

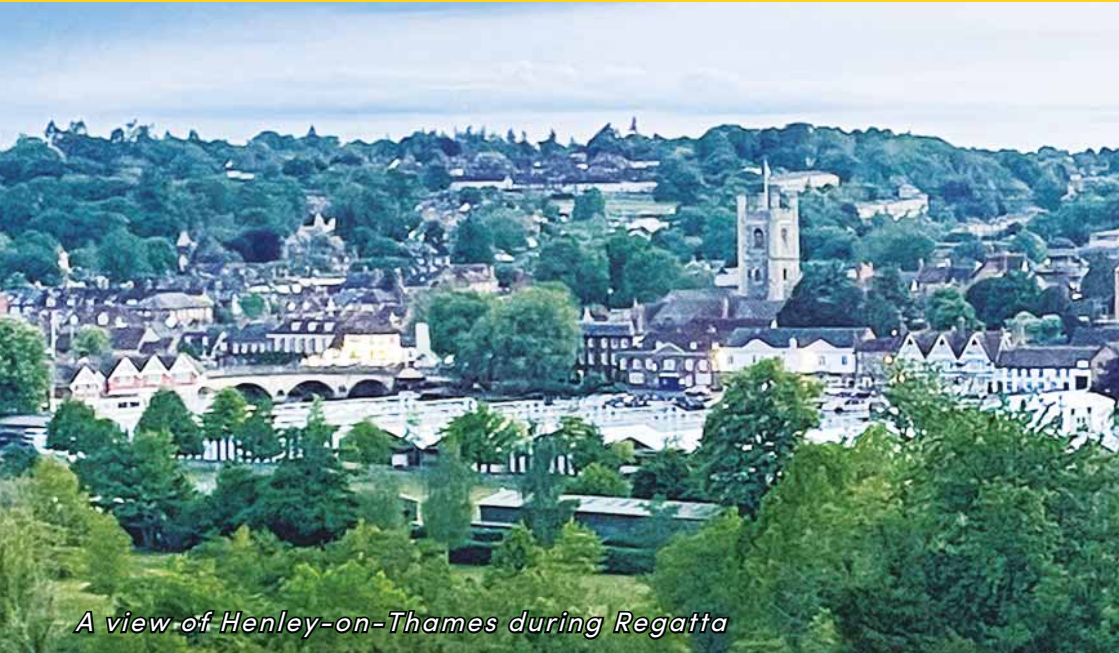
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**the ODDfellows** SINCE 1810  
*making friends, helping people*

# *out & about*

## Reading District



*A view of Henley-on-Thames during Regatta*

**Reading District (covering Reading, Maidenhead, Thatcham, Henley, Woodley, Pangbourne and Tilehurst)**



Online



Music/  
Concert



Travel



Games



Crafts



Walk/  
Activities



Social



Food and Drink



Quizzes



Talks



Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



*Reading District Members and visitors enjoying a day out at Ascot Horse Races.*

Welcome to the Reading District of the Oddfellows. The Branches in the District have organised an exciting and varied programme of events for you all. This Events Diary is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in your area.

## Everybody welcome

Unless indicated otherwise, everybody is welcome at Oddfellows events. Even if you are not a member, we want to extend an invitation to you and your friends to attend any events that take your fancy - all are welcome and we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time. Let us know you're coming and we'll look out for you and greet you at the door, hopefully after attending a few events you will see the benefits of joining our caring organisation.

## Remember!

Put dates of interest in your personal diary. Alternatively, keep this Events Diary in a

handy place - by the phone, fixed to the fridge or pinned to your notice board.

## Want to get involved?

Looking for something to do? If so, there is plenty for you to get involved in with the Oddfellows. We are always looking for people to help with care support, social events or writing articles for the Branch Newsletter. If you are interested, please call your District Secretary Debbie Jex today!

Is there an activity you want to do with friends we are not currently running? We encourage all our members to put on events for other members and friends to join them on, from cinema nights, to a pub social, walk in the country or anything else you can think of - if you are able to run a social activity for us please contact your local secretary (see page 3) for support, encouragement and to have your events listed in our social programme. Still not sure who to call? Contact the District Secretary Debbie Jex to be pointed in the right direction.

*Cover photo by Nicky Jex*

# Booking and Cancellations

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

# Branch and Event Contacts

For more information on our events, and for encouragement and support if attending an event for the first time, please contact your local Social Branch:

## Reading District ●

Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading RG1 7NQ

**Telephone:** 0118 957 3354

**District Secretary:** Debbie Jex **Email:** debbie.jex@oddfellows.co.uk

**Assistant Secretary:** Nicky Jex **Email:** nicky.jex@oddfellows.co.uk

**Social Secretary:** Karen Dyke on 0118 959 4073

**Email:** karen.dyke@oddfellows.co.uk

**Reading Art and Craft Group:** Debbie Jex on 0118 957 3354

## Thames and Kennet Branch ●

**Covering Reading, Woodley Afternoon Group, Maidenhead and Thatcham:**

**Secretary:** Karen Dyke, Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading RG1 7NQ.

**Telephone:** 0118 959 4073 **Email:** karen.dyke@oddfellows.co.uk

**Britons Pride (Thatcham)** - Joyce Lewis on 07483 119404

**Jubilee (Maidenhead)** - Debbie Jex on 0118 957 3354

**Woodley Afternoon Group** - Karen Dyke on 0118 959 4073

**Games Afternoon** - Marilyn Hayward on 07747 035693

## Royal Berkshire Branch ●

**Covering Reading and Pangbourne:**

**Secretary:** Lynn Harrison, 16 Ash Road, Tring, Herts HP23 4JB

**Telephone:** 01442 823195 **Email:** lynn.harrison@oddfellows.co.uk

**Crown of England** - Gary Phillips on 07500 336879

or Tony Bonnett on 0118 987 1488

**Pangbourne** - Richard West on 0118 945 5831 and 07702 713288

**Singing Together** - Richard West on 0118 945 5831 and 07702 713288

**Gentle Exercise Class** - Lynn Harrison on 01442 823195

## Three Counties Branch ●

**Covering Reading, Tilehurst and Henley:**

**Secretary:** Lynda Edwards

Durlston Cottage, High Street, Goring-on-Thames, Oxon RG8 9BA

**Telephone:** 01491 871054 **Email:** lynda.edwards@oddfellows.co.uk

**Good Samaritan (Henley)** - Lynda Edwards on 01491 871054

**Princess Alexandra and Reading Get Together Social** - Christine Foyle on 0118 978 3919

**Henley Get Together Social** - Lynda Edwards on 01491 871054

**Tilehurst Social Group** - Mike Scott on 0118 907 1497 and 07792 959022

# Weekly Events

## Singing Together

🕒 10.30am

£ Members £2  
Guests £3



Every Tuesday

Come along and join our popular and expanding singing group. It's fun, relaxing and no experience is necessary! The hall will be open at 10am for tea, coffee and chat. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.



## Gentle Exercise Class, Standing and Seated

🕒 11.15am

£ Members £2  
Guests £3



Every Thursday

Join us for some gentle exercise suitable for those from 50+, all exercises can be enjoyed seated if preferred. The hall will be open from 10.30am beforehand for tea, coffee and chat. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Lynn on 01442 823195



# Regular Events

## Art and Craft Group



10am



Members £2  
Guests £3



**First and Third  
Wednesday of  
each month**

Please come along and join our friendly art and craft group, whether you paint, sew or craft you are welcome to join us. Bring your own project and materials and enjoy some like minded company and refreshments while you create. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.



**1 October 2025**  
**15 October 2025**  
**5 November 2025**  
**19 November 2025**

**3 December 2025**  
**17 December 2025**  
**7 January 2026**  
**21 January 2026**

**4 February 2026**  
**18 February 2026**  
**4 March 2026**  
**18 March 2026**

## Monthly Zoom Quiz



3pm



Free



**Second  
Wednesday of  
each month**

Please come on and join us for our monthly Zoom quiz, we can only run it with your support. Zoom Meeting ID: 854 7692 3503, hope to see you on screen. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.



**8 October 2025**  
**12 November 2025**

**10 December 2025**  
**14 January 2026**

**11 February 2026**  
**11 March 2026**



# October 2025

WED  
01

## Law and Order Pangbourne

L 7.30pm

£ Members £2  
Guests £3



Who sued who and why? Could well be a round in this quiz which covers the serious, fun and outrageous legal stories from around the world. Please join us to find out more. The Elephant Hotel, Church Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AR. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.

THURS  
02

## Thames Valley Air Ambulance Jubilee

L 7.30pm

£ Free



Come along and join us when we welcome back Steve Catchick for another of his talks. This time he will tell us all about the very valuable work the Thames Valley Air Ambulance does. This should be an interesting talk. St Peters Road, Furze Platt SL6 7QU. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.



FRI  
10

## Eccentric London Part 2 Woodley Afternoon Group

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



After the great success of Alan Copelands's visit and the first part of his talk, Eccentric London Part 1 which everyone enjoyed, it was requested that he return with Part 2, so please do not miss it! The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road (Opposite the Shopping Precinct), Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4JZ. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.

MON  
13

## Relive Your Childhood Princess Alexandra

L 7.30pm

£ Free



Join us for a trip down memory lane, playing the board games which occupied us before television. When did you last play Snakes and Ladders, Ludo or Happy Families? This is an opportunity to relive those childhood halcyon days. Light refreshments provided along with the regular monthly raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.



TUES  
07

## Reading Accordion Band Crown of England

L 2pm

£ Members Free, Guests £3



We welcome back the Reading Accordion band today for some foot-tapping entertainment. Please join us for a fun afternoon. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.



# October 2025

TUES  
14

## Games Afternoon

NEW

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



We are introducing another afternoon of games following the success of our existing group. Let's try and learn a few more games from each other, be it Uno, Qwirkle, cards, Rummikub or Scrabble and make new friends. It's definitely a case of the more the merrier on this afternoon and we are always open to new games - feel free to bring one along. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

MON  
20

## Beetle Drive Tilehurst Social Group

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £2



Join us for a fun and fast game of beetle drive. Don't know how to play? We will teach you. This is a simple but fun game. Light refreshments included along with a raffle. Doors open at 1.45pm. United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6HN. Contact Mike on 0118 907 1497.

TUES  
21

## Henley Get Together

L 2pm

£ Free



Join us for a social afternoon. Activity to be confirmed. Refreshments provided along with the regular monthly raffle. The Christ Church United Reformed Church, Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 1AG. Contact Lynda on 01491 871054.

THURS  
23

## Firework Supper Briton's Pride

L 7.30pm

£ TBC



Come along for 'Bangers in a Bun' and the opportunity to meet our District Officers. The District Chairman and other officers will join us for supper and will each give us an brief talk on a subject. Join us for an evening of fun. Thatcham Memorial Hall, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham RG18 3HF. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

FRI  
24

## Inter Branch Quiz

L 7.30pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



All members and guests are invited to come and participate in a enjoyable evening. It is in the format of a pub quiz (which means the bar is open for full effect!). You are welcome to bring along a full team of four representing the group or Branch that you usually attend. Don't worry though, we will also put teams together on the night, everyone's included. Nobody will be put in the spotlight and although one or two are a little competitive, it's all in good humour. Sit back and enjoy, the bar will be open and some nibbles will be provided. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

# October 2025      November

## TUES 28 Games Afternoon



Join us for our usual variety of games... did you ever wonder how to play scrabble, Rummikub, or Yahtzee? Maybe you just fancy a game of cards, darts or push ha'penny with friends? We are always open to new games - feel free to bring one along. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

## THURS 30 Fish and Chips Lunch Get Together Reading



Join us for our final meeting of the year, when we will be holding an autumnal fish and chips lunch. This will be served at 1pm. **Booking is essential as places are limited.** The regular monthly raffle will also be held. **Book by Tuesday 21 October 2025.** Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.

# November

## TUES 04 Reading Male Voice Choir Crown of England



The Reading Male Voice Choir are always a firm favourite. For a delightful afternoon of entertainment come along and have a listen. There is always a good variety of songs for us all to enjoy. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.

## WED 05 Wits and Wagers Pangbourne



Use your knowledge and common sense to beat competitors in this question and answer betting game. You will be playing with fake money, but there are prizes to be won. The Elephant Hotel, Church Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AR. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.

## THURS 06 November Fun Jubilee



Join us for an evening of November fun, we will have a November themed quiz and some winter warming refreshments will be provided. St Peters Road, Furze Platt SL6 7QU. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

## MON 10 Mike's Tabletop Quiz Princess Alexandra



Following a business meeting, which will include a short half yearly summoned meeting plus member nominations, join us for a 'Tabletop' quiz.



Light refreshments provided, along with the regular raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.



# November

TUES  
11

## Games Afternoon

2pm

Members Free  
Guests £3



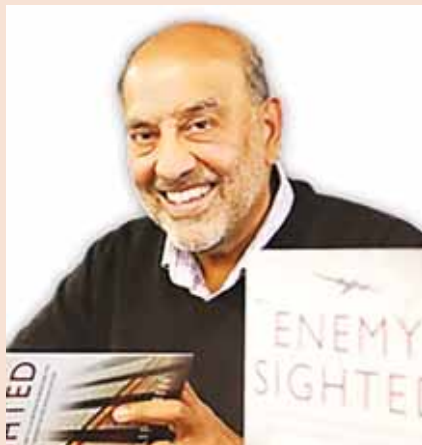
Join us for a variety of games at Oddfellows Hall. See page 7 for more details. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

FRI  
14

## The Secret Underground Bunker Woodley Afternoon Group

2pm

Members Free  
Guests £3



Please come along and join us when we welcome author, military historian and speaker, Dilip Amin, as he brings to life the story of a secret underground bunker and how it helped to thwart a Nazi invasion in the summer of 1940. Travel back in time with us! The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road (Opposite the Shopping Precinct), Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4JZ. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.

MON  
17

## Which Event Happened When? Tilehurst Social Group

2pm

Members Free  
Guests £2



Join us to test your knowledge of when past events occurred in sequence. Play as part of a team or individually. The events will be related to many topics including history, disasters, sports and many more. Light refreshments included along with the monthly raffle. All welcome. Doors open at 1.45pm. United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6HN. Contact Mike on 0118 907 1497.

TUES  
18

## My Life and Times as a Film Extra Get Together Henley

2pm

Free



We are pleased to welcome John Kinory, who will be entertaining us with his anecdotes and slide show from his time as an extra within the film and entertainment industry. This will be followed by seasonal snacks and our regular monthly raffle. This should be a fun afternoon to round off the year. All welcome. The Christ Church United Reformed Church, Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 1AG. Contact Lynda on 01491 871054.



# November

SAT

22

## Reading District Dinner Dance



6.30pm



Members £32, Guests £34



Come and join us and our District Chairman, Gary Phillips for our annual dinner dance, an evening not to be missed. We will enjoy a three course meal followed by freshly brewed tea or coffee. This year, we have the delight of being entertained by an amazing magician, then it's time to dance the night away with our friendly DJ. Put your gladrags on and enjoy an evening amidst friends. **Please book by Friday 31 October 2025 with Karen.** Rooms can be booked via the hotel on 0800 80 80 0800 or 0118 3046000. Double room B and B £115 and Single Room B and B £105. Please note payments are non-refundable. The Holiday Inn, Reading South, Basingstoke Road, M4 Junction 11, Reading, Berkshire RG2 0SL. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.

TUES

25

## Games Afternoon



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for a variety of games at Oddfellows Hall. See page 8 for more details. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

THURS

27

## Crafting Evening Briton's Pride



7.30pm



TBC



We invite you to an evening of crafting. Please join us for an evening of creativity and fun, a small charge will be made for a crafting activity. Thatcham Memorial Hall, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham RG18 3HF. Contact Joyce on 07483 119404.

THURS

27

## Lin's Little Less Lonely Disco Get Together Reading



2pm



Free



Join us for a lively afternoon of music and dance. Disco, line dancing and even seated dancing, to music of the 50s/60s/70s/80s. This will be a fun active afternoon for all ages and abilities. All welcome, so bring a friend and have some fun. Light refreshments provided. Monthly raffle held. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.



# December

TUES  
02

## Christmas Carols Crown of England

2pm

Free



This one is a must – our very own Singing Group will be performing a selection of Christmas carols. There is usually something for us to sing along to as well. Mulled wine and mince pies to follow! What more could you want to start off the festive season! Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.

WED  
03

## Christmas Cracker Pangbourne

7.30pm

Members £2  
Guests £3



This will be an evening of festive fun and games, where knowledge of anything Christmassy comes in useful. Dig out that festive jumper, or that Santa's hat lurking in your bottom drawer, and join us to welcome in the Christmas season. A mince pie and drink of your choice is another attraction. The Elephant Hotel, Church Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AR. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.



THURS  
04

## Christmas Party Jubilee

7.30pm

Members Free  
Guests £3



Come along and start your Christmas celebrations with us. Members will provide a buffet supper and drinks will be provided by us. Please bring along a wrapped Christmas present to the value of £3 with you. St Peters Road, Furze Platt SL6 7QU. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

SAT  
06

## Children's Christmas Party

3pm

Members Free  
Guests £12



We will be welcoming back Silly Scott to entertain us for our annual children's Christmas party. There will be a party tea provided for all the children and Father Christmas will be joining us, to give the children a present. The party is free to junior members or £12 for guests. Young Oddfellows membership is only £10 for a year (terms and conditions apply). **Booking is essential for the event by Friday 21 November 2025.** Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.

# December

SUN  
07

## Christmas Lunch Three Counties



12.30pm



£32



We would like to invite you to our annual Christmas lunch to be held in the beautiful setting of the Goring and Streatley Golf Club. This will be a three course Christmas lunch menu, food choices will required in advance. Dress code - smart casual. A charity raffle will be held on the day with proceeds being split between the Willow Foundation, the Provincial Grand Master's (Chairman) charity and the HA Andrews Memorial Fund. **Booking essential by Friday 21 November 2025.** Goring & Streatley Golf Club, Rectory Road, Streatley, Berkshire RG8 9QA. Contact David on 01235 812179.

MON  
08

## It's Christmas! Princess Alexandra



7.30pm



Free



Join us for our last meeting of the year. This will be a purely social evening of fun and games followed by festive food and drinks. Dig out your Christmas jumper, festive clothing essential. Monthly raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.

TUES  
09

## Christmas Sing Along



11am



Free



Come along and join the members of the Singing Together Group for a Christmas sing along. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served to help you get into the Christmas spirit. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831 if you would like to attend.

TUES  
09

## Games Afternoon



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for a variety of games at Oddfellows Hall. See page 7 for more details. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

MON  
15

## Derry Pope - The Divine Cabaret Tilehurst Social Group



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £2



We are pleased to welcome back Derry, after a well-received performance last year. He is our local multi-talented camp, funny, slightly risqué, cabaret, musical and jazz singer. This is one not to be missed. Light refreshments included along with the monthly raffle. Doors open at 1.45pm. All welcome. United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6HN. Contact Mike on 0118 907 1497.



# January 2026

TUES  
06

## Birds of Prey Crown of England

L 2pm

£ Members £2  
Guests £4



Join us for an afternoon with a variety of magnificent birds of prey, run by a small family business. They can provide hands on and close up experiences with these amazing birds. **A small charge will be made for this event.** Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.



WED  
07

## Bits and Pieces Pangbourne

L 7.30pm

£ Members £2  
Guests £3



You will be very pleased to hear that Michelle and Jim are back to present another 'Bits and Pieces' quiz - what a great way for your brain box to kick start 2026. The Elephant Hotel, Church Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AR. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.

THURS  
08

## New Year Fun Jubilee

L 7.30pm

£ Free



Come along for an evening of fun and games, hopefully we can see off the winter blues. St Peters Road, Furze Platt SL6 7QU. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

FRI  
09

## 50 Slide Quiz Woodley Afternoon Group

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Come and join us when we welcome back, by popular demand, Jean Shepherd with another '50 Slide' quiz. A fun quiz of slides and questions to suit all abilities. The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road (Opposite the Shopping Precinct), Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4JZ. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.

MON  
12

## Happy and Healthy in 2026 Princess Alexandra

L 7.30pm

£ Free



Join us for our first meeting of 2026, when we will install our new officers for the ensuing year. This will be followed by a relaxed chat reminiscing about Christmas. Light refreshments and regular monthly raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.



TUES  
13

## Games Afternoon

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for a variety of games at Oddfellows Hall. See page 7 for more details. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.



# January 2026

MON  
19

## Carol of the Bells Tilehurst Social Group

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £2



Carol Wheeler is coming to entertain us with an interesting and varied, repertoire on her selection of hand bells. Come and join us for perfect way to start the New Year.



Light refreshments along with the regular monthly raffle. Doors open at 1.45pm. All welcome. United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6HN. Contact Mike on 0118 907 1497.

TUES  
20

## Name That Tune Get Together Henley

L 2pm

£ Free



Join us for a light hearted game of 'Name That Tune'. Play in teams or individually, have a sing along too. Light refreshments provided along with the regular monthly raffle. All welcome. The Christ Church United Reformed Church, Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 1AG. Contact Lynda on 01491 871054.

THURS  
22

## New Year Supper Briton's Pride

L 7.30pm

£ Members Free, Guests £3



We will welcome in the New Year with a bring and share supper. We will circulate a list nearer the time, so we can enjoy a nice selection of food together and an evening of fun. Thatcham Memorial Hall, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham RG18 3HF. Contact Joyce on 07483 119404.



TUES  
27

## Games Afternoon

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for a variety of games at Oddfellows Hall. See page 8 for more details. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

THURS  
29

## Lin's Little Less Lonely Disco Get Together Reading

NEW

L 2pm

£ Members £3  
Guests £4



Join us for a lively afternoon of music and dance. Disco, line dancing and even seated dancing, to music of the '50s/60s/70s/80s'. This will be a fun active afternoon for all ages and abilities. All welcome, so bring a friend and have some fun. Light refreshments provided. Monthly raffle held. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.

# January 2026

SAT  
31

## Variety Show Extravaganza



7.30pm



£5



Here's something new. Don't miss out on the first 'Cabaret' style evening of music, drama, laughter and a little bit of magic. In years to come you can have bragging rights that 'I was there on the night'. Funds raised going to the Willow Foundation (raising monies for terminally ill young adults). Enjoy the plentiful foods and well stocked bar. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.



# February

WED  
04

## Traditional Oddfellows

NEW



2pm



Members only  
Free



Join us for the afternoon to find out more about the history and traditions of the Oddfellows. These meetings are designed for you



to learn more about the structure of the Oddfellows and to enable members to take a more active part in our ceremonial side if you would like to. Light refreshments will be provided. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

WED  
04

## Anything Goes Pangbourne



7.30pm



Members £2  
Guests £3



Lee Waite will have something up her sleeve to ensure another stand out evening for our quizzers. Another night to remember. The Elephant Hotel, Church Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AR. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.

# February

TUES  
03

## River Wey and Godalming Crown of England



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £3



David Hunt is a long-term National Trust enthusiast, visiting many areas of countryside and coastline, as well as houses and gardens. His talk will be illustrated with a selection of photographs, as we learn about the River Wey and Godalming. We look forward to seeing you this afternoon. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.

THURS  
05

## February Feast Jubilee



7.30pm



Free



Join us for our annual February feast, all food and drink will be provided. A quiz or game will be on offer as well. St Peters Road, Furze Platt SL6 7QU. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

# February

MON  
09

## The Ernie Holt Dominoes Competition Princess Alexandra



7.30pm



Free



Join us for our annual dominoes competition for the prized Ernie Holt Trophy. If you are unsure how to play, we will be happy to teach you. The evening will include the regular raffle and light refreshments. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.



TUES  
10

## Games Afternoon



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for a variety of games at Oddfellows Hall. See page 7 for more details. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

FRI  
13

## Crispy Biscuits Woodley Afternoon Group



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £3



Come along and join us when we welcome Terry, Carol and Jan, who used to play with the Ukulele Band - No Strings Attached, but are now a new trio called Crispy Biscuits. This will be a fun afternoon of singing and foot tapping. The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road (Opposite the Shopping Precinct), Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4JZ. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.

MON  
16

## An A to Z Quiz Tilehurst Social Group



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £2



One of our own members, Lee Waite will entertain us and test us with one of her unique quizzes. Join a team or take part individually. It's surprising, to learn what you know, or what you'll know at the end of the afternoon. Light refreshments provided along with the monthly raffle. Doors open at 1.45pm. All welcome. United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6HN. Contact Mike on 0118 907 1497.

TUES  
17

## Dining Out Henley Get Together



12.30pm



Individually  
priced



Join us at the Catherine Wheel Henley for a social get together lunch. Orders will be made and paid for individually on the day. **Booking is essential to submit numbers by Tuesday 10 February 2026.** The Catherine Wheel, 7-15 Hart Street, Henley-on-Thames RG9 2AR. Contact Lynda on 01491 871054.

FRI  
20

## Movie Night



7pm



Members Free  
Guests £3



Come along and enjoy the evening with us, we are going to go for a movie with a feel good factor and some light entertainment for all. The bar will be open, and popcorn supplied. Always a good evening, so please join us. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

# February

TUES  
24

## Games Afternoon

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for a variety of games at Oddfellows Hall. See page 8 for more details. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

THURS  
26

## Lin's Little Less Lonely Disco Get Together Reading

NEW

L 2pm

£ Members £3  
Guests £4



Join us for a lively afternoon of music and dance. Disco, line dancing and even seated dancing, to music of the 50s/60s/70s/80s. This will be a fun active afternoon for all ages and abilities. All welcome, so bring a friend and have some fun. Light refreshments provided. Monthly raffle held. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.

THURS  
26

## Our Holiday to Japan Briton's Pride

L 7.30pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Karen and Malcolm will be sharing all about their holiday to Japan. This island country in South East Asia, promises to hold us all intrigued. We are looking forward to hearing where Karen and Malcolm's travels took them, their impression of Japanese culture, cuisine and beauty spots etc. Thatcham Memorial Hall, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham RG18 3HF. Contact Joyce on 07483 119404.

# March

TUES  
03

## The Changing Face of Reading Crown of England

L 2pm

£ Members Free, Guests £3



Join us for a really interesting talk; parts one and two from a series of six. Alan Copeland will present an amazing selection of photos and commentary from the late Doug Noyes, a local photographer, who captured the changes as Reading was changed forever by the building of the Inner Distribution. If you want to see Reading as it used to be, come and support Alan. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.



Photo by Andrew Smith

# March

## WED 04 The Clue is in the Question Pangbourne

7.30pm £ Members £2 Guests £3 ?

Be prepared to have your brain sent in a variety of directions as Ian Burn brings us another 'The Clue is in the Question' quiz for your entertainment this evening. Ian is the master of subtlety. The Elephant Hotel, Church Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AR. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.

## THURS 05 Autograph Hunt Talk Jubilee

7.30pm £ Free Q A

Join us for a fascinating talk from Mike Payne, who will be delighted to tell us all about his fascinating collection of autographs. Some great stories to be heard as to how he obtained them and who he met along the way. St Peters Road, Furze Platt SL6 7QU. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

## MON 09 Tabletop Treasure Hunt Princess Alexandra

7.30pm £ Free

Following a business meeting, join us to test your observation skills on a fun tabletop treasure hunt. Not as easy as it sounds. Play as a team or individually. Refreshment provided and the monthly raffle held. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.



## TUES 10 Games Afternoon

2pm £ Members Free Guests £3

Join us for a variety of games at Oddfellows Hall. See page 7 for more details. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

## THURS 12 Talk About Nepal Woodley Afternoon Group

2pm £ Members Free Guests £3 Q A

Please come and join us when Marcia Watson joins us for the first time with her talk about Nepal, where we



will hear about the culture, religion and climate of Nepal. We will also hear about some of the children in Rainbow Children's home in Pokhara. **Please note the change of day and date.** The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road (Opposite the Shopping Precinct), Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4JZ. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.

## MON 16 Picture Bingo Tilehurst Social Group

2pm £ Members Free Guests £2

Join us for an afternoon playing bingo with a difference. This is picture bingo, recognise and mark off well-known worldwide landmarks rather than numbers. Win a prize for 'A Line' and 'Full House'. Light refreshments provided along with a monthly raffle. Doors open at 1.45pm. All welcome. United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6HN. Contact Mike on 0118 907 1497.



# March

TUES  
17

## Beetle Drive Henley Get Together



Join us for a fast and furious round or two of this fun game, Not sure how to play? We will be happy to show you. Refreshments provided along with the monthly raffle. All welcome. The Christ Church United Reformed Church, Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 1AG. Contact Lynda on 01491 871054.

TUES  
24

## Games Afternoon



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## Concord District Dinner Dance

You are invited to join Concord for their Annual Celebration Dinner Dance at the Hogs Back Hotel and Spa in Farnham. Saturday 7 March 2026 from 7pm. Enjoy a three course meal followed by tea or coffee. Oddfellows members £38 and guests £45. Rooms are available, please contact Steph for more details, or booking at [concord@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:concord@oddfellows.co.uk) or on 07312 115323. Everyone welcome.

THURS  
26

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THURS  
26

## The History of Pinewood Studios Briton's Pride



There are many stories of the origin of Buckinghamshire's most famous site. Mike Payne will lead us through his talk, which features many famous faces and some personal memories of the stars and personalities that have worked there. Of course, the films that have been made there. Please join us for this very interesting talk. Thatcham Memorial Hall, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham RG18 3HF. Contact Joyce on 07483 119404.



# Reading News

## Rest assured - you're in safe hands now...

You might recognise some of these faces, demonstrating their skills on our First Aid Training back in March with St John Ambulance. These photos highlight some fun moments amidst the serious elements of the training.



## Charity Donation for Camp Mohawk

On 6 May our Immediate past Chairman Marilyn Hayward was delighted to present Davina from Camp Mohawk Woodland Trust with a cheque for £4,300.

Marilyn and all of us at Reading District Oddfellows would like to thank all our members who have generously supported the fund raising, by supporting events, raffles, saving change at home and everything that was involved to collect such a grand total.





## Geoffrey Fields School Visit

**On 27 May children from Geoffrey Fields School came to do a presentation for us about their involvement in the WEC (Whitley Excellence Cluster).**

Their Deputy Head Dave Marks first contacted Reading District Oddfellows back in 2019 when we donated £1,000 towards their school library refurbishment. We have since sponsored the WEC with funds towards their Olympics and transport to and from events.

The involvement in inter-school sporting activities and competitions was very low

for these Whitley Primary Schools, but now, thanks to Dave and his teams hard work they have been able to participate in many more events. This year our Chairman Gary Phillips was delighted to present the children with a cheque for £2250 towards their sporting expenses. A lot of the money enables the children to travel to other schools and events.

We look forward to hearing more about Geoffrey Fields sporting activities in the future and continuing to work together to build a relationship with this part of our community.

## Thank You!

**Our Chairman Gary Phillips would like to thank you for your continued support for his chosen charity this year, that supports young adults living with life threatening illnesses.**



# Story of a Member

**Introducing one of our Members, Gwen Parham. She recently celebrated her 100th Birthday and is pictured here with her Oddfellow's Telegram and a card from King Charles III.**



On 30 April 1925 Gwen was born at home in Larkwhistle, Hampshire, where she grew up with her two brothers until the family moved to Winchfield. Three days after leaving school aged 14 she went to work in the big house, helping the cook.

Gwen joined the Wrens when she was 17 and a half years old. She started as a ProWren in Mill Hill London, training in cooking. At 18 she was a leading WREN in charge of other girls and went to Rosyth in Scotland. At 20 she was a Petty Officer in charge of two girls cooking for 35 officers at Rosyth in Scotland which was a Royal Naval Base. After she was demobbed, Gwen worked at a hospice in Winchfield before she married Peter on August 19th 1950.

After she married, she had a number of local part-time jobs and worked as a volunteer in charity shops at the age of 70 plus, she was an active member of Help the Aged where she helped cook meals and pushed others in wheelchairs on days out. Pete became a nurse at Broadmoor Hospital and later decided to buy the two shops which served the patients. Gwen ran the shop for him on the female wing for about 10 years.

Gwen and Pete lived in Little Sandhurst before moving to Crowthorne in 1966. Pete passed away in 1999 and in 2011 Gwen decided to move into a nearby bungalow. She managed to live on her own until a few months after her 99th



birthday. She then decided to move into St Brendan's care home on the edge of the village, until she sadly passed away very recently on 5 August.

Gwen will be very much missed by her family, her children, Wendy and Ian, her four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. We are very sorry Gwen did not get to see this article.



## So far this year...



**Meet your District Officers:** Debbie Jex (Prov CS), Gary Phillips (Provincial Grand Master), Lee Jex (PDGM), Marilyn Hayward (IPPGM).



**Followed by December's Christmas Performance** by our Oddfellows Singing Group



**Above:** Woodley Afternoon Group - talk on Traditional Oddfellows.

**Below:** one of our games afternoons in our hall.



## In Memory of Russell Vince



As many of you are aware sadly Russell Vince passed away on 2 June 2025, after a short illness. Russell was a long serving member and Past Provincial Grand Master (Chairman) here at Reading District.

Many of you will have had the opportunity to meet Russell and his wife Fiona at many of the events they were involved in. Both of them have been running groups, and in committees within Reading District Oddfellows for many years and he was a regular figure at the Oddfellows Hall, especially for our Singing Group and the Exercise Group where he set things up each week. Russell's presence is missed very much and we offer our deepest condolences to his family.





*In the front, IPPGM Marilyn Hayward, Provincial Grand Master Gary Phillips, PDGM Lee Jex and behind are all those who joined in the evening of bowling.*

## Charity Bowls Match

**On Thursday 3 July 2025 we held a very successful Charity Bowls evening. Our Chairman Gary Phillips welcomed 30 players and 10 guests on a warm summers evening to Wokingham Bowls Club, who kindly gave us a warm welcome as always.**

There was a mixture of experienced bowlers and enthusiastic amateurs taking part, with teams representing the District Chairman and District Vice Chairman. The winners of the night were the Chairman's team and Marilyn Hayward won the spider competition.

The spread of food was thoroughly enjoyed by all, accompanied by a few drinks from the bar of course, most welcome after a busy evening of bowling.

A fantastic £418.34 was raised on the night for our Chairman's charity, this year, Willow Foundation-(supporting special days for seriously ill young adults). Our thanks to the Kilford family for their continued support of this event , and to Karen Dyke, Richard West and Brian Mundy for all their organisation, leading to a successful evening.

## AMC Scarborough 2025

**Reading District was very proud to see Debbie Jex installed as Deputy Grand Master at this year's Annual Moveable Conference.**

Several of us from Reading District were able to go along and support Debbie as Deputies to this AMC. Debbie's role accumulates many years of hard work as not only our Prov CS but a Director at Unity Office. Next year will see her become Grand Master of the Order.



## 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](http://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](http://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 Debbie on **0118 957 3354** or email **debbie.jex@oddfellows.co.uk**

### Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

**Call 0800 0149 821\***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

**Email:** [oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk](mailto:oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk)



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

\*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](mailto:care@oddfellows.co.uk)

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

**Visit our website page at [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/care) for care and welfare information**

# At a glance

## Regular Events

Every Tuesday	Singing Together	10.30am
Every Thursday	Gentle Exercise Class, Standing and Seated	11.15am

## October 2025

<b>Wed 1</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Wed 1</b>	Law and Order (Pangbourne)	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 2</b>	Thames Valley Air Ambulance (Jubilee)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 7</b>	Reading Accordion Band (Crown of England)	2pm
<b>Wed 8</b>	Monthly Zoom Quiz	3pm
<b>Fri 10</b>	Eccentric London Part 2 (Woodley Afternoon Group)	2pm
<b>Mon 13</b>	Relive Your Childhood (Princess Alexandra)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 14</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Wed 15</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Mon 20</b>	Beetle Drive (Tilehurst Social Group)	2pm
<b>Tues 21</b>	Henley Get Together	2pm
<b>Thurs 23</b>	Firework Supper (Briton's Pride)	7.30pm
<b>Fri 24</b>	Inter Branch Quiz	7.30pm
<b>Tues 28</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Thurs 30</b>	Fish and Chips Lunch (Get Together Reading)	12.45pm

## November

<b>Tues 4</b>	Reading Male Voice Choir (Crown of England)	2pm
<b>Wed 5</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Wed 5</b>	Wits and Wagers (Pangbourne)	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 6</b>	November Fun (Jubilee)	7.30pm
<b>Mon 10</b>	Mike's Tabletop Quiz (Princess Alexandra)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 11</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Wed 12</b>	Monthly Zoom Quiz	3pm
<b>Fri 14</b>	The Secret Underground Bunker (Woodley Afternoon Group)	2pm
<b>Mon 17</b>	Which Event Happened When? (Tilehurst Social Group)	2pm
<b>Tues 18</b>	My Life and Times as a Film Extra (Get Together Henley)	2pm
<b>Wed 19</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Sat 22</b>	Reading District Dinner Dance	6.30pm
<b>Tues 25</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm

# At a glance

## November

<b>Thurs 27</b>	Lin's Little Less Lonely Disco (Get Together Reading)	2pm
<b>Thurs 27</b>	Crafting Evening (Briton's Pride)	7.30pm

## December

<b>Tues 2</b>	Christmas Carols (Crown of England)	2pm
<b>Wed 3</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Wed 3</b>	Christmas Cracker (Pangbourne)	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 4</b>	Christmas Party (Jubilee)	7.30pm
<b>Sat 6</b>	Children's Christmas Party	3pm
<b>Sun 7</b>	Christmas Lunch (Three Counties)	12.30pm
<b>Mon 8</b>	It's Christmas! (Princess Alexandra)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 9</b>	Christmas Sing Along	11am
<b>Tues 9</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Wed 10</b>	Monthly Zoom Quiz	3pm
<b>Mon 15</b>	Derry Pope - The Divine Cabaret (Tilehurst Social Group)	2pm
<b>Wed 17</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am

## January 2026

<b>Tues 6</b>	Birds of Prey (Crown of England)	2pm
<b>Wed 7</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Wed 7</b>	Bits and Pieces (Pangbourne)	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 8</b>	New Year Fun (Jubilee)	7.30pm
<b>Fri 9</b>	50 Slide Quiz (Woodley Afternoon Group)	2pm
<b>Mon 12</b>	Happy and Healthy in 2026 (Princess Alexandra)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 13</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Wed 14</b>	Monthly Zoom Quiz	3pm
<b>Mon 19</b>	Carol of the Bells (Tilehurst Social Group)	2pm
<b>Tues 20</b>	Name That Tune (Get Together Henley)	2pm
<b>Wed 21</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Thurs 22</b>	New Year Supper (Briton's Pride)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 27</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Lin's Little Less Lonely Disco (Get Together Reading)	2pm
<b>Sat 31</b>	Variety Show Extravaganza	7.30pm

# At a glance

## February

<b>Tues 3</b>	River Wey and Godalming (Crown of England)	2pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Wed 4</b>	Traditional Oddfellows	2pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Anything Goes (Pangbourne)	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	February Feast (Jubilee)	7.30pm
<b>Mon 9</b>	The Ernie Holt Dominoes Competition (Princess Alexandra)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	Monthly Zoom Quiz	3pm
<b>Fri 13</b>	Crispy Biscuits (Woodley Afternoon Group)	2pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	An A to Z Quiz (Tilehurst Social Group)	2pm
<b>Tues 17</b>	Dining Out (Henley Get Together)	12.30pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Fri 20</b>	Movie Night	7pm
<b>Tues 24</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	Lin's Little Less Lonely Disco (Get Together Reading)	2pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	Our Holiday to Japan (Briton's Pride)	7.30pm

## March

<b>Tues 3</b>	The Changing Face of Reading (Crown of England)	2pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Wed 4</b>	The Clue is in the Question (Pangbourne)	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	Autograph Hunt Talk (Jubilee)	7.30pm
<b>Mon 9</b>	Tabletop Treasure Hunt (Princess Alexandra)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	Monthly Zoom Quiz	3pm
<b>Thurs 12</b>	Talk About Nepal (Woodley Afternoon Group)	2pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	Picture Bingo (Tilehurst Social Group)	2pm
<b>Tues 17</b>	Beetle Drive (Henley Get Together)	2pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Tues 24</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	Lin's Little Less Lonely Disco (Get Together Reading)	2pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	The History of Pinewood Studios (Briton's Pride)	7.30pm

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