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Autumn/Winter Issue



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The Art of Collage - Paper Creations Workshop - Wednesday 11 February 2026 - we hope you can join us!

Welcome to the Autumn/Winter 2025 edition of the Mid-Surrey news and events diary.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at events recently, and a warm welcome to our many new members. We look forward to seeing more of you at events.

There is more to Oddfellows than just our social events. Oddfellows membership includes Care and Welfare, Oddfellows Extra for money saving offers, Oddfellows Travel and Unity Mutual for family friendly finance options. Do take time to explore and make the most of your membership. Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows.

If you are not a member or have friends that would like to join an event please remember all events are open to you and your friends to enjoy, have a good time and find out more about Oddfellows.

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Please check website for latest events listings and call or email to confirm attendance. The Mid-Surrey office is open on a Friday morning or leave a phone message or email us.

Message from your Secretary

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you well.

A warm welcome to all our new members from the Richmond area – we're absolutely delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you better. For those who may not be aware, as of 1st July, the Richmond District officially transferred to the Mid-Surrey District.

As you can imagine, a great deal of planning goes into our events calendar well in advance of this newsletter being published. While we've already managed to include some Richmond events, we're excited to build on this further. The best way to stay up to date is by joining our local email list – just drop us a message at Mid-Surrey@oddfellows.co.uk to be added.

Looking ahead, September is Friendship Month, a wonderful opportunity to explore all that we offer. It's also a great time to invite friends along to meet us and discover what Oddfellows is all about. One of the highlights will be "Oddfellows Goes Country" on Friday 26th September – an evening of fun and entertainment that Carly, our Social Organiser, is enthusiastically planning. Don't worry if dancing's not your thing – you're very welcome to come along and simply enjoy the atmosphere.

Happy reading, and we hope to see you soon!

In friendship

Maeve Stott

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 **f Mid-Surrey Oddfellows**

A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is one of the largest and oldest friendly societies in 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. As a mutual and non-profit, our Society is run by our members for our members and raises thousands of pounds each year for good causes. We welcome everyone of all ages. For more information visit www.oddfellows.co.uk or call **0800 028 1810**.

Regular Events

Badminton



10am



Donation for equipment



Tuesdays

A friendly badminton group set up jointly for Mid-Surrey Oddfellows and Dorking U3A members. Nothing serious, just a chance to dust off your racket and have some fun, catch up with friends and also have a cup of tea together. Held on Tuesdays between 10am to 12 noon. This is a self-running group with small donation for equipment. Do join us. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



Pickleball



1pm



Donations welcome



Thursday

Come and try Pickleball! You'll be guaranteed a warm welcome and plenty of laughter as we all learn this fun game together. There will also be lots of opportunities to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and catch up with friends. Everyone is welcome and no experience needed. We may ask for small donations to help with the purchase of equipment. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



Regular Events

Zumba Gold



10.30am



Members £5
Guests £8



Join us for this low impact Zumba Gold with Jo on Fridays from 10.30am followed by a chance for tea and a chat. All welcome just pop along and try this low impact, low intensity, go at your own pace exercise for older adults. There is a special discounted price for members. Please note the special price for members. Pay as you go. Every Friday in school term times only. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Please call the office on 01306 877792 for more information or contact Jo via www.lowimpactandseatedfitness.com

Every Friday

Term times only, please
see at a glance for dates



Tai Chi Qi Gong

with Tea and Coffee



12 noon



Members £5
Guests £8



Qigong (pronounces chee-gong) is an ancient Chinese exercise and healing technique that involves meditation, controlled breathing and movement exercises, under the umbrella of Tai Chi. All welcome to this low impact, gentle exercise and meditation with Jo. Please note the special price for members. Welcome to arrive 11.40am and share a cup of tea or coffee and chat. Pay as you go. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Please contact the office on 01306 877792 or Jo at www.lowimpactandseatedfitness.com for more information.

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Regular Events

Friday Badminton



8pm



Donation
welcome



A friendly badminton group set up for Mid-Surrey Oddfellows. Nothing serious, just a chance to dust off your racket and have some fun, catch up with friends and also have a cup of tea together. Every Fridays from 8pm. This is a self-running group with small donation for equipment. Do join us. Everyone welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

Fridays



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 Maeve on 01306 877792
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September 2025

ODDFELLOWS
FRIENDSHIP MONTH
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



MON
08 **Play Your Cards Right**
- Coffee, Cake and Fun



Join us for a relaxed morning of fun and laughter as we play Play Your Cards



Right with plenty of coffee and delicious cake to go around. It's Friendship Month, so all events are free! Why not bring a friend and show them what Oddfellows is all about? It only takes one friend to make a difference. Let's make new memories, catch up with old friends and share a laugh or two! Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

WED
10 **Welcome Lunch -**
Richmond

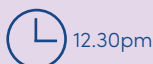


Come along to our Welcome Lunch at The Sun Inn! This is a lovely chance for Richmond



members to meet others from across the Mid-Surrey District. While lunch is 'pay as you order' from the menu. Let's celebrate Friendship Month by connecting over good food and great company. Don't forget, bring a friend and help them discover the Oddfellows spirit! Book by Friday 5 September 2025. The Sun Inn, 17 Parkshot, Richmond, Surrey TW9 2RG. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

MON
15 **Friendship Month Treat Afternoon Tea**



Join us for a delicious afternoon tea on us! Think freshly baked scones, cakes with plenty of tea and chatter. It's a perfect way to relax, catch up with old friends and meet some new ones too. This free event is part of our Friendship Month celebrations, so bring along a friend and share the Oddfellows experience! Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



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ODDFELLOWS
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FRI
26

Oddfellows Goes Country



7pm



Free



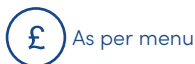
Yee-haw! Get ready for a foot-stomping, laughter-filled evening as we wrap up Friendship Month in true country style. There'll be music, plenty of hearty food and dancing to keep your boots tapping. It's free, it's friendly and it's the perfect chance to show a friend what Oddfellows is all about. So come along, bring someone new, bring your own drinks and let's finish the month with a real celebration of community and connection. Tea or coffee will be available. Numbers are limited and we're expecting a full house, so please book as soon as possible! Don't miss out! Book by Friday 12 September 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

MON
29

Friendship Brunch with another Branch - Concord



11am



As per menu



As part of Friendship Month, we're joining the Concord Branch of the Oddfellows for a friendly and informal brunch – the perfect chance to catch up, meet new people and enjoy some great company. Don't fancy brunch? No problem, come along for a coffee and cake or just a browse around the garden centre. Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier! We'd love to see you there. Book by Monday 22 September 2025. Weybridge Garden Centre, New Haw Road, Addlestone, Weybridge KT15 2BU. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

Say *yes* to friendship in September

Make someone's day and invite them along to share the friendship fun.

All welcome

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To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit www.friendshipmonth.com

October

WED
08

Glass Fusing Lantern Making Workshop



10am



Members £25, Guests £30



Back by popular demand, Mark from Hazelhouse Jewellery returns to lead a creative and relaxing morning of glass fusing. This time, you'll be using colourful pieces of glass to decorate your very own lantern, a perfect keepsake or gift. All materials are provided and no experience is needed. Just come along, get creative and enjoy some friendly company. Approximately three hour workshop. Spaces are limited, so early booking is recommended! Book by Friday 26 September 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 45-47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8BN. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

MON
13

Bingo with Fish and Chips



7pm



Members £10
Guests £15



Join us for fish and chips at 7pm, then eyes down at 7.30pm! A fun evening of bingo and good company. It's a great way to catch up with old friends, meet new ones and enjoy some light-hearted fun. You're guaranteed a warm welcome from the moment you arrive. Come along, bring a friend and make a fun evening of it! Book by Wednesday 8 October 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



MON
20

Lunch and Laughs at Wetherspoons



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for a relaxed and friendly lunchtime get-together at Wetherspoons in Epsom, the perfect excuse to catch up, share a few laughs and enjoy good food at your own pace. Order what you fancy. Cost is as per the menu and enjoy great company in a laid-back setting. Whether you're a regular or new to the group, you're guaranteed a warm welcome. No fuss, just good friends and good conversation. We'd love to see you there! The Assembly Rooms - JD Wetherspoon, 147-153 High Street, Epsom, Surrey KT19 8EH. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

October

WED 22 Fawlty Towers - The Play at Wimbledon Theatre

⌚ 2.30pm

£ Members £61
Guests £65



We're off for a hilarious afternoon at the theatre to see Fawlty Towers - 'The Play'. A must-see for fans of classic British comedy! Expect all the chaos, quick wit and unforgettable characters you know and love, live on stage.

We're block booking stalls tickets at the special price of £61 (normally £68.50), so don't delay, this will sell out fast! It's going to be such fun! Come and join the laughter! Book by Friday 3 October 2025. Wimbledon Theatre, 93 The Broadway, London SW19 1QG. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

November

MON 03 Coffee, Cake and Jigsaw Exchange

⌚ 11am

£ Members £3
Guests £5



Join us for a cosy coffee morning at Oddfellows Hall with a twist - our very own jigsaw puzzle exchange!



Enjoy a slice of cake and a cuppa while browsing a lovely selection of puzzles. Take one home, bring one to share, or just come along for the chat and company. A relaxed and friendly way to spend your morning. All welcome! Oddfellows Hall, 45-47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8BN. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

November

MON 10 Neil Sands 'Christmas Memories at Epsom Playhouse'

⌚ 2.30pm

£ Members £16.50
Guests £20



Ready to get into the Christmas spirit? Join us for a magical afternoon at the Epsom Playhouse to see Neil Sands' Christmas Memories - a festive treat filled with song, sparkle and nostalgia. If you loved the VE Day celebrations, you're in for another special afternoon. Neil Sands and his amazing cast return with the brand new 2025 production of their must see 'Christmas Cracker!' Expect over 60 classic Christmas songs and carols, stunning costumes, heartwarming moments and even a touch of falling snow. We're block booking seats at a special price of £16.50, so book soon to secure your spot. Described as 'Like A Sparkly Christmas Card Come To Life', this is the perfect way to start the festive season, so come along or just sit back and soak up the joy! Book by Friday 31 October 2025. Epsom Playhouse, 42 Ashley Avenue, Epsom Surrey KT18 5AL. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

November

WED

12

Emily Chilvers – Willow Star Making Workshop



10.30am



Members £20, Guests £25



Back by popular demand! Emily Chilvers returns with another wonderful crafting session, but this time, we'll be trying something brand new: beautiful willow stars made from naturally foraged materials.



Whether you're crafty or just curious, Emily's sessions are relaxed, creative and always a lot of fun. You'll leave with a handmade seasonal decoration and a great sense of achievement! Spaces fill quickly booking essential! Book by Friday 31 October 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

MON

17

Cosy Catered Lunch at Oddfellows Hall



12.30pm



Members £7
Guests £10



Join us for a relaxed and sociable catered lunch at Oddfellows Hall, Dorking featuring a selection



of fresh sandwiches alongside something warm and comforting to enjoy as the weather turns chilly. It's a lovely way to break up the day, catch up with friends and enjoy a bite to eat in good company. All welcome – come hungry and leave happy! Book by Friday 14 November 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

WED

26

A Taste of Christmas: Festive Market and Lunch



10am



As per
menu



Join us for some festive fun at the Kingston Christmas Markets. The market opens at 10am, so come along early to enjoy the festive stalls, seasonal treats and Christmas cheer. We'll be meeting for lunch at 12 noon at The Kings Tun (Wetherspoons), 153-157 Clarence Street, Kingston-Upon-Thames KT1 1QT. It's a great opportunity to warm up, relax and enjoy good food and conversation. Come along to meet new friends and catch up with old ones! Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there! Kingston Ancient Market Place, Kingston-Upon-Thames, London KT1 1JS. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

December

WED
03

Christmas Carol Morning



11am



£3



We're delighted to welcome back the wonderful Leatherhead Trinity School Choir for a heartwarming morning of Christmas music and festive cheer. Their beautiful voices are sure to get us all into the spirit of the season! After the performance, stay and enjoy a friendly catch-up over mince pies with tea or coffee. A lovely way to kick off December? All welcome! Book by Friday 28 November 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 45-47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8BN. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

MON
08

Christmas Cracker Quiz by Candis and Helen



11am



Members £10
Guests £15



Back by popular demand! After the hit Spring Quiz, our fabulous



members Candis and Helen return to host a festive edition packed with fun, laughter and a few Christmas surprises! Put your knowledge to the test in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, then enjoy a classic fish and chips lunch to round off a brilliant morning. All welcome. Come for the quiz, stay for the food and festive cheer! Book by Friday 5 December 2025. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

MON
15

Oddfellows Christmas Lunch at The White Horse



12.30pm



As per menu



Come and join us at The White Horse for a heartwarming Christmas celebration! Whether you're



looking to catch up with old friends or make some new ones, this is the perfect chance to share in the festive spirit, enjoy a delicious meal and connect with a welcoming community. Everyone is welcome, familiar faces and new! Let's celebrate the season together with laughter, warmth and good company. We'd love to see you there! Book by Friday 5 December 2025. The White Horse, High Street, Dorking RH4 1BE. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

January 2026

WED
07

Coffee, Cake and Catch Up



11am



As per menu



We kick off the New Year with a friendly coffee and cake morning! We're looking forward to meeting new members, sharing your event ideas and letting you know what exciting plans we have in store. We'll also be welcoming some of our Mid-Surrey District members, so come along and hear what they have to say about our fantastic community. It's the perfect time to connect, share and start the year together. Everyone welcome, so bring a friend! Book by Friday 2 January 2026. Fortunella Café, 8 Apple Market, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey KT1 1JE. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

MON
19

Lunch Out - The Surrey Yeoman



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for our January lunch at The Surrey Yeoman, recently refurbished and offering a lovely new menu. As always, you're guaranteed a warm welcome, good company and a delicious meal. We look forward to seeing you there! Book by Friday 16 January 2026. The Surrey Yeoman, 220-222 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QR. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



MON
12

New Year Catch Up and Quiz



11am



Members £10, Guests £15



Start the year with some fun and friendly competition at our 'New Year Bingo Morning!' Join us for a relaxed get-together with prizes, good company and a fish and chips lunch. Everyone is welcome – why not bring along your ideas for events and activities you'd love to see this year? It's a great way to share, connect and help shape what's ahead. We look forward to seeing you there! Book by Friday 9 January 2026. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



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

January 2026

WED
28

**Alex Hibbert -
Polar Traveller**



11am



Members £5
Guests £10



Join us for a fascinating talk with the world record-holding polar explorer Alex Hibbert - one of only 11 people in history to have skied over 1,000 miles unsupported in polar regions. Alex will share gripping stories of survival, endurance and exploration including his record-breaking 1,374 mile, 113 day Arctic expedition completed without resupply, during which he and teammate George Bullard endured extreme conditions and finished the final leg with almost no food. Everyone who attends will receive a signed copy of Alex's book. Whether you're an adventurer at heart or just curious about life at the ends of the earth, this is an unmissable opportunity to hear from one of the greatest living polar travellers. All are welcome! Come be inspired. Book by Friday 16 January 2026. Oddfellows Hall, 45 - 47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8BN. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

February

WED
04

**Coffee and Cake at
Garsons Farm**



11am



As per
menu



MON
09

**Bridge, Brews and
Bring your own Brunch**



11am



Free



Join us for a relaxed morning of coffee, cake and great company at Garsons Farm. Afterwards, feel free to have a browse around the lovely garden centre if you fancy! Everyone's welcome! Bring a friend and enjoy some well-deserved time out. Cost: Pay as you go, based on the café menu. We look forward to seeing you there! Garsons Farm, Winterdown Road, Esher, Surrey KT10 8LS. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



Join us for a relaxed morning of learning the basics of 'Bridge' in good company - no experience needed! We'll also be enjoying a shop bought bring your own brunch. Please contact Carly for a list of suggested items to avoid duplicates and make sure we have a tasty variety! Everyone is welcome. Come along, learn something new and share a bite with friendly faces. Book by Wednesday 4 February 2026. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

February

WED
11

The Art of Collage - Paper Creations Workshop

L 11am

£ Members £5
Guests £10



Create a paper collage you're proud enough to frame! Michelle will provide templates for a range of different animals and craft paper in a variety of colours and patterns. Bring along newspapers and magazines to cut out too. Just add imagination and you'll go home with a unique masterpiece! It'll take you back to watching Blue Peter and "here is one I made earlier!". Book by Wednesday 4 February 2026. Oddfellows Hall, 45-47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8BN. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

MON
16

Lunch Out - The Star

L 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Our February gathering takes us to The Star in Chessington - a cosy local pub known for its hearty food and relaxed charm. Come along and enjoy great food, friendship and fun. We look forward to seeing you there! Book by Friday 13 February 2026. The Star, Kingston Road, Leatherhead KT22 0DP. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



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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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- 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

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Scarborough hosts the nation's Oddies



For the 20th time in more than 200 years the Society's Annual Movable Conference (AMC) was held in beautiful Scarborough, hosted by Vale of York Oddfellows.

Members representing their Branches converged on the seaside town from

all corners of the country to assess the previous 12 months and to decide on the direction of the next.

There was change at the top, as South London Oddfellows' John Mann replaced Vale of York Oddfellows' Barbara Needham as Grand Master.

As well as business, attendees enjoyed a range of social activities, including indulging in the delights of an Oddfellows Brass performance, the annual Roy Harmer Memorial Bowls Tournament, and a day trip to Whitby and Scarborough Fair.

Final update from HA Andrews Memorial Fund recipients

Nur Zainal, whose PhD at the University of Southampton has been supported by the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, and Professor of Cancer Biology Tim Fenton (pictured), addressed the Society's annual conference as three years of funding comes to an end.

"My PhD – made possible by the generous support of the Oddfellows – has made some significant contributions to cancer research," said Nur. "My ultimate goal is to find ways to prevent or overcome drug resistance, and my model will let us run

the pre-clinical studies needed to move promising strategies toward the clinic."

Tim added: "Until recently, we did not understand enough about how our immune system recognises and responds to tumours, or about how tumours learn to switch off our immune responses to deploy cancer vaccines effectively. This is changing rapidly, and cancer vaccines hold great promise for kinder, more effective therapy, though significant challenges remain."



Making a Difference Awards 2025

The Oddfellows is full of remarkable people, none more so than the six winners of this year's Making a Difference Awards. They have been nationally recognised for their selflessness and dedication to making their Branch and wider Society as good as they can be.

For more information about the Awards, including how to nominate someone for 2026, visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference.

Jean Logan, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Enriching Lives Socially

This award celebrates Jean's contributions to the running of the Branch's social events. She's key to coming up with new ideas, organising and hosting events, and making sure everyone has a good time.

"Socialising keeps your brain busy and keeps you active and keeps you younger.

You can sit on the sofa and watch telly all day long but I'm a doer. I'm always up and about."



On winning the award, Jean, from Bourne, Lincolnshire, says she had to read the letter twice, adding: "You've got so many branches all over the country and I end up as the overall winner. It was a nice surprise."

Gordon and Kath Hinett, North Wales and Chester Oddfellows

Achieving Together

The married couple from Conwy, North Wales, have been recognised for their teamwork and commitment to improving the lives of members.



As a Welfare visitor, Gordon regularly assists members however they might need, be that giving lifts to appointments or events, or going to the shops for them. Kath takes the lead on organising social events such as trips to the cinema, the theatre or a day out somewhere.

Kath says they could've been knocked down with a feather when they learnt they'd won. Gordon added: "We don't do it to get rewarded. We do it because we love doing it."

Chris Sargeant, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Working in the Spirit of Mutuality

Chris, from Pinchbeck in Lincolnshire, has been highlighted for her passion and dedication for her Branch and the Society as a whole.



Having held almost every role possible locally and represented Nene and Welland Oddfellows on regional and national committees, Chris said: "Oddfellows gives to me as much as I give to it. You get to know people. I've friends all over the country through Oddfellowship. I love it, absolutely love it."

She added: "How proud was I that someone had thought I was worthy of this Award?"

Ann Kight, Nottingham Trent Oddfellows

Giving Something Back

Nottingham-based Ann's selfless commitment to raising money for worthy causes, both in connection with her Branch and of her own accord, is why she has been singled out for praise.

"I've been doing it about 10 years, if not more," she said. "I reckon I've raised around £10,000."

"I've always had the motto of, 'if you go through life and behave and you help somebody on your way you've done your job'."



She added: "You do things because you do them, not for awards. To get an award is a bonus."

Barry Bedford, Nene and Welland Oddfellows

Giving a Helping Hand

Barry, from Peterborough, has been recognised for his dedication to looking after his fellow members and being counted on when it matters, or in times of need. He's been known to give members lifts to and from events and the shops, and has assisted in all manner of DIY projects, including clearing driveways, repairing doors, decorating and gardening.



He said: "I am very proud of what they think I've achieved. It's the way I live my life and always have done and if that transforms into helping other people then I'm thankful."

Incredible total raised for good causes



Brownsea Oddfellows raised £1,608.50 for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

members. We know that money is tight for many people, but they still dig deep and have compassion for those in need.

“It’s what binds us as Oddfellows – caring for people’s welfare and looking out for the needs of others. This humanitarian spirit makes me feel incredibly proud to be part of the Society. Where we can help, we must.”

Giving back to our communities has always mattered to us. Last year, our branches and members donated over £163,000 to good causes.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Every year, when we work out the collaborative total, I’m astounded by the generosity of our Branches and their

Find out more about how the Society gives back to its communities, including information about our support for the RNLI, Oddfellows Brass, our Orphan Gift Fund and HA Andrews Memorial Fund, at www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back

Welcoming Tees Mutual to the Oddfellows



In February, we announced the completion, by transfer of engagements, of Tees Mutual.

The acquisition was approved and agreed on by Tees Mutual's members and their Board. Both the Oddfellows and Tees Mutual share a similar ethos and complementary values. This is the Society's sixth acquisition since

2007 and follows the last transfer of engagements in 2021.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: “Tees Mutual has been providing life and savings products to the people of Teesside and South Durham for well over a century.

“We are both passionate about mutuality and are pleased to be able to provide Tees Mutual members with a secure future.”



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 Maeve on **01306 877792** or email **maeve.stott@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

Branch Meetings

Monday, 10.30am - Free

Ever wondered how the Oddfellows Mid-Surrey District Branch operates? Join us for an insightful meeting where we'll cover everything from social events to finances, care, property, publicity, and more. It's great opportunity to learn how our Branch runs and how you can get involved!

Monday 15 September - Business Meeting, Dorking

Monday 20 October - Half Yearly Meeting, Leatherhead

Monday 17 November - Business Meeting, Dorking

Monday 15 December - Business Meeting, Dorking

Monday 19 January 2026 - Business Meeting, Dorking

Monday 16 February 2026 - Business Meeting, Leatherhead

Monday 16 March 2026 - Annual General Meeting, Dorking

The Committee of Management meet about four times a year. Our next provisional dates are Friday 7 November and Friday 6 February 2026.

If you are interested in joining the Committee please contact Maeve 01306 877792 or email: maeve.stott@oddfellows.co.uk

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



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September 2025 - Friendship Month

Tues 2	Badminton	10am
Thurs 4	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 5	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 8	Play Your Cards Right - Coffee, Cake and Fun	11am
Tues 9	Badminton	10am
Wed 10	Welcome Lunch - Richmond	12.30pm
Thurs 11	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 12	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 12	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 12	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 15	Business Meeting, Dorking	10.30am
Mon 15	Friendship Month Treat Afternoon Tea	12.30pm
Tues 16	Badminton	10am
Thurs 18	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 19	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 19	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 19	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 23	Badminton	10am
Thurs 25	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 26	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 26	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 26	Oddfellows Goes Country	7pm
Fri 26	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 29	Friendship Brunch with another Branch - Concord	11am
Tues 30	Badminton	10am

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October

Thurs 2	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 3	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 3	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 3	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 7	Badminton	10am
Wed 8	Glass Fusing Lantern Making Workshop	10am
Thurs 9	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 10	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 10	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 10	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 13	Bingo with Fish and Chips	7pm
Tues 14	Badminton	10am
Thurs 16	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 17	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 17	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 17	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 20	Business Meeting, Leatherhead	10.30am
Mon 20	Lunch and Laughs at Wetherspoons	12.30pm
Tues 21	Badminton	10am
Wed 22	Fawlty Towers - The Play at Wimbledon Theatre	2.30pm
Thurs 23	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 24	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 28	Badminton	10am
Thurs 30	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 31	Friday Badminton	8pm

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November

Mon 3	Coffee, Cake and Jigsaw Exchange	11am
Tues 4	Badminton	10am
Thurs 6	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 7	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 7	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 7	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 10	Neil Sands 'Christmas Memories at Epsom Playhouse'	2.30pm
Tues 11	Badminton	10am
Wed 12	Emily Chilvers – Willow Star Making Workshop	10.30am
Thurs 13	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 14	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 14	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 14	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 17	Business Meeting, Dorking	10.30am
Mon 17	Cosy Catered Lunch at Oddfellows Hall	12.30pm
Tues 18	Badminton	10am
Thurs 20	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 21	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 21	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 25	Badminton	10am
Wed 26	A Taste of Christmas: Festive Market and Lunch	10am
Thurs 27	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 28	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 28	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 28	Friday Badminton	8pm

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December

Tues 2	Badminton	10am
Wed 3	Christmas Carol Morning	11am
Thurs 4	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 5	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 5	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 5	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 8	Christmas Cracker Quiz by Candis and Helen	11am
Tues 9	Badminton	10am
Thurs 11	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 12	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 12	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 12	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 15	Business Meeting, Dorking	10.30am
Mon 15	Oddfellows Christmas Lunch at The White Horse	12.30pm
Tues 16	Badminton	10am
Thurs 18	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 19	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 23	Badminton	10am
Tues 30	Badminton	10am

January 2026

Fri 2	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 6	Badminton	10am
Wed 7	Coffee, Cake and Catch Up	11am
Thurs 8	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 9	Zumba Gold	10.30am

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January 2026

Fri 9	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 9	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 12	New Year Catch Up and Quiz	11am
Tues 13	Badminton	10am
Thurs 15	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 16	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 16	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 16	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 19	Business Meeting, Dorking	10.30am
Mon 19	Lunch Out – The Surrey Yeoman	12.30pm
Tues 20	Badminton	10am
Thurs 22	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 23	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 23	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 23	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 27	Badminton	10am
Wed 28	Alex Hibbert – Polar Traveller	11am
Thurs 29	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 30	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 30	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 30	Friday Badminton	8pm

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February

Tues 3	Badminton	10am
Wed 4	Coffee and Cake at Garsons Farm	11am
Thurs 5	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 6	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 6	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 6	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 9	Bridge, Brews and Bring your own Brunch	11am
Tues 10	Badminton	10am
Wed 11	The Art of Collage – Paper Creations Workshop	11am
Thurs 12	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 13	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 13	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon
Fri 13	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 16	Business Meeting, Leatherhead	10.30am
Mon 16	Lunch Out – The Star	12.30pm
Tues 17	Badminton	10am
Thurs 19	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 20	Friday Badminton	8pm
Thurs 26	Pickleball	1pm
Fri 27	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 27	Tai Chi with Tea and Coffee	12 noon

We Want to Hear From You

We always enjoy seeing the amazing creativity within our community! If you have photos, articles, poems, or any other contributions you'd like to share, we'd be delighted to feature them. Please reach out to the Branch to submit your work—contact information can be found on page 3. We look forward to hearing from you and showcasing your contributions!