

January - June 2025



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South Wales District Dosbarth de Cymru



Swansea friends celebrating Friendship Month



Film/
Movie



Crafts



Quizzes



Music/
Concert



Walk/
Activities



Talks



Travel



Social



Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Games



Dining Out

TITANIC

—EXHIBITION—

WALES



Titanic Exhibition Wales – Friday 28 February, we hope you can join us!

Croeso aelodau De Cymru Welcome South Wales Members

Welcome to our new Diary, the past few months have flown yet again. By the time you receive this diary, we will be approaching Christmas and the New Year. The January Diary will cover 6 months taking us into the summer months and giving us something to look forward to, covering the three seasons– Winter, Spring and Summer.

As a quick recap, for Friendship month we travelled from Newport to Carmarthen on our Road trip, setting up meets in areas not covered before – Carmarthen, Mumbles, Bridgend, Barry Island and Newport, as well as our regular meets in Burry Port, Swansea, Port Talbot and Cardiff. For all our recent news please see our South Wales review, which covers all that we have been up to during our last Diary.

As we step into January, we will be celebrating 2025 with some Fundraising quizzes to support the 2Wish charity, our first full month of monthly Friends meetings, and our Annual Dinner towards the end of January. Building on the success of January 2024, this year promises to be bigger and better. It would

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be lovely to see familiar faces but also those who have not joined in before, so if you need an excuse to buy a new outfit then let the South Wales Oddfellows Annual dinner be that excuse and together celebrate being an 'Oddfellow'.

At Oddfellows house, Cardiff, the Weekly Tuesday afternoon craft sessions will continue with some featured projects. The Thursday afternoon socials, although new, we will continue to build a calendar of activities from games to guest speakers and featuring a monthly film club. In Swansea we will be looking

to replicate these afternoons once a venue has been secured.

Other Highlights throughout the diary will be the Titanic Wales exhibition, Cardiff Museum and the exhibition on Miners strikes, then in May we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE day.

In April, the Committee of Management will be holding the Annual Summoned Meeting to be held at Oddfellows House, Cardiff. Please do try and come along.

Whilst there are many activities featured in the Diary, as we send the diaries out in advance we do not always have the up to date information of what is going on in your area, therefore please keep in touch so we can update you on extra events. If you know of any events that you would like to see featured please contact us.

Keeping in Touch

As members we are mainly spread across South Wales from The borders in Monmouthshire to Haverfordwest and beyond. It is therefore important that we are able to keep in touch with you to update on any news or changes.

Email: I send out a weekly email to update you all, if you wish to receive the newsletter please email me: john.marvelley@oddfellows.co.uk. You are able to unsubscribe at any time. I also send out any local community, local council information that may be useful to yourselves.

Social Media: We also have the SouthWales Oddfellows facebook page, which is regularly updated.

WhatsApp group:

We also have a South Wales Oddfellows Whats App Group, if you wish to join please contact me

Volunteers and Social

Committee: As we are rebuilding connections throughout South Wales if you are interested in supporting by becoming a volunteer and being part of a Social Committee, please do let me know. Together we can make a difference.

As we step into Winter, at South Wales Oddfellows we are only too aware of how the season can affect us. Therefore please do reach out to Sarah Johns (District Secretary), Oddfellows House Cardiff or myself. Our Contact details are in the Introduction. You will always have someone to turn to!

Before you turn the page, I would like to extend a special thank you to all who have been able to support. I would also like to mention the lovely business owners that support us at our monthly meets, helping us create warm and welcoming environments.

I hope you enjoy the Diary, keep it close by and keep checking what's on. I look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

On a last note as it's November whilst writing this, may I be the first to wish you all a 'Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda'.

Dymuniadau gorau i chi gyd.
Best wishes to you all.

John

Regular Events

Mumbles Friends, Cuppa and Chat



10.30am



Cost of drinks, lunch as per menu



Second Monday

The second Monday of the month, join us for our monthly chat and catch up with friends. A great way to meet locally and find out about recent Oddfellows news, general banter in great company. If you wish to stay for lunch please let us know. Theo's Coffee Shop, Mumbles Methodist Church, Mumbles Road, Mumbles SA3 4DH. Contact John on 07563 638245.

13 January

10 February

10 March

14 April

12 May

9 June

Port Talbot Friends, Cuppa and Chat



10.30am



Cost of drinks, lunch as per menu



**Third Monday
(except April)**

The third* Monday of the month, join us for our monthly chat and catch up with friends. A great way to meet locally and find out about recent Oddfellows news, general banter in great company. If you wish to stay for lunch please let us know. If this is your first time attending one of our events you can be assured of a warm welcome in a safe environment. *Except Monday 21 April which is Easter Monday, so we will meet on Monday 28 April. Glan Afan Coffee Co, 56A Station Road, Port Talbot SA13 1LZ. Contact John on 07563 638245.

20 January

17 February

17 March

28 April

19 May

16 June

Get Crafty with the Oddfellows



1.30pm



Members Free
Guests £2 donations




Every Tuesday


Join Sarah for an afternoon of crafts, chat and refreshments at Oddfellows House. All abilities are welcome, we are here to support you on your crafting journey. This is the chance to meet and chat with other like-minded people. Do you have a UFO – an 'Un-Finished Object'? Then you are in good company, we have a few and we would like to finish them. Do you need help, then maybe a fellow crafter can guide you. This isn't just knitting, it's for any portable craft; calligraphy, painting, decoupage, please do join us. Oddfellows House, 19 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0AA. Contact Sarah on 07563 638244 or John on 07563 638245.



Regular Events

Swansea Friends, Cuppa and Chat

 10.30am
(except March)

 Cost of drinks, lunch as per menu



On the first Wednesday of every month. Join us for our monthly coffee morning, a great opportunity to meet up with friends. There is also the option of staying for lunch. If this is your first time attending one of our events you can be assured of a warm welcome in a safe environment. The Story Teller Café Bar, 40 Princess Way, Swansea SA5 9PQ. Contact John on 07563 638245.

First Wednesday
(except January)



5 February

2 April


4 June

5 March (11am, Cost to be confirmed)

7 May

Burry Port Friends, Cuppa and Chat

 10.30am

 Cost of drinks, lunch as per menu



The second Wednesday of the month, join us for our monthly chat and catch up with friends. A great way to meet locally and find out about recent Oddfellows news, general banter in great company. If you wish to stay for lunch please let us know. If this is your first time attending one of our events you can be assured of a warm welcome in a safe environment. The Ashburnham Hotel, Ashburnham Road, Pembrey SA16 0TH. Contact John on 07563 638245.

Second Wednesday

8 January

12 March

14 May


12 February

9 April

11 June

Cardiff Friends, Cuppa, Chat and Lunch

 11am

 First hot drink free, then cost as per menu



The third Wednesday of the month, join us for our monthly chat and catch up with friends. A great way to meet locally and find out about recent Oddfellows news, general banter in great company. If you wish to stay for lunch please let us know. If this is your first time attending one of our events you can be assured of a warm welcome in a safe environment. The Gatekeeper Pub, 9-10 Westgate Street, Cardiff CF10 1DD. Contact John on 07563 638245.

Third Wednesday

15 January

19 March

21 May

19 February

16 April

18 June

Regular Events

Barry Island Friends, Cuppa and Chat



10.30am



Cost of drinks, lunch as per menu



Last
Wednesday

The last Wednesday of the month, join us for our monthly chat and catch up with friends. A great way to meet locally and find out about recent Oddfellows news, general banter in great company. If you wish to stay for lunch please let us know. If this is your first time attending one of our events you can be assured of a warm welcome in a safe environment. Scoop Barry, 11 Paget Road, Barry Island CF62 5TQ. Contact John on 07563 638245.

29 January
26 February

26 March
30 April

28 May
25 June

Thursday Afternoon Social



1.30pm



Members Free
Guests £2 donations



Every Thursday

Do you enjoy playing games from pub style games to board games? We will also be inviting guest speakers along to give talks, setting up a film club. If you have any particular interest or games that you play, you can help us to help others. Join us every week for an afternoon of games, chat, talks and friendship. Hot and cold beverages provided with cake and savouries. We offer a warm welcome in a safe space. Oddfellows House, 19 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0AA. Contact John on 07563 638245.

Bridgend Friends, Cuppa and Chat



10.30am



Cost of drinks, lunch as per menu



First Friday
(except January)

The first* Friday of the month, join us for our monthly chat and catch up with friends. A great way to meet locally and find out about recent Oddfellows news, general banter in great company. If you wish to stay for lunch please let us know. If this is your first time attending one of our events you can be assured of a warm welcome in a safe environment. *Except Friday 3 January, the meet will be held on Friday 10 January.

Coffee at 12, 12 Derwen Road, Bridgend CF31 1LH. Contact John on 07563 638245.

10 January
7 February

7 March
4 April

2 May
6 June



January 2025

THURS
02

Fundraiser, New Year Quiz and Bingo - Cardiff

L 1.30pm

£ Members Free
Guests £2 donations



As we welcome the New Year, join friends for an afternoon of quiz, followed by a game of bingo. There will be a fundraising raffle for the 2wish Cymru. All welcome, open to families. Please let us know if anyone under 16 are attending. Refreshments and great company provided. Book by Friday 27 December 2024. Oddfellows House, 19 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0AA. Contact John on 07563 638245.

FRI
03

New Year, Fundraiser Quiz, Raffle and Bingo - Swansea

L 10.30am

£ As per menu



As we welcome the New Year, join friends for an afternoon of quiz, followed by a game of bingo. Please note our change of day from Wednesday 1 January (New Year Day) to Friday 3 January. There will be a fundraising raffle for the 2wish Cymru. All welcome! Refreshments and great company provided. Book by Friday 27 December 2024. The Story Teller Café Bar, 40 Princess Way, Swansea SA5 9PQ. Contact John on 07563 638245.



THURS
09

Film Club at Oddfellows House, Cardiff

L 1.30pm

£ Members £2 donation
Guests £4 donation



Join us for our first film club afternoon. We will be featuring a classic film to start our monthly film Club. Cinema style refreshments provided. Book by Thursday 2 January. Oddfellows House, 19 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0AA. Contact John on 07563 638245.

SAT
18

South Wales Annual Dinner

L 6.30pm

£ TBC



The South Wales Oddfellows Committee of Management, invite you to the Annual Dinner. The evening will consist of a three course meal with entertainment. Dress Code: Black Tie or Lounge Suits. Parking: Ample free parking. The Village Hotel, Langdon Road, Waterfront, Swansea SA1 8QY. Contact Sarah on 07563 638244 or John on 07563 638245.

February

**TUES
25** **Cosy Throws Easter
Craft Session**

 1.30pm

 TBC



We are pleased to welcome Harriet from Cosy Throws, who will work with us to create a lovely Easter themed item. Further details will be published closer to the time. Book by Tuesday 4 February. Oddfellows House, 19 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0AA. Contact Sarah on 07563 638244 or John on 07563 638245.



March

**MON
03** **One Stop Shop,
Community Fair**

 11am

 Free



Join us at the National Waterfront Museum for the One Stop Shop community engagement fair. There

will be over 40 different organisations promoting their work within the communities. We will be there raising awareness of the Oddfellows, pop along for a chat. The National Waterfront museum, Oystermouth Road, Maritime Quarter, Swansea SA1 3RD. Contact John on 07563 638245.



**FRI
28** **Titanic
Exhibition Wales**

 1.30pm

 TBC



A great opportunity to see the famous Titanic Wales Exhibition. View artefacts from the ship, explore Wales' connection to the Titanic, learn about the people that travelled on board and come face to face with items from the wreck site. We will meet at the ICC and take the tour, upto 1.5 hours.

Further information via the ICC website or once you have confirmed booking. Booking via John to access discounted rates. Parking on site: £6 per visit. Refreshments available on site. Tickets sell fast, so please book as soon as you have decided, to avoid disappointment. Book by Friday 3 January. ICC Wales, Coldra Woods, Newport NP18 1DE. Contact John on 07563 638245.

March

WED **05** Swansea Friends - Chinese New Year Special, Tea Ceremony

 11am

 TBC




Our monthly coffee morning will be different today. To celebrate Chinese New Year, the Year of the Snake.



We will be partaking in a Chinese Tea Ceremony with the Chinese in Wales Association. The Chinese in Wales Association is based in The Grand Theatre. Parking: Pay and display opposite the theatre. Timings may change. Afterwards, for anyone wishing to stay for lunch or coffee, please let us know. Book by Friday 24 January. The Grand Theatre, Singleton Street, Swansea SA1 3QJ. Contact John on 07563 638245.

THURS **06** St David's Day Quiz - Dydd Gwyl dewi Sant, Cardiff

 1.30pm

 Members Free
Guests £2 donations



Help us celebrate St David's Day with a quiz and themed activities. Hot and cold beverages provided with cake and savouries. There might even be Welshcakes! National dress encouraged. We offer a warm welcome in a safe space. Book by Friday 21 February. Oddfellows House, 19 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0AA. Contact John on 07563 638245.



MON **24** National Museum Cardiff

 11am

 TBC



Exhibition: Streic! 84-85 Strike! National Museum Cardiff The Exhibition 1984: The year Margaret Thatcher took on the mining communities. A summer of hope and high-spirited defiance leading to a winter of violence, hardship, loss of livelihoods and ultimately life - across some of Wales' hardest communities. 40 years later, the effect of the Miners' Strike lives on.

From photos and placards of protest to personal stories of comradeship in their clash against a rapidly changing world, this important exhibition opens the door on the Miners' Strike and its profound impact upon our nation. Experience the passion and tension of the protest, in close up. Book by Friday 14 March. National Museum Cardiff, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NP. Contact John on 07563 638245.

March

MON 31 Margam Castle and Park

L 11am

£ TBC



As spring is in the air, let's get outside and explore with a visit to Margam



Park and with a tour of the castle. For those more adventurous there are ample walks or if you wish a gentle stroll followed by refreshments. Book by Friday 28 February. Margam Park, Abbey Road, Margam SA13 2TJ. Contact John on 07563 638245.

April

TUES 22 Fundraiser, Get that Crafty Summer feel with Fran and Sarah

L 1.30pm

£ TBC



Join Fran and Sarah for a summer themed craft session. We will also be using the session as



a fundraiser for 2wish Cymru charity. Book by Tuesday 1 April. Oddfellows House, 19 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0AA. Contact Sarah on 07563 638244 or John on 07563 638245.

May

THURS 01 Day Traditions and Quiz

L 1.30pm

£ Members Free
Guests £2 donations



Join us for an informative presentation on the 'Traditions surrounding Mayday' followed by a quiz. Hot and cold beverages provided with cake and savouries. We offer a warm welcome in a safe space. Oddfellows House, 19 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0AA. Contact John on 07563 638245.

THURS 08 VE Day 80th Anniversary Afternoon Tea and Dance at Oddfellows House, Cardiff

L 1.30pm

£ TBC



This year on 8 May, we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe, marking the end of the war in Europe. Let's come together at Oddfellows House to celebrate with a 1940s afternoon tea and entertainment. Dress code: 1940s if you wish too. There will be many national events on this day. Book by Friday 18 April. Oddfellows House, 19 Newport Road, Cardiff CF24 0AA. Contact John on 07563 638245.

May

TUES
13

VE Day 80th Anniversary Afternoon Tea and Dance - Swansea



1.30pm



TBC



This year on 8 May we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe, marking the end of the war in Europe. Let's come together to celebrate with a 1940s afternoon tea and entertainment. Dress code: 1940s if you wish too. Book by Thursday 24 April. Locations to be confirmed. Contact John on 07563 638245.



June

MON
23

Llanelli Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre



11am



TBC



Explore nature at your own pace in the Wildfowl Wetland Trust. If you're feeling adventurous there are many trails to follow, or you may wish to take it easy and enjoy a cuppa and refreshments in the café. Book by Friday 6 June. Llanelli Wildfowl and Wetland Centre, Llwynhendy, Llanelli SA14 9SH. Contact John on 07563 638245.

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

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Adolygiad de Cymru South Wales, Review!

The September diary kicked off with a busy and non-stop road/ rail trip throughout South Wales for Friendship month, setting up new meets and giving members an opportunity to reconnect.

It was an absolute delight to see old friends reconnect, travel over miles and support at more than one meet.

Many cups of coffee were drunk, wonderful lunches including fish and chips by the seaside in Barry Island and my geographical knowledge of Wales has improved 100% since my school days!





The gorgeous Ella, our Swansea Mascot! Even gets her own puppachino! Most of our venues we use welcome our extended family members.



Tour of Newport Museum

In October we were fortunate to be given a guided Tour of Newport Museum and see the Friendly Societies exhibition.

One of the highlights of these past few months has been the movement of friends throughout South Wales, attending events in different areas, friends reconnecting, making new friends and creating stronger bonds. Friendship at its best.
Dioch yn fawr

John



EVERY
THURSDAY

Social Afternoon

Everyone
welcome

Thursdays 1.30pm

Join us for our weekly
social afternoon.

Enjoy an afternoon of games,
talks, hot and cold drinks, cakes
and savouries, friendship and fun.

Cost: £2 (members free)
Taster session - first session free
for non member.

*Oddfellows House
19 Newport Road
Cardiff
CF24 0AA*

For further information and
to book contact John on
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Your membership provides you with a great range of benefits...

Standard £25 a year membership* gives you access to...

- Local social events
- Care & Welfare Helpline
- Oddfellows Travel
- Oddfellows news by email
- Branch Care & Welfare Support
- Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Money saving partner offers
- Benevolence Grants
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)
- Convalescence & Carer Support (after 2 years' membership)
- Accidental Death Benefit
- Legal Aid Scheme
- Educational & Apprenticeship Awards
- 24/7 access to our historical online archive

£35 a year membership* provides you with additional benefits of...

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

For more information visit: www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits.

*Terms and conditions apply to all member benefits and services.

For full details, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions, or call us on 0800 028 1810.



Everyone
welcome

Get Crafty with the Oddfellows

Tuesday's 1.30pm – 3.30pm
(Commencing 2nd July)

Do you have an un-finished craft project? Whether it's knitting, painting, calligraphy or other craft then join fellow crafters who will help guide you.

This is a great opportunity to meet like-minded people, chat and enjoy a coffee. All abilities welcome

Free event

*Oddfellows House
19 Newport Road
Cardiff
CF24 0AA*

For further information
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A brilliant Baltic experience

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

Lots to see and do

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

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

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



Warnemünde, Germany

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

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

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

On-board Oddfellowship

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

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

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



Dressed for dinner

Travel in good company

With Oddfellows Travel group holidays, you can travel in confidence and great company. All our group holidays are hosted by an Oddfellows member and we only work with experienced travel partners that we trust.

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

Our biggest celebration of friendship yet!

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

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

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

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

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



A day trip to Provender House with Canterbury Oddfellows



Mersey Oddfellows took a walk in Birkenhead



Brighton and Sussex Oddfellows enjoying a coffee morning



Bury St Edmunds Oddfellows getting crafty



Cakes galore at Halifax Oddfellows



Friendship and laughter at Ipswich Oddfellows



Humber Wolds Oddfellows' Teatime get-together

Our survey said...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?



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

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact John Marvelley
telephone: **07563 638245** email: **john.marvelley@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



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.

**Visit our website page at www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care
for care and welfare information**

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At a glance

Weekly Events

Every Tuesday	Get Crafty with the Oddfellows	1.30pm
Every Thursday	Thursday afternoon Social	1.30pm

January 2025

Thurs 2	Fundraiser, New Year Quiz and Bingo - Cardiff	1.30pm
Fri 3	New Year, Fundraiser Quiz, Raffle and Bingo - Swansea	10.30am
Wed 8	Burry Port Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Thurs 9	Film Club at Oddfellows House, Cardiff	1.30pm
Fri 10	Bridgend Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Mon 13	Mumbles Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 15	Cardiff Friends, Cuppa, Chat and Lunch	11am
Sat 18	South Wales District Annual Dinner, Swansea	6.30pm
Mon 20	Port Talbot Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 29	Barry Island Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am

February

Wed 5	Swansea Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Fri 7	Bridgend Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Mon 10	Mumbles Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 12	Burry Port Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Mon 17	Port Talbot Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 19	Cardiff Friends, Cuppa, Chat and Lunch	11am
Tues 25	Cosy Throws Easter Craft Session	1.30pm
Wed 26	Barry Island Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Fri 28	Titanic Exhibition Wales	1.30pm

March

Mon 3	One Stop Shop, Community Fair	11am
Wed 5	Swansea Friends - Chinese New Year Special, Tea Ceremony	11am
Thurs 6	St David's Day Quiz - Dydd Gwyl dewi Sant, Cardiff	1.30pm
Fri 7	Bridgend Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am

At a glance

March

Mon 10	Mumbles Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 12	Burry Port Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Mon 17	Port Talbot Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 19	Cardiff Friends, Cuppa, Chat and Lunch	11am
Mon 24	National Museum Cardiff	11am
Wed 26	Barry Island Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Mon 31	Margam Castle and Park	11am

April

Wed 2	Swansea Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Fri 4	Bridgend Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 9	Burry Port Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Mon 14	Mumbles Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 16	Cardiff Friends, Cuppa, Chat and Lunch	10.30am
Tues 22	Fundraiser, Get that Crafty Summer feel with Fran and Sarah	1.30pm
Mon 28	Port Talbot Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 30	Barry Island Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am

May

Thurs 1	May Day Traditions and Quiz	1.30pm
Fri 2	Bridgend Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 7	Swansea Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Thurs 8	VE Day 80th Anniversary Afternoon Tea and Dance at Oddfellows House, Cardiff	1.30pm
Mon 12	Mumbles Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Tues 13	VE Day 80th Anniversary Afternoon Tea and Dance - Swansea	1.30pm
Wed 14	Burry Port Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Mon 19	Port Talbot Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 21	Cardiff Friends, Cuppa, Chat and Lunch	11am
Wed 28	Barry Island Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am

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June

Wed 4	Swansea Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Fri 6	Bridgend Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Mon 9	Mumbles Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 11	Burry Port Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Mon 16	Port Talbot Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am
Wed 18	Cardiff Friends, Cuppa, Chat and Lunch	11am
Mon 23	Llanelli Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre	11am
Wed 25	Barry Island Friends, Cuppa and Chat	10.30am

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