home.

Friendship is the bedrock of our Society. So together, let's continue building a welcoming community where every friendship can begin.

This will be my last turn of year message to you all as of course I retire in May. I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and friendship over the years and I wish you, your friends and your families a very happy and healthy 2026.

**Yours in friendship,**

**Jane Nelson, CEO, the Oddfellows**

## A warm welcome to Simon, our CEO Designate

In October 2025, the Society appointed Simon Gallimore as Chief Executive Officer Designate. He's currently working alongside Jane Nelson, our CEO, ahead of assuming full responsibilities in May 2026. Read more at: [www.oddfellows.co.uk/news/welcoming-our-new-ceo-designate](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/news/welcoming-our-new-ceo-designate)



# Talented trio win Educational Awards

**We're proud to announce our 2025 First Degree Course Educational Award winners: Melanie Healy (Humber Wolds Oddfellows), Will Stevenson (Pride of Woolwich Oddfellows) and Emma Corbin (Worcester Oddfellows).**

Each winner will receive a non-repayable bursary worth £900 per year for the duration of their studies, which can go towards anything from text books and vital equipment to helping out with rent, bills and other practical items.

## Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said:

It fills me with pride each year when we announce the winners of the First Degree Course Educational Awards, and I'm sure that Melanie, Will and Emma will work hard and have a wonderful university experience.

University is an exciting time, but it can also be quite stressful. I hope this money will go some way to help reduce some of the financial pressures that are a reality of being a student.

## Melanie Healey, Humber Wolds Branch

In October 2025, Melanie began her Asian and Middle Eastern Studies course at the University of Cambridge. The four-year course will begin with learning Arabic language skills from scratch, building up her existing French language skills and looking at French Literature.



She says she is hoping to put the money towards travelling to French and Arabic-speaking countries for internships and exchanges to help sharpen these skills.

Melanie said: "I was delighted when I found out that I'd been chosen to receive the funding, and I would like to thank the Oddfellows for the grant."

Although unsure what her career plans are at this stage, Melanie says she "would definitely like to work in a role that allows me to use my language skills".

## Will Stevenson Pride of Woolwich Branch

Will started reading Geography at the University of Durham's Trevelyan College in Autumn 2025, where modules cover



topics such as climate change, physical geography, human geography, geographical research and geographies in crisis.

The money, he says, will go towards the social aspects that university life has to offer, such as the Durham University Big Band.

Will said: "Hearing I was a recipient of the award was incredibly exciting, and I am extremely thankful to the Oddfellows for the trust and generosity they have offered me."

Will also hasn't mapped out his career plans at this stage, but says that's one of the reasons the course appealed to him, given "the breadth of Geography and its wide application".

## Emma Corbin Worcester Branch

Unbeknownst to either, Emma and Will have ended up on the same Geography course at the University of Durham.



Emma plans to put the money towards learning materials and field trips.

"I felt extremely grateful and lucky when I was picked as one of the successful candidates from what would have been many amazing applications," she said. "I would like to say how thankful I am. It is a great opportunity to have an award like this available."

Emma too hasn't decided which direction she wants her career to take, but thinks her chosen course will provide her with a range of opportunities.

"It's an increasingly relevant subject, considering topics such as climate change and geopolitics," Emma added.

## More about our Educational Awards

Each year, our Fraternal Board chooses who will receive the Educational Awards funding, based on the applications received from members. To learn more about the awards, including the Apprenticeship Educational Award, eligibility and how to apply, visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/educational-awards](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/educational-awards).

# 2026: Time to make a financial plan



a proud part of the Oddfellows

**The year might have only just started, but we all know how quickly the calendar can flip. One minute it's spring, and the next we're wondering where the mince pies have gone.**

Taking a little time now to think about your finances before the new tax year starts in April can make life feel calmer and more organised.

## Where to start?

A financial plan doesn't have to involve spreadsheets or complicated formulas. It can simply start with a few questions, like: 'What do I want to save for? Am I prepared for life's surprises? Could my money be working harder for me?'

For some Oddfellows members, the focus might be on simply enjoying life or planning for the future. Others may also be thinking about the younger people in their lives – children, grandchildren, or that teenager who changes career ambitions daily.

Small, regular contributions now could grow into something meaningful later.

## Start saving

Lucky for Oddfellows members, our financial services arm, Unity Mutual, is close at hand.

Unity Mutual is a regulated provider of ISAs and other savings and investment

products, which means they follow strict rules designed to protect our members.

Unity Mutual's Guaranteed Investment Bonds, including two, three and five year terms, offer fixed-rates for savers with a lump sum to invest, and Oddfellow members can benefit from preferential rates.

Alternatively, ISAs are a tax-efficient way to save or invest, whether you're building up funds to enjoy retirement or looking to help give your child a confident step into adulthood.

ISA Products available from Unity Mutual for Oddfellow members include a Lifetime ISA, a Flexible ISA and a Junior ISA, and you can also make the most of the Adult and Child Tax-Exempt Savings Plans.

## Get in touch

And the good news? You don't have to figure it all out by yourself. Unity Mutual is happy to chat with you about your goals, big, small, or somewhere in between.

Our friendly staff can provide information on what is available to you. They'll talk through things in plain English, not financial jargon, so you can make decisions confidently and comfortably.

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## Find out more

Visit [www.unitymutual.co.uk](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk) or call us for a chat on 0161 214 4650.

# 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 Yvonne Rice on **01563 572727** or email [yvonne.rice@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:yvonne.rice@oddfellows.co.uk).

## Oddfellows Citizens 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.

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## Care and Welfare Helpline

**Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday to Thursday, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Friday, 9.30am - 4pm

**Email:** [care@oddfellows.co.uk](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**

# At a glance

## March 2026

<b>Tues 10</b>	Coffee with Friends - East	11.30am
<b>Wed 11</b>	Vintage Bus Tour with Afternoon Tea - Edinburgh	12 noon
<b>Wed 25</b>	Sharmanka Kinetic Theatre	3.30pm
<b>Mon 30</b>	Coffee with Friends - West	10.30am

## April

<b>Tues 14</b>	Coffee with Friends - East	11.30am
<b>Wed 22</b>	The Edinburgh Gin Distillery at The Arches	2pm
<b>Mon 27</b>	Coffee with Friends - West	10.30am
<b>Wed 29</b>	Luss Distillery Tour	11am

## May

<b>Tues 12</b>	Coffee with Friends - East	11.30am
<b>Tues 19</b>	Vintage Bus Tour with Afternoon Tea - Glasgow	12 noon
<b>Tues 26</b>	Coffee with Friends - West	10.30am
<b>Fri 29</b>	Dr Neil's Garden and Coffee in Café	12 noon

## June

<b>Tues 9</b>	Coffee with Friends - East	11.30am
<b>Sat 13</b>	Pitlochry, Perth and Loch Tummel	8.45am
<b>Tues 16</b>	Bo'ness Steam Train with Afternoon Tea	2pm
<b>Mon 29</b>	Coffee with Friends - West	10.30am

## July

<b>Tues 14</b>	Coffee with Friends - East	11.30am
<b>Sat 18</b>	Lord of the Dance	2.30pm
<b>Wed 22</b>	Museum of Rural Life - East Kilbride	12 noon
<b>Mon 27</b>	Coffee with Friends - West	10.30am

## August

<b>Tues 11</b>	Coffee with Friends - East	11.30am
<b>Mon 31</b>	Coffee with Friends - West	10.30am

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