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Autumn Winter Issue



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Oddfellows Hall, Dorking

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

We hope you are keeping well. It has been lovely to see so many of you again over recent months at events and a warm welcome to our many new members. We look forward to seeing more of you at events in the autumn and winter.

We start Friendship Month in September with our popular fish and chips meal and catch up in the main hall. We will also have a raffle and short talk from the Mid-Surrey charity of the year-The Children's Trust. On Monday's we have many talks to look forward to, several led by members, on local history, History of Radio, Gardening and Painshill Park. We have a trip to the Cockney Museum and several lunches out, including our popular Christmas lunch. We are

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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. The office staff all work part-time so if there is no answer do leave a phone message or email us and we will get back to you.

delighted to welcome back Jo Hannah, local ceramist and tutor to lead some more Ceramic for Wellbeing classes, including some Christmas workshops in Leatherhead. So do book on to these popular classes. If you haven't already, do try one of Jo's Zumba Gold or Tai Chi classes on Friday's at Oddfellows Hall in Dorking, with a chance to chat over a tea or coffee after the class. It's great to see so many of you enjoying Fitness Friday at Oddfellows. These popular classes are so positive we are now starting Seated Zumba with Jo on a Monday at the Leatherhead, Oddfellows Hall.

If this your first time back to classes or first time trying fitness classes, Jo will give you a warm welcome.

There is of course more to Oddfellows than 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.

Office News

Monday Socials (DOE)

These regular socials take place on the second Monday of the month at 2.30pm in the winter months.

We have a great selection of events teas, talks and quizzes. All include a cuppa and a chat, please check the listings for exact dates. We look forward to seeing you.

Pub Lunches are back!

Do join us for these informal lunches at local venues in the Mid-Surrey area. From The Stepping Stones, The Star and Rialto Lounge. We look forward to seeing you.

Booking Events

Please book all events via email mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk or **01306 877792**. Any changes to events will be updated on the website, via email or please call the office if you have any queries.

Online Events

Although we are moving to more face to face events don't forget there are still events online each week nationally for you to join. From games, quizzes and coffee mornings. We send a regular list out with our email newsletter, so if you would like to be emailed this list, please let us know in the office.

We also are continuing our Mid-Surrey catch up online on the last Friday of the month at 10am. Need help with getting on to Zoom? Please let the office know.

Welcome June!

Welcome to June who has joined the office with a wealth of property experience.

Coming soon

Art Classes for Wellbeing in Leatherhead.

Trip to Painshill Park.

If you have any ideas for events, talks or articles please contact Roxane via the office on **01306 877792** or **mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk**.

Regular Events

Monday Social (DOE)

**Second Monday
of the month**



2pm



Members free
Guests £3
(if a speaker)



These Monday meetings usually take place on the second Monday of the month at the Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QT. Please check the listings for exact details. Some events in the hall ask for a small fee from non-members to cover speakers. Book your place mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk or phone on 01306 877792.

10 October 2022

14 November 2022

12 December 2022

9 January 2023

13 February 2023

Friday 'Catch up with a Coffee' Online



10am



Free



**Last Friday
of the month**

Do join us on the last Friday of the month from 10am to 10.40am. Make yourself a coffee, and join us for a chat, catch up and make new friends. You are welcome to drop in any time or any week you can for a chat. Please contact the office on mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk or 01306 877792 for the link to access online. You can also join via landline.



26 August 2022

30 September 2022

28 October 2022

25 November 2022

27 January 2023

24 February 2023

Regular Events

Zumba Gold



10.30am



Members £4
Guests £7



Join us for this low impact Zumba Gold with Jo on Friday's from 10.30am followed by a chance for tea and a chat. Every Friday, school term times only. Please call office for more information. 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 price for members. Pay as you go. Followed by tea and coffee. Oddfellows Hall Dorking, 270 High Street, Dorking, RH41QT. For more information and to book contact 01306 877792, mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk

Every Friday

Term times only, please
see at a glance for dates



Tai Chi Qi Gong



12 noon



Members £4
Guests £7



Jo leads this Tai Chi class open to all members and guests. Qi Gong (pronounces chee-gong) is an ancient Chinese exercise and healing technique that involves meditation, controlled breathing and movement exercises, which falls under the umbrella of Tai Chi. All welcome to this low impact, gentle exercise and meditation. This can be done seated. Please see the special discounted price for members. You are welcome to arrive at 11.40am and share a cup of tea or coffee and chat before the class. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QT. Contact the office on mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk or 01306 877792.

Every Friday

Term times only, please
see at a glance for dates



Regular Events

Seated Zumba



1pm



Members £4
Guests £7



Every Monday

Leatherhead
Term time only

Join Jo for seated Zumba. Gentle exercises to music all seated. Followed by coffee or tea and a chance to chat.

Seated Zumba is specifically designed for people with limited mobility, people with balance issues, and anyone who wants a great seated workout. You can take breaks whenever you need to, and you can also work harder than you might expect.

Jo is an experienced teacher of Zumba Gold, Seated Zumba, Melt and Tai Chi. Please contact the Mid-Surrey office for more information. Pay as you go each week.

Oddfellows Hall Leatherhead , 45-47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead KT22 8BN.



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Got an event idea to share?

Please don't hesitate to share your ideas with us, or with any other Branch Committee Member. Help us make our events programme even more interesting and exciting!

September

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FRIENDSHIP MONTH

1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



MON
12

Friendship Month Fish and Chips Lunch and Children's Trust Talk



12.30pm



See below



Join us to start Friendship Month with our popular fish and chips lunch in the main hall. Join us to catch up over lunch from the local fish and chip shop, followed by a raffle in aid of this year's charity, The Children's Trust. Over coffee we will have a short talk from Yasmeen, a Children's Trust Community Champion, who will tell the story about their continuing journey with the Children's Trust who are supporting her daughter. We look forward to seeing you all and supporting this great charity. Costs: All pay for fish and chips meal on the day. Coffee and tea provided. Book by Friday 9 September 2022. Oddfellows Hall Dorking, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.



MON
19

Business Meeting Dorking with Sandwich Lunch



10.30am



Free



All members are welcome to come and take part in the business



meeting to help or just see what is involved in the running of the Mid-Surrey Branch. This covers social planning, finance, care, development, property, publicity and promotion. Tea or coffee always served and as it is Friendship Month, all are welcome to stay on for a sandwich lunch which will be provided after the meeting. Please contact Maeve if you would like to attend. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.

WED
21

Ceramics for Wellbeing Classes - Course 1



10.30am



Members £10
Guests £18



We are excited to offer more Ceramics for Wellbeing classes this autumn, with Jo Hannah, local ceramic artist and tutor. Please book your place via the office. See page 8 for more details.



Ceramics for Wellbeing Classes

Everyone
welcome

Wednesdays at 10.30am
Leatherhead, Oddfellows Hall

Course 1

21 and 28 September

Course 2

5 and 12 October

We are excited to offer more Ceramics for Wellbeing classes this autumn, with Jo Hannah, local ceramic artist and tutor. Over two weeks you will have a two hour session each week to develop, glaze and decorate pinch pots.

If you already have experience in clay you will have the opportunity to develop your own work. These classes are subsidised by Oddfellows but there is a small fee to cover teaching, materials and firing.

This time, so more can access the courses we are running two short courses and two workshops, so you can book both courses and develop work over four weeks. These can be booked together or separately. No prior experience in clay or ceramics needed.

Costs: £10 members and £18 non-members per week and you have to book the full two weeks of the course. This includes all materials, firing your work and refreshments.

These are open to all but priority is given initially to Oddfellows members when booking.

As with all Oddfellows events and to keep the cost down we would ask members to take a turn helping setup/tidy up the class with other members.

Please contact the office for a booking form. There are also two Christmas cut out clay decoration workshops that can be booked in addition or as stand alone classes.

**For further information
and to book contact the
office on 01306 877792
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September

October

WED 28 Ceramics for Wellbeing Classes - Course 1



10.30am



Members £10
Guests £18



We are excited to offer more Ceramics for Wellbeing classes this autumn, with Jo Hannah, local ceramic artist and tutor. Please book your place via the office. See page 8 for more details.



TUES 04 Visit to The Cockney Museum in Epsom



11am



See below



Join us on this fascinating tour through London's past at this local museum. The Original Cockney Museum takes you on a thrilling tour all the way back to the 1800s to a London that has now been long forgotten. All pay on day. £3 for OAP. £6 for adults. Tea, coffee and biscuits pay on the day in the onsite cafe. If you need transport or can offer transport please let us know. The Cockney Museum, 31 The Broadway Stoneleigh, Stoneleigh, Epsom KT17 2JE. Contact the office on 01306 877792 or mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk.

October

MON 03 History Talk on the Chilworth Gunpowder Mill



2.30pm



Free



All welcome to this interesting talk on Chilworth Gunpowder Mill. This fascinating talk will be led by Colin Rumary, who as a boy, lived in a converted industrial building on the Chilworth Mills. His talk is a bit about the factory and the rest about his life there, including the social attitudes of the time. This social history talk is in association with the local U3A Social History Group. Mid-Surrey member, Michelle is organising the talk and is also inviting a few friends from her U3A History Group to enjoy the talk with us. Followed by tea or coffee and a chat. Donations welcomed to The Children's Trust, the Mid-Surrey Oddfellows chosen charity of the year. Please let us know if you are coming, ideally by Friday 30 September 2022. Oddfellows Hall Leatherhead, 45-47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead KT22 8BN. Contact the office on 01306 87779 or mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk.



October

WED 05 Ceramics for Wellbeing Classes - Course 2

L 10.30am

£ Members £10
Guests £18



We are excited to offer our second Ceramics for Wellbeing course this autumn, with Jo Hannah, local ceramic artist and tutor. Please book your place via the office. See page 8 for more details.

WED 12 Ceramics for Wellbeing Classes - Course 2

L 10.30am

£ Members £10
Guests £18



Week two of our 2nd course led by Jo Hannah, local ceramic artist and tutor. Please book your place via the office. See page 8 for more details. Please book your place via the office.

MON 10 The History and Applications of Radio Technology

L 2pm

£ Members Free, Guests £3



David Smith M.Sc local Mid-Surrey member is sharing this fascinating talk on The History and Applications of Radio Technology. This talk will describe the early developments of radio technology and its applications to the point where it is now a pervasive part of everyday life. The work of Marconi and other pioneers will be described as well as some of the key events in history where radio has played a key part such as the sinking of the Titanic,



World War II, microwave cookers, mobile phones and medical applications. All welcome as the talk will provide some technical details and yet be at a very practical level so should be of interest to the non-technical as well.



Tea, coffee and biscuits served and time to chat after the talk. Let us know if you can attend by Friday 7 October 2022. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.

October

MON 17 Half Yearly Business Meeting, Leatherhead

 10.30am  Free



All members are welcome to come and take part in the business meeting to help or just see what is involved in the running of the Mid-Surrey Branch. This covers social planning, finance, care, development, property, publicity and promotion. Tea, coffee and refreshments served. We encourage any members to join us as a one off or regularly. Please contact the office if you would like to attend. The meetings alternate between Dorking and Leatherhead. Book by Friday 14 October 2022. Oddfellows Hall Leatherhead, 45-47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead KT22 8BN. Contact the office on 01306 877792.

November

WED 02 Ceramics for Wellbeing Christmas One day Workshop

 10.30am  Members £10
Guests £18



Jo Hannah, local ceramic artist and tutor. Create cut out decorations in this two hour session. Please book your place via the office. See page 12 for more details.



November

WED 09 Ceramics for Wellbeing One day Christmas Workshop

 10.30am  Members £10
Guests £18



Our final workshop led by Jo Hannah, local ceramic artist and tutor. Create cut out decorations in this two hour session. Please book your place via the office. See page 12 for more details.

MON 14 Talk on Painshill Park

 2pm  Members Free
Guests £3



Do join us for this interesting talk on Painshill Park by Mid-Surrey member, Michelle Howes. Michelle is also a volunteer tour guide at Painshill Park and will give us a virtual guided tour of this beautiful English landscape garden in Cobham. Created by Charles Hamilton in the 18th Century, it has been restored to his original vision over the past 40 years, presenting a series of stunning vistas, a surprise around each corner, including its centrepiece the dazzling crystal grotto and the romantic ruined abbey shown above. Michelle will tell us some of the history behind each feature of the garden, as well as about its creator, and we'll follow up her talk with a visit to Painshill next year. All welcome to enjoy a tea or coffee and a chat after the talk. Please book your place by Friday 11 November 2022. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.



Ceramics for Wellbeing Christmas Decoration Workshop

Everyone
welcome

Wednesday at 10.30am
Leatherhead, Oddfellows Hall

2 and 9 November

Led by Jo Hannah, local ceramic artist and tutor. Over this two hour session you will be taught how to cut, decorate and create festive decorations from clay which will then glazed and fired.

If you already have experience in clay you will have the opportunity to develop your own work. These classes are subsidised by Oddfellows but there is a small fee to cover teaching, materials and firing.

Costs: £10 members and £18 non-members per Christmas decoration workshop. This includes all materials, firing your work and refreshments. These are open to all but priority is given initially to Oddfellows members when booking.

As with all Oddfellows events and to keep the cost down we would ask members to take a turn helping setup/tidy up the class with other members.

Please contact the office for a booking form. These cut out clay decoration workshops can be booked in addition to the other classes or as stand alone classes. No experience needed.

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and to book contact the
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November

MON 21 Committee of Management Meeting Dorking

🕒 10.30am 📄 Free



All Committee of Management members are welcome. Please let Maeve know if you can attend. To find out more about supporting the Committee of Management please see page 25. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.



December

MON 19 Business Meeting and Christmas Lunch at The Stepping Stones

🕒 10.30am 📄 As per menu



Join us for the final business meeting of the year. All welcome to this meeting this time in a meeting room at the Stepping Stones and

then stay on for Christmas lunch. Tea, coffee and mince pies at the meeting provided. All members pay for your own lunch and drinks. Book by Friday 9 December 2022. The Stepping Stones, Westhumble Street, Westhumble, Dorking RH5 6BS. Contact the office on 01306 877792.



December

MON 12 Christmas Tea and Games

🕒 2pm 📄 Members Free
Guests £3



Do join us for a festive tea, chat and a few games. All welcome. Book by Friday 9 December 2022. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.



December

MON
19

Christmas Lunch at The Stepping Stones



12.30pm



As per
menu



All welcome for Christmas lunch at the Stepping Stones, Westhumble between Dorking and Leatherhead. This popular village pub with stripped wooden floors and skylights, traditional menu and real ales. All members pay for your own lunch and drinks. Booking essential. Please contact the office to pre-order your lunch from the menu. Members are welcome to attend the business meeting with complimentary tea or coffee in a meeting room at the restaurant from 10.30am. Look forward to seeing you at this festive lunch. Book by Friday 9 December 2022. The Stepping Stones, Westhumble Street, Westhumble, Dorking RH5 6BS. Contact the office on 01306 877792.

January 2023

MON
09

New Year Quiz and Tea



2pm



Members Free
Guests £3



What a way to start the New Year with a fun quiz and tea in the lounge. Come and chat, share your highlights of last year and ideas for 2023. All welcome. Please let us know if you can make it by Monday 9 January 2023. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.



MON
16

Business Meeting Dorking



10.30am



Free



All members are welcome to come and take part in the business meeting to help or just see what is involved in the running of the Mid-Surrey branch. Please see page 25 for more information. Please contact the office on 01306 877792 if you would like to attend by Friday 13 January 2023. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT.

January 2023

MON
16

Lunch at Rialto Lounge



1pm



As per
menu



All welcome for a light lunch at Rialto Lounge. We return to this Italian branch restaurant on Dorking South Street, serving stone-baked pizzas, sandwiches, salads and pasta classics, plus own-brand ice-creams. Please book with the office and choose from set menu and pay on the day. Look forward to seeing you. All welcome. Book by Friday 13 January 2023. Rialto Lounge, 33 South Street, Dorking RH4 2JZ. Contact the office on 01306 877792.



February

MON
13

Gardening Talk with Marina Roberts



2pm



Members Free
Guests £3



We welcome Marina Roberts a member of the Dorking Allotments Shares. Marina's experience of growing your own. Marina has always been a keen gardener. Having grown up spending most of her free time at her dad's allotment, it's not surprising that she ended up having an allotment of her own when she got older. Whilst in a role of a Site Agent at Ranmore Road allotments site in Dorking, Marina implemented and shared with others a lot of growing hacks that she learned from her dad. Marina has been an active committee member of the Dorking Allotment Holders Association (DAHA) for the last 12 years. Her talk '120 Days of Growing' has been well received by DAHA and Dorking Gardening Club members. In her talk, Marina looks at the differences between growing your own in two different climate settings, which make you realise how lucky we are to have so much gardening time on your hands here in Surrey. Do come along and enjoy this unique talk and stay for a cup of tea share your gardening stories. Please book by Friday 10 February 2023. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.



February

MON
20

Committee of Management Meeting Leatherhead



10.30am



Free



All Committee of Management members are welcome. Please let Maeve know if you can attend. To find out more about the Committee of Management please see page 25. Oddfellows Hall Leatherhead, 45-47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead KT22 8BN. Contact the office on 01306 877792.



MON
20

Lunch Out at The Star, Chessington



1pm



As per menu



Do join us back at this popular pub lunch venue between Leatherhead and Chessington. The Star prides itself on delivering fantastic food with great friendly service and the delicious menu now offers a selection of your pub favourites with a few new dishes and chef's specials for you to enjoy, complimented with a great wine list from around the world and a dedicated Veggie, Vegan and NGCI menu (non gluten containing ingredients).



Please book your place with the Mid-Surrey office and pay for your meal and drinks on the day. Do join us, whether you are a longstanding member, a new member or guest, you will all be made very welcome. Come and join in a delicious lunch and conversation. Book by Friday 17 February 2023. The Star, Kingston Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 0DP. Contact the office on 01306 87779 or mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk.

The Children's Trust is the Mid-Surrey Charity of the Year



This year Mid-Surrey Provincial Grand Master, Mike Bright has chosen The Children's Trust, a local charity based in Tadworth, Surrey for the Mid-Surrey Charity of the year. On Wednesday 12 September, after our Friendship Month lunch, we are delighted to welcome Yasmeen, a Children's Trust Community Champion, to share with us her story of how the Children's Trust has supported her young daughter. Yasmeen's daughter suffered a brain tumour when she was just a year old, and a few years later she came to The Children's Trust for intensive rehabilitation.

Every year 40,000 children in the UK are left with a brain injury as a result of an accident or illness and it can be devastating – they may no longer be able to walk, talk, stand, sit, or feed themselves – sometimes all of these abilities.

The Children's Trust is the UK's leading charity for children with brain injury. They deliver expert rehabilitation, education, therapy and care through skilled teams who work with children and young people, and their families at their specialist centre in Tadworth, Surrey. They also support children and families nationally in their own communities, through their brain injury specialist services based in some of the larger UK hospitals such as St Georges in Tooting, the mobile brain injury community team and online information and advice services. At The Children's Trust, they aim to help rebuild as many of their skills as possible, as well as their self-esteem.

A child's confidence is central to that relearning. They help children do this through play, exploration, laughter and having fun; things that are often absent when a child has limited mobility or has had a challenging time. By combining music, singing, arts and crafts, day trips and other activities, with therapy, healthcare and education, children do not focus on what they cannot do, they just do it and have fun. We will have a small raffle on Wednesday 12 September for this charity and will have donation boxes available at all events this year.

Please let the office know if you have any prizes to donate to the raffle. It is good to support the Children's Trust ambition to help more children with brain injury to live their best life possible.

Mid –Surrey Photo Gallery

We enjoyed a range of events this year inside and out-and online. We enjoyed seeing all our members and look forward to seeing you all this Autumn Winter.



Ceramic events photo gallery



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stay in touch from home**

We've online events for all
to enjoy. Give one a try.



To see what's coming up visit oddfellows.co.uk/events
and enter 'Kelso' in the place name search box

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Join us as we
explore Shropshire,
famous for the
beauty of its
hills, picturesque
market towns and
fascinating history.

**19–23 September 2022
(4 nights)**

From £655 per person
(Full board)

Rooms for solo
travellers available



For further information and to book contact Mike Hall
0161 832 9361 (Ext 2224) travel@oddfellows.co.uk

The Oddfellows' Annual Movable Conference (AMC)

Members were delighted to finally get together at the first face-to-face AMC in three years in May this year. The three-day annual conference returned to Scarborough and kicked off with an 80s disco, a stunning firework display and a fantastically well-received concert from Oddfellows Brass.



Grand Master David Ogden (right) with the Mayor of Scarborough



A spectacular opening night firework display



Oddfellows Brass on fine form

At the conference, the Making a Difference Awards winners from 2020 to 2022 were presented with their trophies by Past Grand Master David Randall.

This year, the AMC saw the installation of three new Member Non-Executive Directors: Debbie Jex from Reading Branch, Karen Rose from Tunbridge Wells Branch and Alex Walker from North Gloucestershire Branch.

Thanks go to all who attended, debated and voted on the different clauses and to those working behind the scenes who made the conference such a success.

Congratulations to our Making a Difference Award winners 2022

The Oddfellows is known for the kindness and generosity of its members and we take the opportunity every year to celebrate the efforts of members who've been nominated for going the extra mile in our Making a Difference Awards.

“Any member can nominate another member for national recognition”

This year, we introduced a new category, the 'Achieving Together' award. It was created to celebrate two people who have worked together to achieve more than they could alone, and whose partnership has significantly improved the lives of members, their Branch or the Society.

Our congratulations go to this year's Making a Difference Award winners...



*Julie Webster,
St Helens & Warrington Branch*

Julie Webster, from St Helens and Warrington Oddfellows, for Enriching Lives Socially

Julie said: “Being a Social Organiser is really hard work sometimes, but it's very rewarding. Seeing people, especially people on their own, some of whom don't have family or friends close by, really enjoying themselves and laughing so much they have tears rolling down their faces, makes it all worthwhile. We're there for each other, one big family. I think the pandemic highlighted this more than anything.”



*Shirley Walton,
South East Lancashire Branch*

Shirley Walton, from South East Lancashire Oddfellows, for Giving Something Back

Shirley said: “We can all give something back, even if it's just a kind word or a smile. In the Oddfellows, we all give back, through care and welfare, running events and making sure people get together. But we receive so much just by being a member. We are what we say, a friendly society run by members for members.”



*Sylvia Alcorn,
Pride of Woolwich Branch*

Sylvia Alcorn, from Pride of Woolwich Oddfellows, for Giving a Helping Hand

Sylvia said: "It's just nice to be a friend to someone. Even if they have family, they can have a completely different conversation with me and I just love it. They're so pleased to see you when you come through the door."



*Pat Perkins and
husband, Noel*

Doug and Phyllis Austin, from Leeds Oddfellows, for Achieving Together

Husband and wife, Doug and Phyllis Austin, were awarded the Society's inaugural Making a Difference Award for 'Achieving Together'

in recognition of the kindness they have shown to fellow Leeds members over more than 30 years.

We are saddened to share that Doug died in March this year aged 93. Phyllis was also unable to attend the ceremony in Scarborough due to ill health. Their daughter, Pat Perkins, and her husband Noel, attended the awards ceremony at the Oddfellows' annual conference to accept her parents' awards on their behalf.



Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, says: "Our Society is full of members like this who have a natural drive to do good and the Oddfellows simply wouldn't be the same without them. Our winners fully deserve this recognition."

Know a member who goes above and beyond at your local Branch? Nominate now for the 2023 awards.

Download a member nomination form from oddfellows.co.uk/makingadifference, or contact your local Branch Secretary to have a form sent to you.

New recipient of HA Andrews Memorial Fund

The new recipient of our UK medical research fund, the HA Andrews Memorial Fund, was agreed at this year's annual conference.



From 2022 to 2024, we're supporting the Centre for Cancer Immunology based at the University of Southampton. £100,000 in funding has been granted to enable the Centre's study of a specific gene which it is believed can be manipulated to target cancer cells in a new vaccine.

The ultimate goal is to create a vaccine that could fundamentally change outcomes for patients with cancer, particularly lung, breast, head, neck oesophageal and bladder cancers. The research is led by Dr Tim Fenton and Professor Edd James who will also be supervising a full-time PHD student funded by the Oddfellows.



We look forward to hearing how the Centre's research is progressing and sharing some insights with you when the Board makes its first visit later in the year.

Find out more about how the Oddfellows gives back at
www.oddfellows.co.uk/about/giving-back/

Business Meeting Dates

All members are welcome to come and take part in the business meeting to help or just see what is involved in the running of the Mid-Surrey branch. This covers social planning, finance, care, development, property, publicity and promotion. Tea, coffee and refreshments served. We encourage any members to join us as a one off or regularly. Please contact the office if you would like to attend. The meetings alternate between Dorking and Leatherhead.

Monday 19 September, Business Meeting, Dorking and sandwich lunch.

Monday 17 October, Half Yearly Meeting, Leatherhead

Monday 19 December, Business Meeting Stepping Stones Westhumble with Christmas Lunch

Monday 16 January 2023, Business Meeting, Dorking

Monday 20 March 2023, AGM, Dorking

Committee of Management

All Committee of Management members are welcome to come and take part in CoM meetings to help in the running of the Mid-Surrey branch. This covers social planning, finance, care, development, property, publicity and promotion. Tea, coffee and refreshments are served. Each volunteer committee member brings their unique skills to support the running of the branch. We always appreciate members volunteering their time to shape the district and support the office and Trustees. All members are welcome to join the Committee of Management. Please contact the office if you would like more details. The Committee of Management meetings alternate between Dorking and Leatherhead. The meetings are no more than two hours long and are held approximately four times a year. Often members go for a pub lunch which is open to all following this meeting.

Monday 21 November, Dorking

Monday 20 February 2023, Leatherhead

Online Open Days - Find out more about Oddfellows

Just a quick reminder that the Open Day events continues and if you have anyone interested in finding out more about the oddfellows they can register at www.oddfellows.co.uk/opendays

Meet your Mid Surrey Care and Welfare Team

The Oddfellows looking after you
Care, Advice and Support



We would like to introduce you to our friendly Care and Welfare team who are here to help you.



Pat Christmas



David Day

Have you been unwell or in hospital, or find it difficult to get out to Oddfellows meetings?

Are you living on your own and would like someone to keep in touch through a chat on the phone? Or do you just need a friendly 'listening ear' to offer a bit of support in a difficult situation?

You may just want to ask a simple question about any help available to you through the Oddfellows. Whatever your situation, our care and welfare team are here to do what they can to help – or to point you in the right direction – so do get in touch!

Our Welfare team receive induction training and ongoing support, as well as regular care and welfare information updates. They undergo screening appropriate to their role and carry a photo ID badge, so you can be reassured about who they are.

To arrange for a member of the Welfare team to contact you, or for local help and information about Branch benefits or benevolence support, please ring Maeve Stott on **01306 877792** or email **maeve.stott@oddfellows.co.uk**

National Oddfellows Helplines

As well as the help available at your local Branch, you can also contact our free, confidential national helplines.

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@manchestercab.org

Run by Citizens Advice for Oddfellows members, you can access free, confidential, independent advice on areas such as welfare benefits, money and debt, consumer problems, housing, and employment issues.

Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and is solely responsible for all advice provided.

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, members 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.

Our Oddfellows care, advice, support services and benefits* are available to all members from day one, except the convalescence and carer benefits which are available after two years of membership. If you would like more information ask your Branch Secretary for a copy of our '**Looking After You**' Care, Advice and Support booklet or visit our website page at

www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care/

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered this year. We couldn't run all our events and meetings without you. Special thanks to our volunteer Trustees and Committee of Management.

At Mid-Surrey Branch we're always looking for help with social events and care support.

This can just be as a one off or regular help such as friendly face to welcome at the evening or afternoon events, help preparing teas/coffees, welcoming speakers, refreshments at the Monday Socials and helping make coffee and tea at the ceramic workshops.

Can you help us by?

- Welcoming members, guests and speakers at the evening or afternoon hall events
- Helping preparing teas/coffees
- Being the volunteer host at the pub meals and other external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor

Is there an activity you want to do with friends we are not currently running?

We encourage all members to put on events for other members and friends to join them on. Would you like to help run a new event like a book club, singing group, dancing or cinema group or a one off walk in the country or coffee morning?

All volunteers will be helped and supported by the office team to help put on and promote the events.



"I have been an active member since 1952 and a Trustee since around about 1975. I recommend volunteering with Oddfellows, as it is much like Baden Powell says with the scouting movement 'If you can help someone every day'."

Alan, Trustee



"I've volunteered since 2006. Supporting events as a volunteer makes me feel more committed to the Oddfellows and what I do. I enjoy meeting up with other members/friends, any outings that take place, the lunches and some of the talks are especially interesting".

Cynthia, volunteer

If you are interested in helping us as a volunteer, or just would like more information on getting more involved, call Maeve in the office 01306 877792, or email her at mid-su_rrey@oddfellows.co.uk or simply pop in to the office on a Friday morning.

"I enjoy volunteering to help members. As Trustee it takes approximately 4-6 hours per month, although I freely give as much time as possible when required. I also enjoy the friendship and meeting with other members"

Rosie, volunteer



"I've volunteered for over 10 years as a Care and Welfare visitor, making phone calls to keep in touch with members. I also enjoy talking and meeting people, this doesn't take long as I'm a non-driver, so about two hours a month by phone".

Pat, Care and Welfare visitor



**Want to get involved?
Just let us know**

"I have volunteered as Committee member since 2004 and Trustee since 2006. I took the position to help other members as Trustee - it takes approximately eight hours per month, I also enjoy meeting with other people".

Mike, Committee Member

At a glance Zumba Gold and Tai Chi Qi Gong - Term times only

All face to face meetings to be confirmed, please contact the office for more details.

August 2022

Fri 26	Online Chat	10am
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September - Friendship Month

Mon 5	Seated Zumba	1pm
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Fri 9	Zumba Gold	10.30am
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Fri 9	Tai Chi	12 noon
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Mon 12	Friendship Month Fish and Chips Lunch and Children's Trust Talk	12.30pm
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Mon 12	Seated Zumba	1pm
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Fri 16	Zumba Gold	10.30am
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Fri 16	Tai Chi	12 noon
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Mon 19	Business Meeting Dorking with Lunch	10.30am
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Mon 19	Seated Zumba	1pm
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Wed 21	Ceramics for Wellbeing Classes Course 1	10.30am
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Fri 23	Zumba Gold	10.30am
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Fri 23	Tai Chi	12 noon
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Mon 26	Seated Zumba	1pm
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Wed 28	Ceramics for Wellbeing Classes Course 1	10.30am
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Fri 30	Online Chat	10am
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Fri 30	Zumba Gold	10.30am
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Fri 30	Tai Chi	12 noon
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October

Mon 3	Seated Zumba	1pm
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October

Mon 3	History Talk Chilworth Gunpowder Mill	2.30pm
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Tues 4	Visit to The Cockney Museum in Epsom	2.30pm
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Wed 5	Ceramics for Wellbeing Classes Course 2	10.30am
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Fri 7	Zumba Gold	10.30am
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Fri 7	Tai Chi	12 noon
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Mon 10	The History and Applications of Radio Technology	2pm
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Mon 10	Seated Zumba	1pm
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Wed 12	Ceramics for Wellbeing Classes - Course 2	10.30am
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Fri 14	Zumba Gold	10.30am
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Fri 14	Tai Chi	12 noon
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Mon 17	Half Yearly Business Meeting Leatherhead	10.30am
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Mon 17	Seated Zumba	1pm
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Fri 21	Zumba Gold	10.30am
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Fri 21	Tai Chi	12 noon
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Fri 28	Online Chat	10am
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Mon 31	Seated Zumba	1pm
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Further events are being added, see:
www.oddfellows.co.uk/events.

At a glance Zumba Gold and Tai Chi Qi Gong – Term times only

All face to face meetings to be confirmed, please contact the office for more details.

November

Wed 2	Ceramics Christmas Decoration Workshop 1	10.30am
Fri 4	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 4	Tai Chi	12 noon
Mon 7	Seated Zumba	1pm
Wed 9	Ceramics Christmas Decoration Workshop 2	10.30am
Fri 11	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 11	Tai Chi	12 noon
Mon 14	Seated Zumba	1pm
Mon 14	Talk on Painshill Park	2pm
Fri 18	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 18	Tai Chi	12 noon
Mon 21	Committee of Management Meeting Dorking	10.30am
Mon 21	Seated Zumba	1pm
Fri 25	Online Chat	10am
Fri 25	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 25	Tai Chi	12 noon
Mon 28	Seated Zumba	1pm

December

Fri 2	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 2	Tai Chi	12 noon
Mon 5	Seated Zumba	1pm
Fri 9	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 9	Tai Chi	12 noon

December

Mon 12	Christmas Tea and Games	2pm
Mon 12	Seated Zumba	1pm
Fri 16	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 16	Tai Chi	12 noon
Mon 19	Business Meeting and Christmas Lunch at The Stepping Stones	10.30am
Mon 19	Christmas Lunch at The Stepping Stones	12.30pm

January 2023

Mon 9	Seated Zumba	1pm
Fri 6	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 6	Tai Chi	12 noon
Mon 9	Seated Zumba	1pm
Mon 9	New Year Quiz and Tea	2pm
Fri 13	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 13	Tai Chi	12 noon
Mon 16	Business Meeting Dorking	10.30am
Mon 16	Seated Zumba	1pm
Mon 16	Lunch at Rialto Lounge	1pm
Fri 20	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 20	Tai Chi	12 noon
Mon 23	Seated Zumba	1pm
Fri 27	Online Chat	10am
Fri 27	Zumba Gold	10.30am

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January 2023

Fri 27	Tai Chi	12 noon
Mon 30	Seated Zumba	1pm

February

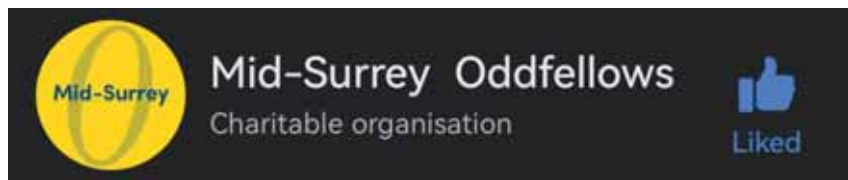
Fri 3	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 3	Tai Chi	12 noon
Mon 6	Seated Zumba	1pm
Fri 10	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 10	Tai Chi	12 noon
Fri 13	Seated Zumba	1pm
Mon 13	Gardening Talk with Marina Roberts	2pm
Mon 20	Committee of Management Meeting Leatherhead	10.30am

February

Mon 20	Lunch Out at The Star	1pm
Fri 24	Online Chat	10am
Fri 24	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 24	Tai Chi	12 noon
Mon 27	Seated Zumba	1pm

The Mid-Surrey office is open on a Friday morning. The office staff all work part-time so if there is no answer do leave a phone message or email us and we will get back to you.

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A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a friendly society with Branches across the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. We welcome everyone of all ages. Find out more at www.oddfellows.co.uk or call 0800 028 1810.

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