

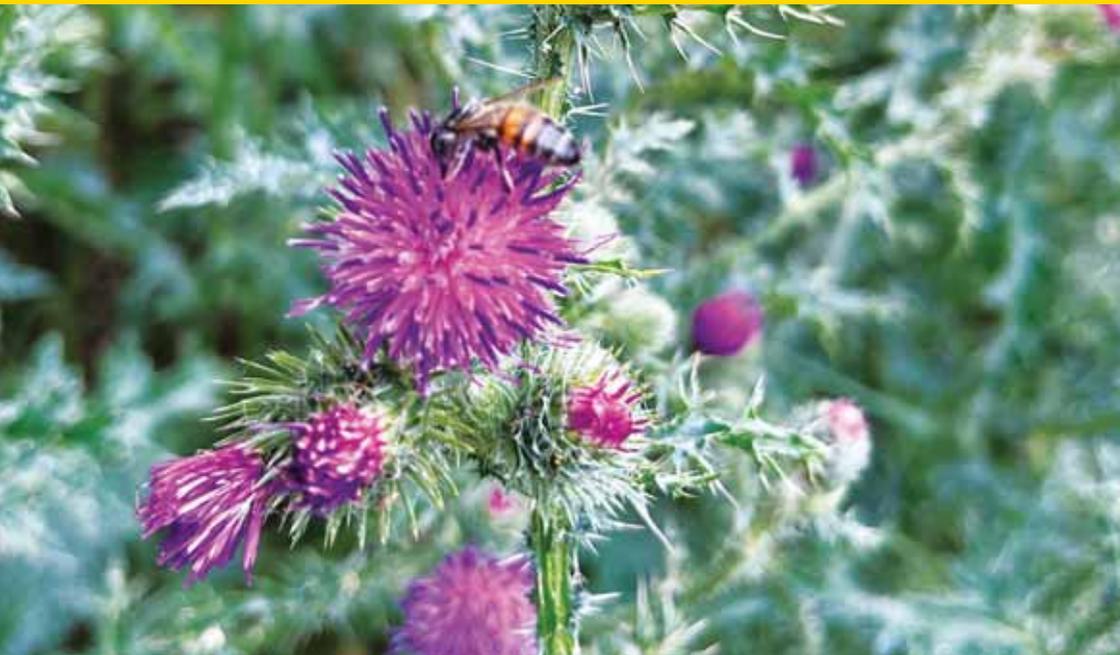
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Quiz



Discover Runnymede and Ankerwycke Landscapes - Wednesday 15 July, we hope you can join us!

Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2026 edition of the Mid-Surrey news and events diary.

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

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

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

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

*Terms and conditions apply to all member benefits. Please visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions to read these in full.**

Message from your Secretary

Dear Friends

I hope you are keeping well. The past six months have been incredibly busy for us as we've been getting to know our Richmond members. It's been really lovely meeting so many of you, and if we haven't yet had the chance to meet, please do come along to an event soon and say hello - we'd love to see you.

Our last Out and About edition was put together at short notice, as we had only just taken on the Richmond District. As a result, it included fewer Richmond-based events than we would have liked, with most events taking place in the Leatherhead and Dorking areas. I'm confident that the latest edition has much more to offer all our members and takes into account the many requests and suggestions you've shared with us.

Your feedback is incredibly helpful, so please do keep the ideas coming.

We'd also like to gently remind members that our organisation has a benevolent side. Members in need of support can contact our Care and Welfare Team in Manchester, use our dedicated line to the Citizens Advice Bureau, or get in touch with myself directly - we'll help where we can. Additionally, members can apply for our Education Awards to help with costs while undertaking a first degree or Apprenticeship scheme see page 22-23.

Please do enjoy browsing through the latest edition, and if you'd like to receive our weekly email update, just drop us a line, our contact details are on page 2.

In friendship
Maeve

Join the conversation @OddfellowsUK

Share your news, start a conversation or simply stay up-to-date! If you're on Facebook or Twitter, make sure you've liked and followed our Oddfellows social media pages.

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A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is one of the largest and oldest friendly societies in the UK. Through friendship and social events, we help our members get more enjoyment out of life, and offer care, advice and support in times of need. As a mutual and non-profit, our Society is run by our members for our members and raises thousands of pounds each year for good causes. We welcome everyone of all ages. For more information visit www.oddfellows.co.uk or call **0800 028 1810**.

Regular Events

Badminton



10am



Donation for equipment



Tuesdays

Any member can come along and enjoy Mid-Surrey's friendly badminton group. Nothing serious just a chance to dust off your racket and have some fun, catch up with friends and also have a cup of tea together. Every Tuesday at 10am to 12 noon. All we require is a small donation for equipment. Do join us. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



Pickleball



1pm



Donations welcome



Thursday

Come along and join us for the start of the pickle ball, this is new to everyone, it's fun and it's something new to learn. Everyone welcome, donations please.

Chance to meet new friends, have fun and learn the new up and coming sport that is big in America and China. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



Regular Events

Zumba Gold



10.30am



Members £5
Guests £8



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

Every Friday

Term times only, please see at a glance for dates



Tai Chi Qi Gong

with Tea and Coffee



12 noon



Members £5
Guests £8



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

Every Friday

Term times only, please see at a glance for dates



Regular Events

Friday Badminton



8pm



Donation for equipment



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

Fridays



Interested in volunteering?

Helping others is at the heart of being an Oddfellow and that's exactly what our wonderful volunteers do. There are lots of ways you can get involved as a volunteer, from one-off help to regular support.

You can help us by:

- Welcoming members guests and speakers at events
- Helping prepare refreshments
- Being the volunteer host at external events
- Organising events as part of a social committee
- Joining the Committee of Management
- Becoming a Volunteer Welfare Visitor or befriender.



To find out more, contact Maeve on **01306 877792**
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FRI 06 Wetherspoons, Putney Bridge

L 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Join us for a relaxed and friendly lunch at Wetherspoons, Putney Bridge. Enjoy beautiful river views, great company and an easy-to-reach location. Just hop on the train and join us! A perfect opportunity to catch up with friends and meet new faces! Book by Friday 27 February. The Rocket - Wetherspoons Putney Bridge, Putney Wharf, Brewhouse Lane, London SW15 2JQ. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



WED 11 Glass Fusing Workshop - Hazelhouse Jewellery

L 10am

£ Members £20,
Guests £25



Come along and have a go making a couple of fused glass coasters. You will be given some appropriately sized pieces of glass for what you want to make and access to more accessory glass, frit (crushed glass) and stringer (pulled glass) to complete your design. All materials supplied and no experience necessary. Book by Friday 6 March. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



MON 09 A Schoolgirls War - By Mary Smith

L 11am

£ Members £5,
Guests £10



We are delighted to welcome Mary Smith for her captivating illustrated talk - 'A Schoolgirls War'. Mary, former headteacher of Maidstone Grammar School for Girls, brings to life the remarkable true stories of schoolgirls during the Second World War, drawing on original wartime diaries, artwork and first-hand memories.

Her presentation offers a moving and fascinating glimpse into how pupils coped with lessons in air-raid shelters, daily uncertainty and the resilience and spirit that defined their school days. This promises to be a truly engaging and memorable talk not to be missed. Book by Friday 6 March. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

A Schoolgirl's War



March 2026

MON 16 Annual Summomed Meeting

🕒 10.30am 💷 Free



All members are invited to our Annual Meeting or to any of our monthly business meetings. It will give an idea of what is involved in the running of 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. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



MON 23 Lunch Out - Pizza Express, Dorking

🕒 12.30pm 💷 As per menu



Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch at Pizza Express, the cost will be as per the menu, with guests ordering and paying individually. This is a relaxed and informal get-together, offering a great opportunity to meet new friends and catch up with familiar faces. We hope you can join us. Book by Friday 20 March. Pizza Express - Dorking, 235 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1RT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

WED 18 Lunch Out - The Sun Inn, Richmond

🕒 12.30pm 💷 As per menu



New faces, familiar smiles come along to our lunch at The Sun Inn! This is a lovely chance for Richmond members to meet others from across the Mid-Surrey District. While lunch is pay-as-you-order from the menu, your first drink is on us! Don't forget, bring a friend and help them discover the Oddfellows spirit. Book by Friday 13 March. Sun Inn Pub, 17 Parkshot, Richmond, Surrey TW9 2RG. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



March 2026

WED
25

Easter Celebration Morning and Picnic Lunch



11am



Donations



We're thrilled to welcome back the incredibly talented choir from Leatherhead Trinity School for a special Easter concert! If their Christmas carol performance was anything to go by, we're in for another delightful morning filled with beautiful singing, hymns and Easter-themed songs. Join us for a heartwarming performance and a lovely atmosphere, followed by a light picnic-style lunch to continue the celebration. To book your seat and lunch, please contact Carly who will provide a list of shop bought dishes. We need to confirm numbers for catering and hall capacity, so please do let us know if you plan to attend. This could be a packed event, so be sure to reserve your spot! Don't miss out on this wonderful musical treat. We can't wait to share the morning with you! Book by Wednesday 18 March. Oddfellows Hall, 45-47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8BN. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

April

WED
08

Afternoon Tea at Squires Buckland



2pm



£15 per person or
£20 with bubbles



Join us for a delightful afternoon tea at Squires. Enjoy a tempting selection of fresh sandwiches, freshly baked scones, and delicious sweet treats, all served with unlimited tea. Why not make it extra special and add bubbles for a sparkling afternoon? Cost: £15 per person or £20 per person with bubbles. Dietary requirements: Gluten-free and vegan options are available.

Please note that menu choices are required in advance and we must be informed of any allergies or intolerances prior to the event. Unfortunately, food choices cannot be changed on the day. Menu choices and payment must be received by Monday 30 March. A relaxed and sociable afternoon awaits early booking is advised. Squires Garden Centre, Buckland (A25), Reigate, Surrey RH2 9RE. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

April

MON
13

Spring Quiz with Fish and Chips



7pm



Members £10,
Guests £15



Join us for an evening of fun, friendly competition and delicious food at our spring quiz and games night! We can ensure plenty of laughs and exciting challenges throughout the evening.

Quiz and games start at 7.30pm (for those not eating). This is a great chance to test your knowledge, enjoy a tasty meal, spend time with old friends and have the chance to meet new ones. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. To book your fish and chips and secure your place, contact Carly on 01306 877792 by Friday 10 April.



WED
15

EEL Pie Museum Tour and Lunch Out



10am



Members £15, Guests £20,
Lunch as per menu



Join us for a fascinating and exclusive guided tour of the Eel Pie Island Museum, followed by a leisurely walking tour exploring the rich history and stories of this unique and iconic location. Discover its musical heritage, artistic past and hidden gems with an expert guide bringing the islands character to life.

Tour duration: Approximately two hours. After the tour, relax and enjoy lunch together at the historic Eel Pie Pub - the perfect way to round off a memorable morning. This is expected to be a very popular event, so early booking is strongly recommended. To reserve your place, please request a booking form and sign up as soon as possible. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Be quick! This is one you won't want to miss! Book by Friday 3 April. Eel Pie Island Museum, 1 Richmond Road, Twickenham TW1 3AB. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

April

FRI
17

Walk Around Norbury Park and Visit the Its Wild! About Coffee



10.30am



As per menu



Join us for a refreshing guided walk to Norbury Park, meeting at Fetcham Car Park (top of Bocketts Farm) at 10.30am.

We'll enjoy an approximately 30-minute walk through the woods to Wild! About Coffee, a lovely woodland spot for freshly brewed coffee and delicious cakes and pastries.

We'll also visit the viewpoint to take in the breathtaking views across the Surrey Hills. Friendly dogs are very welcome, the more the merrier! Please note the ground can be uneven, so suitable footwear is required. Book by Friday 10 April. Norbury Park, Fetcham Car Park, Fetcham, Leatherhead KT22 9DX. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

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WED
22

Denbies Wine and Train Tour



11.30am



Members From £11.50,
Guests From £12.50



Join us for a delightful Outdoor Vineyard Train Tour at Denbies Wine Estate, taking in the stunning panoramic views of the vineyard and the North Downs. Meet at 11.30am (outside Denbies). Tour starts at 12 noon (approximately 50-minutes).



Enjoy a relaxed train ride with recorded commentary, beautiful seasonal scenery and plenty of photo opportunities. You can also add a glass of Denbies award-winning sparkling wine to enjoy along the way. After the tour, join us for lunch in the restaurant, or simply relax with coffee and cake in the café. Costs: £6.95 for child, £11.50 for group (10+) and £16.50 with Sparkling Wine £16.50 for group 10+. Booking essential. Payment in advance and booking form required. Book by Friday 27 March. Denbies Wine Estate, Bradley Lane, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6AA. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

April

WED
29

Afternoon Tea at Squires, Twickenham



2pm



Starting from
£15 per person



Join us for a delightful afternoon tea at Squires, Twickenham. Enjoy a tempting selection of fresh sandwiches, freshly baked scones and delicious sweet treats, all served with unlimited tea. Why not make it extra special and add bubbles for a sparkling afternoon? Costs: £15 per person or £20 per person with bubbles Dietary requirements: Gluten-free and vegan options are available.



Please note that menu choices are required in advance and we must be informed of any allergies or intolerances prior to the event. Unfortunately, food choices cannot be changed on the day. Booking, menu choices and payment must be received by Monday 30 March. Squires Garden Centre, Sixth Cross Road, Twickenham TW2 5PA. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

May

FRI
01

Wimbledon Tennis Private Tour and Museum



10.30am



Members £30,
Guests £35



Join us for a behind-the-scenes tour of Wimbledon Tennis. The guided tour begins at 11.30am and lasts approximately 90 minutes. There's also the option to visit the museum beforehand - meet at 10.30am if you'd like to do so. Lunch can be a packed lunch or purchased on site. £30 per person, maximum 20 places. Booking is essential and places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. A wonderful opportunity to experience one of the worlds most iconic sporting venues. Book by Friday 3 April. All England Lawn Tennis Club - Wimbledon Tennis, Church Road, London SW19 5AG. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

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May

FRI 08 Visit Pembroke Lodge and Richmond Park

11am

£ As per menu



Visit to Pembroke Lodge, Richmond Park. Join us for a visit to the beautiful Pembroke Lodge, a grade II listed Georgian mansion, set at the highest point of Richmond Park with wonderful views across the Thames Valley. We'll enjoy a short walk in the park (weather permitting), then return to relax at Pembroke Lodge Café. Whether you fancy treating yourself to a sumptuous classic cream tea or a hot meal, it's the perfect setting to unwind. Free parking available. Booking essential by Friday 1 May. Pembroke Lodge, Richmond TW10 5HX. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



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MON 11 A Street Party For Everyone

7pm

£ Members £5,
Guests £10



We are delighted to invite members and guests to a Street Party themed evening. Guests are invited to bring a shop-bought dish to share with everyone. To avoid duplication, please speak to Carly in advance for a list of suggested items. The evening will also feature special entertainment from Lizzie France, who will be performing a selection of nostalgic VE Day songs, helping to create a wonderful atmosphere for this commemorative event.



The cost of the evening is £5 for members and £10 for guests. While attendees are kindly contributing food, these charges help us cover the cost of the live entertainment. We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a memorable and enjoyable evening. Book by Friday 8 May. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

May

WED
13

Neil Sands' 20th Anniversary - Nostalgic Matinee Performances



2.30pm



Members £17.50,
Guests £19.50



Step back in time with Neil Sands and his wonderful West End cast as they celebrate an incredible 20 record-breaking years of the nation's favourite afternoon nostalgia shows with their hit production - 'Remember When'. Enjoy a heart-warming trip down memory lane, reliving the Golden Days of the 1940s, 50s, 60s and 70s.

With over 60 of the greatest songs ever written, this uplifting show features everything from the wartime sing alongs of Vera Lynn to the timeless hits of The Beatles, Dusty Springfield, Elvis Presley and even ABBA. Music that truly shaped generations. This is sure to be a very popular event and we have secured a block booking, so early booking is essential. Don't miss this joyful and nostalgic afternoon of music and memories, book early to avoid disappointment! Book by Wednesday 29 April. Epsom Playhouse, 42 Ashley Avenue, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5AL. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

WED
20

A Taste of Spain



7pm



£12.50, lunch
as per menu



Join us for another fantastic evening at El Rincon, a family-run Spanish tapas restaurant, where we'll enjoy a delicious selection of traditional Spanish dishes! After last year's enjoyable trip, we're excited to return for another night of great food, lively conversation and a welcoming atmosphere. On Wednesday 20 May at 7pm (table booked). Minibus collection times may vary depending on the number of pick-ups, but we'll ensure everyone is informed once we have a full 16-seat minibus. Cost: £12.50 for the minibus return trip (per person). Meal is as per the menu, but please note that we will need to pre-order your meal. All orders must be in by Friday, 8 May along with a £10 deposit. We look forward to another great evening out. Don't miss it! El Rincon, 16 Tattenham Crescent, Tattenham Corner, Epsom KT18 5QB. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

June

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06

Inter District Quiz



2pm



Members £5,
Guests £10



As last years proud winners, we are delighted to host this year Inter-District Quiz on Saturday 6 June and we warmly invite you to join us for an enjoyable and sociable afternoon. The event will take place at Oddfellows Hall in Dorking, beginning at 2pm and will bring together teams from across the Districts for a friendly but spirited competition.

Whether you're a seasoned quiz-goer or simply enjoy testing your knowledge in good company, this is a wonderful opportunity to take part. There will be a light lunch and the atmosphere promises to be relaxed, welcoming and great fun for all. Everyone is welcome, so gather your team and come along for an afternoon of community, camaraderie and quizzing! Book by Friday 29 May. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

MON
08

Cheese, Wine and Good Times



7pm



Members £10,
Guests £15



Indulge your senses at our exclusive cheese and wine tasting evening! Join us for a delightful night of carefully selected wines paired with a variety of delicious cheeses. Whether you're a connoisseur or simply love to explore new flavours, this event promises a fun and informative evening. Non-alcoholic options too.

It's also a fantastic opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones while enjoying great food and drink in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. To reserve your place, please contact Carly. We look forward to seeing you there for a wonderful evening of conversation, laughter and of course, cheese and wine! Book by Wednesday 3 June. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

June

FRI
12

A Royal Day Out



10.30am



From £11.50



Set sail with us from Richmond to Hampton Court for a scenic river journey, followed by the chance



to step inside the Royal Palace if you wish. Cost (boat trip only): £11.50 for seniors. You also have the option to visit Hampton Court Palace: Palace entry only: £28. Boat trip only: £18.50 for adults, £11.50 for seniors, or boat trip plus Hampton Court Palace entry: £46.50 for adults and £39.50 for seniors. Book by Friday 5 June. Richmond Landing Stage, Richmond Landing Stage, Richmond TW10 6TS. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

MON
22

A Tasty Afternoon at The Wotton Hatch



12.45pm



As per menu



Inspired by the season, The Wotton Hatch country pub serves delicious food made with fresh, quality ingredients, all carefully prepared by their talented team of chefs. Whether you fancy a comforting local classic, a modern favourite, or a vegan or vegetarian option, there is something for everyone to enjoy. From tempting sharers to mouth-watering starters and satisfying mains, the menu offers plenty of choice. Perfect for a relaxed lunch in great company, this is one not to miss. We look forward to seeing you there. Book by Monday 15 June. The Wotton Hatch, Guildford Road, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6QQ. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

WED
17

Clay Mug Making with Emily Chilvers



10am



TBC



Join us at Oddfellows Hall, Dorking for another creative workshop with the wonderfully talented Emily Chilvers! This time, Emily will guide you through the art of clay mug making, perfect for crafting your own unique, handmade piece. Whether you're a complete beginner or a seasoned maker, you'll enjoy a hands-on session full of creativity, tips and inspiration. Bring your ideas, your curiosity, your enthusiasm and leave with a handmade mug that's truly one-of-a-kind. All materials will be provided. Costs and booking details to be announced soon. Spaces are limited, so make sure you book your place as soon as possible by Friday 12 June! Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

June

WED
24

Exploring Painshill: A Guided Journey Through the Landscape



10.30am



Entry and Tour
£12.50



Introduction to Painshill Guided Walking Tour. Join us for a relaxing and informative guided walking tour of Painshill. Led by an experienced guide, you'll enjoy a gentle stroll through breathtaking landscapes while learning about the garden's history and its creator, Honourable Charles Hamilton.

Tour duration approximately 1.5 hours. After the tour, we'll sit down together to enjoy a coffee and cake, giving you time to relax, chat and take in the surroundings. A perfect combination of fresh air, fascinating history and a sweet treat to finish. We hope you can join us! For sat nav refer to KT11 1AG. Book by Wednesday 17 June. Painshill Park, Cobham, Surrey KT11 1JE. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

July

FRI
10

Wandering the Mayfield Lavender Fields



11am



£7.50 Entry



Join us for a relaxing visit to the beautiful Mayfield Lavender Farm, famous for its stunning views and fragrant fields. Enjoy iconic photo spots, a gentle ride on the Looby Loo train, delicious lavender-inspired treats and peaceful moments beneath mature sycamore trees. Learn about the farm's 200-year history and take part in fun, free activities suitable for all ages. Book by Monday 29 June. Mayfield Lavender Farm, 1 Carshalton Road, Banstead, Surrey SM7 3JA. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

MON
13

Singo Bingo



7.30pm



Members £5,
Guests £7.50



Get ready to sing, smile and shout 'Bingo!'

Join us for a lively singo bingo evening.

Expect great tunes, plenty of

laughs and a fun twist on traditional bingo, no singing talent required!

Guaranteed a warm welcome, catch up with old friends and make

new ones. Book by Friday 10 July.

Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



July

August

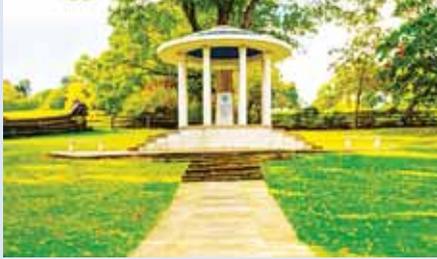
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WED
15

Discover Runnymede and Ankerwycke Landscapes

🕒 10am

£ National Trust
Members Free,
Guests £5 per car



Join us for a group visit on Wednesday 15 July, arriving at 10am. We are planning a relaxed morning exploring this historic site, with the option to enjoy refreshments in the Magna Carta Tea Room. National Trust members - free entry (please bring your membership card). Guests - entry fee applies. Sat nav reference TW20 0AE. Book by Friday 10 July. Runnymede & Ankerwycke, Windsor Road, Near Old Windsor, Surrey SL4 2JL. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

WED
12

Riverside Lunch at The Gazebo, Kingston

🕒 12.30pm

£ As per menu



Step into the perfect riverside retreat for a leisurely lunch. Why you'll love it - scenic view right on the river, delicious pub classics and seasonal specials, relaxed atmosphere, ideal for friends. Join us for a lunch that's as refreshing as the view. Book by Wednesday 5 August. The Gazebo, 3-5 Thames Street, Kingston-Upon-Thames KT1 1QN, Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

MON
20

Pints, Plates and Perfect Company at The Pheasant

🕒 1pm

£ As per menu



Join us for a relaxed pub lunch at the newly refurbished Pheasant Pub, Buckland. Hopefully with some sunshine too and enjoy a lovely lunch, catch up with old friends and make some new ones in great company. Cost as per menu. Book by Friday 17 July. The Pheasant, Reigate Road, Buckland RH3 7BG. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.

August

WED
19

Lunching Like Royalty at The Old Crown, Bookham



12.30pm



As per menu



Join us for a lovely pub lunch at The Old Crown, Bookham, recently transformed into a chic and welcoming restaurant. A perfect opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones, while enjoying good food in great company. Book by Friday 14 August. The Old Crown, 1 The High Street, Great Bookham, Leatherhead KT23 4AA. Contact Carly on 01306 877792.



Oddfellows Travel 2026

We have a great selection of escorted holidays for you to enjoy

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Bring friendship to your front room



We understand that life can get busy – a diary clash, travel costs, or simply the need for a quiet day at home can all make attending events in person a challenge.

But no matter the reason, we believe everyone should be able to enjoy the warmth of friendship and community. That's why Branches across the country host around fifty free online events every month. From inspiring talks and creative arts and crafts sessions to fun games, gentle exercise and calming meditation – there's something for everyone.

These online gatherings are a wonderful way to reconnect with familiar faces and meet new friends from all over the UK – all from the comfort of your own home. Who knows? You might even discover a new passion along the way! What's coming up online. We have lots of national online events that all our members can enjoy, the events below are just a flavour.

Tuesday 17 March 2026, 7pm – An Introduction to British Sign Language (BSL) with Lindsey Barrell.

Register in advance for this meeting at www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/
Or use this link to register directly on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/BSLOddfellows>

Tuesday 24 March 2026, 7pm – “feel at home in your life” with evolutionary anthropologist, writer and broadcaster Dr. Anna Machin.

Register in advance for this meeting at www.oddfellows.co.uk/online-events/
Or use this link to register directly on Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/DrAnnaMachin>

Anyone is able to attend an Oddfellows online event, no matter where they live so spread the word.

All our online events are hosted on Zoom. If you haven't tried Zoom video-conferencing before and would like help on how to use it, let us know. You can come to me, or email the Events team on events@oddfellows.co.uk, with any questions and we'll help you get logged on and ready to join in.

To find out about all upcoming in-person and online events, including online events hosted by other branches, go to www.oddfellows.co.uk/events or ask me to send you a list by email.

Yours Secretary Maeve Stott and Social Organiser Carly Farrer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yours in friendship,

Jane Nelson, CEO, the Oddfellows

A warm welcome to Simon, our CEO Designate

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



Talented trio win Educational Awards

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

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

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said:

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

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

Melanie Healey, Humber Wolds Branch

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

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

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

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



Will Stevenson
Pride of Woolwich Branch

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



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

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

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

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

Emma Corbin
Worcester Branch

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



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

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

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

“It’s an increasingly relevant subject, considering topics such as climate change and geopolitics,” Emma added.

More about our Educational Awards

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

2026: Time to make a financial plan



a proud part of the Oddfellows

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

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

Where to start?

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

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

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

Start saving

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

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

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

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

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

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

Get in touch

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

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

Terms and conditions apply to all products.

Find out more

Visit www.unitymutual.co.uk or call us for a chat on 0161 214 4650.



Oddfellows Members: Do you need help?

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

Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Maeve on **01306 877792** or email **maeve.stott@oddfellows.co.uk**

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821*

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@citizensadvicemanchester.org.uk



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

*The Oddfellows cannot provide legal advice and accepts no liability whatsoever for advice provided by Citizens Advice, which is an independent advice agency. If you have any queries about the advice you have received or wish to make a complaint then you should contact Citizens Advice directly. Citizens Advice operate a formal complaints process.

Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

Branch Meetings

Third Monday of the month, 10.30am - Free

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

Monday 16 March - Annual Summoned Meeting - Dorking

Monday 20 April - Business Meeting - Leatherhead

Monday 18 May - Business Meeting - Dorking

Monday 15 June - Business Meeting - Leatherhead

Monday 20 July - Business Meeting - Dorking, TBC

Monday 17 August - Business Meeting - Leatherhead

The Committee of Management meet about four times a year. Our next provisional dates are Friday 7 November and Friday 6 February 2026. If you are interested in joining the Committee please contact Maeve 01306 877792 or email: maeve.stott@oddfellows.co.uk

Oddfellows Extra

– big brand offers and savings

From cinema tickets, holidays and new cars to grocery shopping, health spas and home insurance – Oddfellows Extra* can help you save on life's little extras or necessities.

Oddfellows Extra is an online collection of money-saving discounts and offers from many well-known brands and major retailers.

All Oddfellows Extra deals are open to Standard members and members with Extra Benefits from day one, for no extra charge.

Access Oddfellows Extra

If you're a member, sign in to the Member's Area and select 'Oddfellows Extra' from the member offers section. If you've not yet registered for the Member's Area, there are instructions on how to do so on our website: www.oddfellows.co.uk/login



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Zumba Gold and Tai Chi Qi Gong - Term times only.

March 2026

Tues 3	Badminton	10am
Wed 4	Regular Coffee Morning - Weybridge Garden Centre	11am
Thurs 5	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 6	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 6	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 6	Wetherspoons, Putney Bridge	12.30pm
Fri 6	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 9	A Schoolgirls War - By Mary Smith	11am
Tues 10	Badminton	10am
Wed 11	Glass Fusing Workshop - Hazelhouse Jewellery	10am
Thurs 12	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 13	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 13	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 13	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 16	Annual Summoned Meeting	10.30am
Tues 17	Badminton	10am
Wed 18	Lunch Out - The Sun Inn, Richmond	12.30pm
Thurs 19	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 20	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 20	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 20	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 23	Lunch Out - Pizza Express, Dorking	12.30pm
Tues 24	Badminton	10am
Wed 25	Easter Celebration Morning and Picnic Lunch	11am
Thurs 26	Pickle Ball	1pm

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March 2026

Fri 27	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 27	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 27	Friday Badminton	8pm
Fri 27	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 31	Badminton	10am

April

Wed 1	Regular Coffee Morning - Weybridge Garden Centre	11am
Thurs 2	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 3	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 7	Badminton	10am
Wed 8	Afternoon Tea at Squires Buckland	2pm
Thurs 9	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 10	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 13	Spring Quiz with Fish and Chips	7pm
Tues 14	Badminton	10am
Wed 15	EEL Pie Museum Tour and Lunch Out	10am
Thurs 16	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 17	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 17	Walk Around Norbury Park and Visit the Wildland About Coffee	10.30am
Fri 17	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 17	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 20	Business Meeting - Leatherhead	10.30am
Tues 21	Badminton	10am
Wed 22	Denbies Wine and Train Tour	11.30am

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April

Thurs 23	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 24	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 24	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 24	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 28	Badminton	10am
Wed 29	Afternoon Tea at Squires, Twickenham	2pm
Thurs 30	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 1	Zumba Gold	10.30am

May

Fri 1	Wimbledon Tennis Private Tour and Museum	10.30am
Fri 1	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 1	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 5	Badminton	10am
Wed 6	Regular Coffee Morning - Weybridge Garden Centre	11am
Thurs 7	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 8	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 8	Visit Pembroke Lodge and Richmond Park	11am
Fri 8	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 8	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 11	A Street Party For Everyone	7pm
Tues 12	Badminton	10am
Wed 13	Neil Sands' 20th Anniversary - Nostalgic Matinee Performances	2.30pm
Thurs 14	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 15	Zumba Gold	10.30am

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May

Fri 15	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 15	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 18	Business Meeting - Dorking	10.30am
Tues 19	Badminton	10am
Wed 20	A Taste of Spain	7pm
Thurs 21	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 22	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 22	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 26	Badminton	10am
Thurs 28	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 29	Friday Badminton	8pm

June

Tues 2	Badminton	10am
Wed 3	Regular Coffee Morning - Weybridge Garden Centre	11am
Thurs 4	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 5	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 5	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 5	Friday Badminton	8pm
Sat 6	Inter District Quiz	2pm
Mon 8	Cheese, Wine and Good Times	7pm
Tues 9	Badminton	10am
Thurs 11	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 12	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 12	A Royal Day Out	10.30am
Fri 12	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon

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June

Fri 12	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 15	Business Meeting - Leatherhead	10.30am
Tues 16	Badminton	10am
Wed 17	Clay Mug Making with Emily Chilvers	10am
Thurs 18	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 19	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 19	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 19	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 22	A Tasty Afternoon at The Wotton Hatch	12.45pm
Tues 23	Badminton	10am
Wed 24	Exploring Painshill: A Guided Journey Through the Landscape	10.30am
Thurs 25	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 26	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 26	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 26	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 30	Badminton	10am

July

Wed 1	Regular Coffee Morning - Weybridge Garden Centre	11am
Thurs 2	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 3	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 3	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 3	Friday Badminton	8pm
Tues 7	Badminton	10am
Thurs 9	Pickle Ball	1pm

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July

Fri 10	Wandering the Mayfield Lavender Fields	11am
Fri 10	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 10	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 10	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 13	Singo Bingo	7.30pm
Tues 14	Badminton	10am
Wed 15	Discover Runnymede and Ankerwycke Landscapes, Gardens and Legacy	10am
Thurs 16	Pickle Ball	1pm
Fri 17	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 17	Tai Chi with Tea or Coffee	12 noon
Fri 17	Friday Badminton	8pm
Mon 20	Business Meeting - Dorking	10.30am
Mon 20	Pints, Plates and Perfect Company at The Pheasant	1pm
Tues 21	Badminton	10am
Thurs 23	Pickle Ball	1pm

August

Wed 5	Regular Coffee Morning - Weybridge Garden Centre	11am
Wed 12	Riverside Lunch at The Gazebo, Kingston	12.30pm
Mon 17	Business Meeting - Leatherhead	10.30am
Wed 19	Lunching Like Royalty at The Old Crown, Bookham	12.30pm

We Want to Hear From You

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