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Meetings



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Coffee Morning/
Afternoon Tea



Quiz



Afternoon Tea - Friday 23 February, Friday 27 April and Friday 22 June.

Welcome to the new edition of the news and events diary for Mid-Surrey District

This events diary and newsletter is a handy guide for you to keep so that you know what is happening in our area.

Remember to put the dates of interest in your personal diary. Alternatively, keep the Events Diary in a handy place - by the phone, fixed to the fridge or pinned to your notice board.

Everyone 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 of our events that take your fancy - we like to think that we can guarantee you a good time.

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**Dates are subject to change.
Please call to confirm your attendance.**

A bit about us...

The Oddfellows is a not-for-profit friendly society that's been around for over 200 years. Our aim is to bring people together through our social events, as well as support our members with a range of benefits and services. The Society is run by our members for the members with over 310,000 members nationwide.

For more information visit **www.oddfellows.co.uk**
or call **0800 028 1810** to speak to one of our team.

Afternoon Tea

Friday 23 February and Friday 27 April, Friday 22 June 2pm - 4pm

Oddfellows Hall, Bridge Street, Leatherhead

Join us for a stylish afternoon tea in the Oddfellows Hall Leatherhead. Enjoy scones with jam and clotted cream with a selection of cakes and finger sandwiches, served with freshly brewed tea. Come along and bring a friend to enjoy this afternoon of relaxed conversation and delicious tea.

For more details please contact Brenda on **07818 517007** or Jenny at the office on **01306 877792**.



Lunch Club Food with Friends

Monday 5 February, Wednesday 4 April and Monday 4 June, 12.15pm

We have set up a Lunch Club, dining at pubs in the Mid-Surrey area - we would love you to join us and also provide recommendations for future venues.

Booking essential - just pay for your own meal. Please contact Jenny on 01306 877792.



If you have any ideas for any events, talks or articles please contact Cynthia or Roxane via the office.

January 2018

MON
08

New Year Buffet



7.30pm



Members
only free



Welcome in the New Year with our New Year Buffet and raffle. Please bring a raffle gift and plate of food to share.



Drinks provided. Please join us at the Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall) Dorking High Street. Oddfellows Hall, High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QT. For more details please contact Cynthia 01306 500 140.

February

MON
05

Lunch Club at The Sir Douglas Haig



12.15pm



As per
menu



Join us for a relaxed informal lunch at The Sir Douglas Haig hotel and restaurant, which is named after the infamous World War I general. There has been an Inn on this site since 1885. The restaurant serves a mix of traditional favourites and more flamboyant dishes. Sir Douglas Haig, The Street, Effingham, Leatherhead KT24 5LU. Please book by Friday 2 February. Please contact Jenny on 01306 877 792 or email jenny.vincent@oddfellows.co.uk if you would like to join us. Please just pay for your own drinks and meal on the day. Any suggestions for future venues would be welcome.

February

MON
12

A talk on the History of the Wey and Arun Canal by Graeme Lewington



7.30pm



Non members £2



The Wey and Arun Junction Canal opened in 1861, linking the Wey Navigation near Guildford to the south coast via the Arun Navigation. Conceived during the Napoleonic Wars, but due to the arrival of the railways it was formally closed in 1871. 200 years after it opened over 3,000 volunteers are working to reopen the Wey & Arun Canal for leisure. Hear more about the history of the canal and how it is regularly used now. The members will also discuss a trip to the canal in the summer. Please join us at the Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall) Dorking High Street RH4 1QT. Contact Cynthia 01306 500 140.

FRI
16

Valentines Dance



10am



£3 non-
members

Come to an informal dance with tea and coffee. Mike and Rosemary Thorn will be coordinating the dancing from their wide collection of music. A selection of Ballroom, Latin, Sequence and Line Dancing. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking. Contact the office for more details.



February

TUE
20

Care and Cuppa Talk and Tea afternoon Home Instead



2pm



Free



There will be an informal talk by Paul Tame of Home Instead. Join us for tea and a chat with other members and the Oddfellows Welfare Visitors. 2 - 4pm. Oddfellows Hall (Lounge), 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1QT. Contact the office 01306 877792.

FRI
23

Afternoon Tea



2pm



Donations



All welcome for a stylish afternoon tea in the Oddfellows Hall, Leatherhead. Scones with jam and cream with a selection of cakes and finger sandwiches served with freshly brewed tea. Please come and bring a friend, to enjoy this afternoon of relaxed conversation and delicious tea. Oddfellows Hall, 45-47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead KT22 8BN. For more details and to confirm that you can attend please contact Brenda or the office 01306 877792.



March

THUR
08

Visit to the Dorking Museum



2pm



£1



An informal visit to the Dorking Museum. The museums permanent collection tells the story of Dorking and the surrounding villages. From the Cretaceous period of 100 million



years ago right up to the scientists working in Brockham Park on the semi synthetic penicillins in the 1960's. Dorking Museum's collection of paintings reflects the beautiful countryside which attracted artists to the area, and comprises the work of professional and amateur artists who have lived and worked in the area, there will also be a temporary exhibition called a New View with a re-interpretation of paintings by Capel Camera club. Dorking Museum and Heritage Centre is an independent museum funded entirely by public donation and staffed by volunteers. Followed by an optional afternoon tea in West Street. Pay for your own tea on the day. Dorking Museum, 62 West Street, Dorking RH4 1BS. Contact the office 01306 877792 Booking required.

For details on all events unless alternative contact given please contact the office on 01306 877792 or via email mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk

MON

12

Woodland Trust Talk

7.30pm

Members Free
Guests £2

Marta Centena Figueras a volunteer speaker for the Woodland Trust will be giving a talk on the work of the Woodland Trust, in particular the project the Woodland trust is running in Langley Vale, Surrey. Tea and coffee will be served after the talk. Please join us at the Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall) Dorking High Street RH4 1QT. Contact the office.

TUES

20

Care and Cuppa - Audiologist Talk

2pm



Free



Charlotte Bufton an Audiologist with Leighton's will be giving an informal talk on Hearing and Cognition with tea and an opportunity to chat with other members and the local Oddfellows welfare visitors. Charlotte will give a basic overview of hearing, how to recognise changes in your hearing, how hearing relates to the brain and how to protect and look after your hearing. Please join the welfare visitors at the Oddfellows Hall (Lounge), 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QT. Contact Jenny at the office on 01306 877 792.

SAT
24**Cancer Research UK Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper**

7.30pm



£12



Please join the Dorking Friends of Cancer Research UK at the Oddfellows Hall, Dorking for a Quiz Night Meet at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start. Fish and chip supper. Vegetarian option on request. At this event they will be drawing the Grand Raffle for the magnificent Star Quilt, kindly donated by the Dorking U3A Quilting Group. Please bring your own drinks. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QT. Book by Friday 23 March. If you'd like to be part of the Oddfellows team or make up a team of your own please contact the office.



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WED 04 Lunch Club at The White Horse

 12.15pm  Pay your own 

Join us for a relaxed informal lunch at The White Horse Shere. The White Horse country pub is located in the idyllic Surrey village of Shere. It was a 15th century farmhouse and was once reputedly, a smugglers' pub. Please just pay for your own drinks and meal on the day. The White Horse, Shere Lane, Shere, Surrey GU5 9HS. Book by Tuesday 27 March, please contact Jenny on 01306 877 792 if you would like to join us.

MON 09 Board Games Evening

 7.30pm  Members Free Guests £1 

Board games, word games etc. Good fun and friendship. From Scrabble to Cluedo to Beetle Drive. Please bring your games to share. Light refreshments will be served. Members will also be deciding events they would like from July to December. All ideas and suggestions welcome. Please join at the Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QT. Please contact Cynthia on 01306 500140 or the office on 01306 877792 for more details.



FRI 13 Easter Dance

 10am  £3 non-members 

Come to an informal dance with tea and coffee. Mike and Rosemary Thorn will be coordinating the dancing from their wide collection of music. A selection of Ballroom, Latin, Sequence and Line Dancing. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall 270 High Street Dorking. Contact the office for more details.

FRI 27 Afternoon Tea

 2pm  Donations 

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May

MON
14

Quiz with a Fish and Chip Supper



7.30pm



Pay your own meal



Quiz and Fish and Chips at the Oddfellows Dorking. Come and test your general knowledge at a relaxed quiz evening followed by Fish and Chips from the local Fish and Chip shop in Dorking. Just come and make up a team on the night. All orders for fish and chips are placed and paid for on arrival at the event. Soft drinks will be served but you are welcome to bring your own beer or wine. Please join in at the Oddfellows Hall (Lounge), 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QT. Please contact Cynthia on 01306 500140 for more details.



June

MON
04

Lunch Club at The Owl



12.15pm



Pay your own



Join us for us for a relaxed informal lunch at 'The Owl'. This is a traditional country free house, with wooden beams, flagstone floors and log burners. It occupies a prominent roadside site in the village of Kingsfold, on the A24 between Dorking and Horsham.



With a large but cosy interior and extensive garden seating areas and car parking it is an ideal meeting up point. As well as great home cooked food, they have interesting wines and of course real ales. Any suggestions for future venues would also be welcome. The Owl, Dorking Road, Kingsfold, West Sussex RH12 3SA. Book by Friday 1 June. Please contact the office for more details.

MON
11

Flower Evening with Karen Fox of Bride and Bloom



7.30pm



Members Free
Guests £3



A flower arranging evening with Karen Fox from Bride and Bloom Floristry. After her popular visit last year Karen



Fox will returning to show more of her work and then guide you to make your own table centre with seasonal flowers and herbs to take home. Refreshments will be served. All materials provided. Oddfellows Hall (Lounge), 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QT. Contact the office for more details.

FRI
22

Afternoon Tea



2pm



Donations



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Oddfellows Summer Holiday with Warner Leisure Hotels

9 - 13 July 2018 - 4 nights (half-board). From £289 per person for a Standard room and £329 for a Signature room.

Warner's Thoresby Hall Hotel, Nottinghamshire. Try new fun activities such as archery and croquet or simply relax in the luxurious spa.

To book call Warners on 0330 100 9772 and quote ODDFELLOWS.

All holidays are booked through third party travel companies and terms and conditions apply. Holidays are open to Oddfellows members and their guests only. For more information ask the reservations team when booking.

Are you interested in also going to events at one of our neighbouring Branches?

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Mitcham District and the Sussex Weald Branch Oddfellows

Coffee Mornings

Thursday 18 January, 10.30am

Just turn up! Bring a friend if you like...Stooks Café, Newbridge Nursery Broadbridge Heath RH12 3LN.

Thursday 15 March

at Old Barn Garden Centre
Dial Post RH13 8NR.

Thursday 17 May

at Milk Churn, Lynwick
Street Rudgwick RH12 3DH.

Brighton & Sussex District

**Marina Monthly Lunch Club, 11.30am
second Thursday of the month**

Come and have lunch with Oddfellow friends at one of the restaurants and cafes at Brighton Marina. We shall meet at Wetherspoons West Quay on the Boardwalk and decide whether to eat there or at one of the many other places nearby.

Why not bring a friend, the more the merrier! The West Quay, Boardwalk, Brighton Marina, Brighton BN2 5WA. Cost as per menu. Contact Michael on 01903 504492.

Richmond District

Oddfellows who lunch

Wednesday 14 February, 12 noon

Join us all for a lovely lunch at the coach and Horses, 8 Kew Green, Kew, Surrey TW9 3BH. Cost of your individual choice of food.

Contact Samantha on 02087415297



See events finder for display of local events on
www.oddfellows.co.uk

Recent events at Mid Surrey

These are some of the members enjoying events this year



Patchworking Garden Visit



The Owl Kingsfold Lunch Club Visit

Dorking Oddfellows put on their dancing shoes

The importance of friendship in helping us lead happier and healthier lives was celebrated with an afternoon tea dance in Dorking organised by members of the Mid Surrey District Oddfellows Friendly Society, as part of the organisation's nationwide Friendship Month.



Dancers show off their footwork

Around 40 people who attended the event at the Oddfellows Hall in the High Street on Wednesday 6th September were treated to a display by former World Youth Ballroom champions Michael and Nika Foskett.



Celebrating friendship over tea and cake

They were then able to take to the floor themselves, led by dance teachers John and Linda Foskett from Surrey Hills Dance Centre.

"It was great fun and a really good opportunity to meet people and make new friends, which is exactly what Friendship Month is all about," said Maeve Stott of the Oddfellows Mid-Surrey District Branch "The dancing theme certainly proved popular with our members, and with people who came along who hadn't been to one of our events before, who were made very welcome. It was such a success we're hoping to put on regular dancing events".



The event, which also included a free raffle, was held as part of the Oddfellows' Friendship Month campaign, which runs nationally throughout September as a way of bringing communities closer together by hosting a variety of fun events all over the UK.

Dancing shoes to celebrate friendship



Former World Youth Ballroom champions Michael and Nika Foskett

More than nine million people of all ages in the UK say they are lonely either often or always, according to research by The Co-Op and the Red Cross. The Oddfellows believe that friendship is the answer, helping people lead happier and healthier lives with the support of friends around them.

Research published by Michigan State University in June found cultivating good-quality friendships is beneficial in raising self-esteem and buffering against stress. The study found that people with supportive friends reported lower rates of diabetes, cancer and heart disease.

As you know joining the Oddfellows is a great way to make new friends. The Mid-Surrey District Branch organises a range of social activities, including talks, quizzes and trips. All our events are featured on the Oddfellows Website and in the newsletter calendar so take a look and join in with one of our events, and bring a friend, all are welcome.



**See our new dancing events advertised
Friday 16 February and Friday 13 April.**

Oddfellows Members

Do you need help?



None of us know what is round the corner... whether you just have a quick query, need a listening ear or access to specialist advice - we will do our best to help our members.

Mid-Surrey District Branch Care and Welfare

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 Advice Line

Call 0800 0149 821 *

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org

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



Care and Welfare Helpline

Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday to Thursday, 9am - 5pm, Friday, 9am - 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/CareAndAdvice for care and welfare information

*Citizens Advice is an independent advice agency and are solely responsible for all advice they provide.

Ref: CCA5AD/MS/0617

From 1 January 2018

National membership has changed...

From your next renewal, you'll be able to choose from two types of membership £25 or £35 annually, offering different levels of benefits.

OPTION ONE

STANDARD MEMBERSHIP
with more in your pocket

£25 Annually



- ✓ Social events
- ✓ Active Travel Club
- ✓ Branch care & welfare support*
- ✓ Care & Welfare Helpline
- ✓ Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- ✓ Convalescence & carer support* (after 2 years of membership)
- ✓ Accidental Death Benefit*
- ✓ Benevolence Grant*
- ✓ Educational Awards* (after 5 years of membership)
- ✓ Emergency Financial Aid (Household)*
- ✓ Legal Aid Scheme*
- ✓ Money saving partner offers*
- ✓ Oddfellows news by email
- ✓ Orphan Gift Fund*
- ✓ 24/7 historical archive access*

OPTION TWO

MEMBERSHIP
with extra benefits

£35 Annually



All benefits listed opposite plus access to Optical and Dental benefits covering eye tests, glasses and contact lenses, dental check-ups and treatment.

- ✓ £30 Optical Benefit* every other membership year starting in year two
- ✓ £30 Dental Benefit* starting in year two
- ✓ Direct Debit option of two consecutive monthly payments of £18.50



**Friends = the
secret to a healthier,
longer life!**

*Terms and conditions apply to all financial benefits. All Oddfellows benefits are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Read the full list of Oddfellows member benefit terms and conditions at www.oddfellows.co.uk/terms-conditions or call **0800 028 1810**.

For benefits provided by a third-party, please check their individual T&Cs at www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers

Jean Spencer Past Provincial Grand Master



Jean Spencer 1922 - 2017

Jean Emily Spencer (nee Beresford) was born in Lewisham to an Oddfellows family in November 1922 and, along with her older Brother Roy, became a third generation member. Some of the earliest memories that she recounted to me were of attending Society Dinners, mainly with her Mother, and regular cricket matches in and around the Lewisham area. Her Father was an officer in the Royal Navy so was often absent from these events but she fondly recalled his preparations of exotic foods, such as dressed crab, when he was home from his travels.

When a teenager she became a member of the South London District John Evelyn Juvenile Lodge, then being run by the late Brother Harry Burley (Roger's father), and on reaching 16 years she joined the Frances Evelyn Adult Lodge along with her mother. Leaving school Jean joined the Civil Service and was moved to

North Wales to avoid the blitz.

In 1942 she signed up with the Wrens and served in Signals for several years in Portsmouth culminating in the D-Day landings and the subsequent celebrations that went with VE day. During this time she met many servicemen who gave their lives in the war and it was a sobering part of her recollections that so many young men had died in the brutality of war.

After leaving the Services she resumed life in South London and qualified as a teacher and then, after marrying Jim Spencer, who worked in the Surrey Ambulance Service, she started a family and re-located to Bookham in Surrey.

Once their three children, John, Joy and Alan were old enough she resumed her teaching at Downsends School in Leatherhead. She often told me about the times she spent on the football field, refereeing matches for the games sessions – never one to be bothered that female referees hadn't even been a recognised concept in those days! Although now living out of London she retained her active membership, travelling up to Catford to meet up with the late Jim and Mabel Misselbrook to share transport to Lewisham to attend Elsa Lodge meetings, to which the Frances Evelyn had transferred, whenever she could. She soon became a member of the District Committee where, among other duties, she served on the AMC Committee for both Harold Buckingham and Roger Burley when they became

Grand Masters. This was great knowledge that she later applied in 2010 when she became my GM's consort.

Jean was a keen traveller and visited many countries, often travelling as a single person in a group or with her Scottish Dancing Society. She recounted to me some of her experiences in China, queueing to walk past Chairman Mao's coffin in a four abreast convoy, and also travelling up the Khyber Pass during potential guerrilla attacks. Jean would make a point of visiting War Graves cemeteries to see the graves of servicemen she had known either as family or friends. Jim founded the Mole Valley Ramblers and Jean often joined him but also on many occasions took the car to collect Jim and his neighbour from a remote hostelry at the end of their rambles. Jean was very active in the Bookham community and served for many years as a member of the Bookham Community Association, the Women's Institute and volunteered regularly at Polesden Lacey.

I first met Jean in the 1990s and found that, although she was a South London District member, she lived only half a mile from me. Once she became involved in one of our local Lodges and then became active in our District, sharing transport to events seemed logical and it led us to become better acquainted. In January 1996 my wife Ria was diagnosed with cancer and Jean would often call in on us on a Friday night on her way to Scottish Dancing at the local Barn Hall, just to see how my wife was, and to encourage me to keep going

throughout Ria's long drawn out illness which culminated in her passing in 1999.

I was still in full-time employment and Jean was volunteering at the local Oxfam shop on a Tuesday and sometimes she joined me for supper after work. By then we were both serving on the Mid-Surrey District Committee of Management so could discuss many things over food and a glass of wine.

In 2004 Jean herself became a widow with the passing of her husband Jim, although he had been in a care home since 2000, and it was about this time that my employers took me off the NATO service list which released me from short-notice overseas service trips and enabled me to better plan my life. We became more closely involved within the Society and I was pleased to act as her consort whilst she served as Provincial Grand Master of the South London District.

Once I got to the Unity Committee level Jean became my constant companion with a great deal of encouragement as well as necessary criticism when she thought that I wasn't making decent speeches at gatherings. She had an aura about her which encouraged people to discuss almost anything with her, an attribute which may have come from her life as a teacher, but more likely just because she was just a thoroughly likeable person.

During the next ten years or so we were able to live a comfortable and relaxed life as companions, but in 2013 I noticed that she was having difficulty

walking on anything other than level terrain. This meant that, whilst in Spain on our holiday, she had to take longer walking along the beach for our morning swim because of the sloping beach. Subsequent research showed that she had no cartilage left in her right hip, seriously affecting her mobility. This may have contributed to her fall in 2014 at the Scarborough AMC.

That made it more difficult for her to continue to live alone and she eventually moved into a local residential care home in 2015. In May 2017 she made the super-human effort to get to Southport to join me on my last AMC as a Board Member and she was warmly welcomed by all of

her friends and colleagues. She was thoroughly fired up by this experience and it will be long remembered by those attending as that was the last time many of us saw her.

Unfortunately, a few days later she had another fall at the care home thought to be caused by a series of minor strokes which left her unable to use her left arm. Whilst in hospital she failed to recover from the effects of the stroke, and lost the fight to live on the morning of 27th June, shortly after breakfast which had become her favourite meal of the day.

Alan Cole PGM

In Remembrance

Derek and Betty Goode

With sadness we announce the passing earlier this year of active member Derek Goode and his wife Betty. You may remember many of the articles Derek contributed to this magazine, particularly of his school days at Powell Corderoy and later Dorking Grammar School.



Derek was also committed to Dorking St Pauls Athletic Club as a long distance runner and was regularly to be seen training along the roads and pavements of the local area.

He became more involved in Oddfellows in his later years returning the friendship that he had benefited from for many years. Our thoughts are with their family at this time.

Make a difference - lend a hand

Buddy Up

Days out and visits - do you love to get out and about visiting National Trust properties, galleries, museums, interesting tea rooms and garden centres? Would you like friends to join you? We are currently looking for people who would be able to help us by organising walks, afternoon tea or days out in or easily accessible from our Dorking and Leatherhead bases. Could it be you?

For more information

Contact Roxane or Jenny on **01306 877792**
mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk



**Exciting events
+ friendship awaits!**

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OddfellowsUK



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Oddfellows SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people

Care and Welfare Talks



Pat Christmas



David Day

Come and join the Oddfellows for an informal talk by local welfare organisations, on Tuesday 20 February and Tuesday 20 March from 2 - 4pm for a friendly chat and cup of tea. Meet the Oddfellows local Welfare Visitors Pat Christmas and David Day.

David and Pat are available to visit any members with any health or welfare concerns. Pat, David or Jenny Vincent in the office can put you in touch with the care and welfare helpline and support from the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department. So far this year we have booked talks from Home Instead and Leighton's.

Home Instead

On Tuesday 20 February 2018 at 2pm - Paul Tame will be coming to speak from the local Branch of Home Instead. Home Instead has had a relationship with Oddfellows since 2012 and are their officially preferred provider of the Oddfellows Care and Welfare Department. Paul and Jill Tame opened the Home Instead Senior Care Epsom and Mole Valley office in 2010. Home Instead Senior Care offers home care for people in the Epsom, Ewell, Leatherhead, Banstead and Dorking areas. At the heart of the business is the team of CARE Givers who are individually matched to the people that they see, developing relationships and companionship.



Their philosophy is not only to provide the practical support to people that they need to remain living independently at home but to also provide some colour and friendship to their lives. Come and hear Paul chat over a cup of tea and meet up with other members and the Oddfellows Welfare Officers.



Our local Home Instead

Audiologist Talk

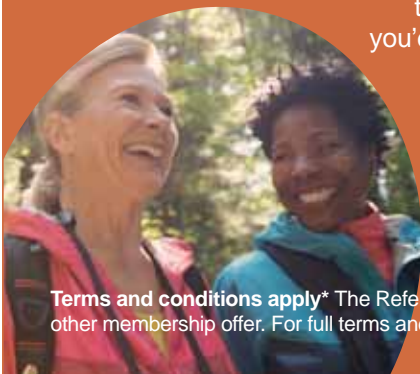
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Share the friendship – enjoy the rewards!

Refer a Friend

Did you know that the Society runs a Refer a Friend scheme?

When the first friend you've recommended has joined, we'll send you a £10 Love2Shop voucher as a thank you. There are different reward levels, so you'd receive your next reward - £60 in Love2Shop vouchers - after recruiting five friends in total.*



To refer a friend, call Membership on **0800 028 1810**, visit our Members' Area at **www.oddfellows.co.uk** or fill in a Refer a Friend form available from your Branch Secretary.

Terms and conditions apply* The Refer a Friend offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other membership offer. For full terms and conditions, visit **www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers**.



Do you have any Oddfellows Memories and Photos to share?

This photo was donated by Eve Wood, taken outside the Oddfellows Hall on VE Day 1945. Please let us know in the office if you have any photos to share and even come to share them at a members evening.

Lounge Area Available to Hire

Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QT
Ideal for small regular groups - comfortably seating 30 people

- Kitchen Facilities
- Available for hire during the day and evening
- Carpeted throughout
- Use of digital projector and screen



Contact: Maeve Stott
Email: maeve.stott@oddfellows.co.uk
Tel: 01306 877792

District Business Meetings

We regularly hold business meetings in your area and all members are welcome to attend. The purpose of the meetings is to share and discuss the business of the branch, including the sick and distressed of the Branch. Subjects include finance, social planning, care development, publicity and promotion. This is a fine opportunity to get to know other members and committee members, as well as make new friends. Listed below are the regular business meetings.

The District meetings alternate between Dorking and Leatherhead Halls, meeting at 10.30am on the third Monday of each month. For further information please contact Maeve Stott or Jenny Vincent on 01306 877792.

Monday 15 January	Dorking
Monday 19 February	Leatherhead
Monday 19 March (AGM)	Dorking
Monday 16 April	Leatherhead
Monday 21 May	Dorking
Monday 18 June	Leatherhead

These meetings are open to members only, however members from any Oddfellows Branch would be made most welcome to attend.

If you have not experienced this style of meeting before, please do come along and experience traditional Oddfellowship. A call to the Secretary beforehand will ensure you are fully welcomed into our Branch meeting. Please contact Jenny on 01306 877 792 or Email jenny.vincent@oddfellows.co.uk if you would like to join us.

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At a glance

January 2018

Mon 8	New Year Buffet (Members only)	7.30pm
Mon 15	Mid Surrey Business Meeting (Dorking)	10.30am

February

Mon 5	Lunch Club at The Sir Douglas Haig	12.15pm
Mon 12	A Talk on the History of the Wey and Arun Canal (Dorking)	7.30pm
Fri 16	Valentines Dance (Dorking)	10am
Mon 19	Mid-Surrey Business Meeting (Leatherhead)	10.30am
Tues 20	Tea with a Talk on Home Instead	2pm
Fri 23	Afternoon Tea (Leatherhead)	2pm

March

Thurs 8	Visit to the Dorking Museum	2pm
Mon 12	Woodland Trust Talk (Dorking)	7.30pm
Mon 19	Mid-Surrey Annual General Meeting (Dorking)	10.30am
Tues 20	Care and Cuppa - Audiologist Talk	2pm
Sat 24	Dorking Friends of Cancer Research UK Quiz Night and Fish and Chip Supper	7.30pm

April

Wed 4	Lunch Club at The White Horse	12.15pm
Mon 9	Board Games Evening (Dorking)	7.30pm
Fri 13	Easter Dance (Dorking)	10am
Mon 16	Mid-Surrey Business Meeting (Leatherhead)	10.30am
Fri 27	Afternoon Tea (Leatherhead)	2pm

May

Mon 14	Quiz with a Fish and Chip Supper (Dorking)	7.30pm
Mon 21	Mid-Surrey Business Meeting (Dorking)	10.30am

June

Mon 4	Lunch Club at The Owl	12.15pm
Mon 11	Flower Evening with Karen Fox of Bride and Bloom (Dorking)	7.30pm
Mon 18	Mid-Surrey Business Meeting (Leatherhead)	10.30am
Fri 22	Afternoon Tea (Leatherhead)	2pm