

July - December 2018  
Summer/Winter Issue



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## Mid-Surrey District



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Music



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Dining Out



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Games



Day Trip



Meetings



Social



Talks



Coffee Morning/  
Afternoon Tea



Quiz



*Oddfellows Hall Dorking*

## 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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk) or call 0800 028 1810 to speak to one of our team.

# Food with Friends

**Tuesday 7 August, Wednesday 3 October,  
Monday 19 November, Tuesday 5 February 2019, 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**.



## Afternoon Tea and local history talk

**Friday 28 September and Tuesday November 27 2pm - 4pm**

Oddfellows Hall, Bridge Street, Leatherhead

Brian Hennegan gives a talk on the Local History of Leatherhead on Friday 28 September, on Tuesday 27 November 2pm Kathy Atherton gives a talk on The Suffragette movement in the Surrey Hills. Followed by Brenda's delicious Afternoon Tea.

All welcome to this stylish afternoon tea in the Oddfellows Hall, Leatherhead. Enjoy home baked scones with jam, and a selection of home baked cakes and finger sandwiches, served with freshly brewed tea. Come along and bring a friend to this afternoon of talks and relaxed conversation.

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



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

# July

## MON 09 Informal Talk on Deepdene Project

7.30pm

£ Free



One of our members will give an informal talk on his work volunteering with the Deepdene trail project. Oddfellows Lounge, Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. For more information please contact Cynthia or the Mid-Surrey office 01306 877 792 or email [mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk).

## SAT 21 Inter-District Skittles Afternoon

2pm

£ TBC



Come and join this fun afternoon of skittles and buffet. Organised by Michael Porter of the Brighton District. Book by Friday 29 June. The Black Horse, High Street, Findon, West Sussex BN14 0SZ. More details and to book contact the Mid-Surrey office on 01306 877792.

## TUES 24 Wise with Water Care and Cuppa Talk

10.30am

£ Free



Jo Hedges from SES will be coming to give a talk on "Wise with Water", covering water efficiency, how to save money and the importance of staying hydrated. There will also be an opportunity to meet other members and the Oddfellows Welfare Visitors. Tea and coffee will be served. Oddfellows Lounge, Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QT. Contact Jenny on 01306 877792.

# August

## TUES 07 Lunch Club at The Edmund Tylney

12.15pm

£ As per menu



Join the Mid Surrey Oddfellows for a relaxed informal lunch. This months Lunch Club is at The Edmund Tylney, Wetherspoon in High Street Leatherhead, Surrey. Named after the Master of Revels to Queen Elizabeth I and King James I, Edmund Tylney lived at the mansion which stood on the site of the present library. This informal Weatherspoon pub with quaint wooden decor, serves up British beers and unfussy meal deals.

Please just pay for your own drinks and meal on the day. Book by Friday 3 August. The Edmund Tylney Wetherspoon, 30-34 High Street, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8AW. Please contact the office on 01306 877792 to book.

# August

WED  
15

## Boat Trip On the Wey and Arun Canal



10.45am



See below



Come and join the Mid- Surrey Oddfellows on a Boat Trip on the Wey and Arun Canal. Meet at 10.45am for departure at 11am. £10 per person including coffee and tea served on board. This private chartered 2 hour trip will cruise along the idyllic Loxwood section of the canal on the Surrey/ West Sussex border. Please note the boat is accessed by steps. Members may wish to bring a cushion as it has wooden seating. Optional lunch after the trip from 1pm at The Onslow Arms. Please book ahead and pay for your own drinks and meal on the day. All welcome, and why not bring a friend? Book by Tuesday 14 August. The Wey and Arun Canal Centre, Loxwood, Surrey RH14 0RD on the B2133. Parking behind the Onslow Arms. To book or for more information on the canal trip and to book lunch please contact Jenny at the Mid-Surrey office on 01306 877792.

# September

## Friendship Month

MON  
10

## Quiz with Fish and Chips



7.30pm



Pay own meal



## ODDFELLOWS FRIENDSHIP MONTH

### 1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



Quiz with Fish and Chips. Come and test your general knowledge at a relaxed quiz evening followed by Fish and Chips from the local 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. At the Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall) Dorking High Street RH4 1QT. A Friendship Month event. For more information please contact Cynthia or the Mid-Surrey office on 01306 877792.





# September

## Friendship Month

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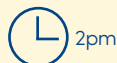
### Inter District Quiz September



Come and make up the Mid-Surrey team for this fun Inter-District Quiz, organised by Dawn at the Mitcham District in Friendship Month. St Andrews URC Church Hall, Northey Avenue, Cheam, Sutton SM2 7HF. Contact the Office on 01306 877792.

FRI  
28

### Local History Talk with Brian Hennegan and Afternoon Tea



Local author and historian Brian Hennegan will give an informal talk on the history of Leatherhead.



Followed by Afternoon Tea. Come and enjoy Brenda's delicious homemade scones, cakes and sandwiches, with freshly brewed tea. All welcome. Please come and bring a friend to this Oddfellows Friendship Month event. All profits to Macmillan Coffee Morning. Oddfellows Hall Leatherhead, 45-47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead KT22 8BN. For more details please contact the Mid-Surrey office on 01306 877792.

# October

WED  
03

### Lunch Club at The Beehive



Join the Mid Surrey Oddfellows for a relaxed informal lunch. This months Lunch Club is at The Beehive, Reigate. Serving up great quality pub food in warm and welcoming surroundings. The Beehive is a popular Oddfellows lunch club venue. Offering an extensive menu including vegetarian and vegan options, a large range of lagers and cask ales. Please just pay for your own drinks and meal on the day. Book by Friday 3 August. The Beehive, 90 Dovers Green Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 8EG. Please contact Jenny on 01306 877792 to book.



# October

MON  
08

## Paul Whittle Talk 'Steaming On'



7.30pm



Members Free,  
Guests £2



All welcome to a talk by experienced lecturer and keen historian Major Paul Whittle. Paul Whittle of [travellertales.net](http://travellertales.net) will be speaking on the subject, "Steaming On", Train travel from a more leisurely time. The very best of the UK, steam heritage railways. Not just for railway buffs! Britain gave the world railways and it now leads the world in preserving the very best of it's railway heritage. Paul's talk traces the history of the railway preservation movement and through the talk he will visit many of the 100+ steam lines run largely by volunteers. Paul has a great interest in heritage transport and is a member of many UK steam railways. Coffee and tea will be served after the talk. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. For more information please contact the Mid-Surrey office on 01306 877 792 or email [Mid-Surrey@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:Mid-Surrey@oddfellows.co.uk)

# November

MON  
12

## Charades Evening



7.30pm



Members Free,  
Guests £1



All welcome to a Charades evening After last year's successful evening another evening of "Give us a Clue" style charades coordinated by Sheila and Peter Christie. Coffee and tea will be served. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. For more information please contact Cynthia on 01306 500140 or the Mid-Surrey office on 01306 877792.



# November

MON  
19

## Mid-Surrey Christmas Lunch



12.30pm



Pay own meal  
Book by Friday  
16 November.



All welcome to the Oddfellows Christmas Lunch at the Red Bar and Lounge, Dorking. Red Bar and Lounge is an award winning bar and restaurant situated in the heart of Dorking. The chef uses the finest local produce from local suppliers such as Dorking Butchers and Secretts Farm. All meals need to be pre-ordered for this Christmas lunch. Red Bar and Lounge, 45 Dene Street, Dorking RH4 2DW. Everyone pays for their own meal via Jenny at the office on 01306 877792.

TUES  
27

## History Talk and Afternoon Tea - Talk by Kathy Atherton



2pm



Members Free,  
Guests £3



Local author and historian Kathy Atherton will give an informal talk about the local connection to the Suffragette movement. Kathy has recently published a book on the fight for the vote in the Surrey Hills, the relationship between Emmeline Pethick Lawrence, treasurer of Mrs Pankhurst's organisation, and the Pankhurst family. Kathy's talk will be followed by Brenda's delicious tea with homemade scones, cakes and sandwiches. All welcome, and why not bring a friend? Oddfellows Hall Leatherhead, 45-47 Bridge Street, Leatherhead KT22 8BN. For more details please contact the office 01306 877792 or email [mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk)





# December

MON  
10

## Members Bring and Share Christmas Supper



7.30pm



Please bring food to share



Christmas Gathering with food.

Please bring a plate of food to share with other members.

Members will also be deciding new events from March to September.

Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. For more information please contact Cynthia on 01306 500140 or the Mid-Surrey office on 01306 877792.



**If you have any ideas or contacts for future events and can't make the meeting please contact the office.**

# Forthcoming events

## January 2019

MON  
14

## A talk on Holmwood Common by Kathy Allerton



7.30pm



Members Free, Guests £2



Local historian and author Kathy Allerton will be coming to speak on 'Holmwood Common: uses and abuses through the centuries'. How a common such as Holmwood was created and why, what its uses were, and how that has changed in 1000 years. Tea and coffee will be served after the talk. All welcome. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. For more information please contact the office on 01306 877792 or email [Mid-Surrey@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:Mid-Surrey@oddfellows.co.uk).



# February

TUES  
05

## Lunch Club Sir Douglas Haig



12.15pm



Pay own meal



Join the Mid-Surrey Oddfellows for a relaxed informal lunch. This month the Lunch Club is returning to the Sir Douglas Haig in Effingham, named after the infamous World War general. This bar restaurant serves a mix of traditional favourites and more flamboyant dishes and is always a popular venue for Oddfellows lunches. Sir Douglas Haig, The Street, Effingham, Leatherhead KT24 5LU. Please book by Friday 1st February 2019 and pay for your own meal and drinks on the day. Contact Jenny on 01306 877792 in the office to book.



MON  
11

## Stamp and Collectables Evening



7.30pm



Members Free,  
Guests £1



All welcome to this collectables evening organised by Mid-Surrey District members. Paul Warren a well known local stamp expert will be speaking. Members are welcome to bring their collections to show and discuss. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. For more information please contact Cynthia on 01306 500140 or Mid Surrey office on 01306 877 792 or email [mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk).

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

SAT  
06

## Mid-Surrey 175th Anniversary Celebration



7.30pm



TBC Book  
by Friday 1 March



Save the Date for the Mid-Surrey 175th Anniversary Celebration. More details to follow. Book by Friday 1 March 2019. Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT.

For more information please contact the Office on 01306 877 792 or email [Mid-Surrey@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:Mid-Surrey@oddfellows.co.uk).



## 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](http://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](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/offers)**.



## 2018 to provide greater choice to members

**Oddfellows membership has been refreshed for 2018 to provide greater choice for members.**

### What's changed?

You are now able to choose between two fantastic adult membership options and decide which benefit package is best suited for you:

**Standard Membership** – includes all the benefits and support our members value in times of need for only £25!

**Membership with extra benefits** – includes all the standard membership benefits listed, plus £30 Dental Benefit\* every membership year and £30 Optical Benefit\* every second membership year, all for just £35 a year. All other benefits will remain the same apart from the Funeral Benefit which has now ceased.

As of 1 January 2018, members can now choose which level of benefit they want when their membership comes up for renewal so watch out for details in your renewal letter. If you want more information about the new membership options, call 0800 028 1810 or visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/join](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/join)

### Standard Benefits

- Social events
- Active Travel Club
- Branch care & welfare support\*
- Care & Welfare Helpline
- Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line
- Emergency Financial Aid (Household)\*
- Money saving partner offers\*
- 24/7 historical archive access\*
- District event diaries and newsletters
- Monthly email newsletter

\*Terms and conditions apply to all financial benefits. All Oddfellows benefits are non-contractual and may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Please visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/join](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/join) for full list of Oddfellows member benefit terms and conditions or call 0800 028 1810 for more information. For benefits provided by a third-party, please check their individual T&Cs.



## Unity Mutual

**From March 2018 all of our insurance business will be rebranded under, 'Unity Mutual', to better represent the Oddfellows' values in the financial services sector, and to offer simple savings, investments and protection products to help families plan for the future.**

The comprehensive rebrand will see Unity Mutual replace the current Schoolteachers Friendly Society and Druids Sheffield Friendly Society brand names, which the Oddfellows currently administers, and will include a new logo, positioning, and website. Following the launch there will be no changes to policy terms and conditions.

After successfully acquiring other friendly societies the Oddfellows has grown its Long Term Insurance Business over the last 10 years to accumulate assets of over £254m, with over 260,000 policyholders\*.



\*Source: 2017 Oddfellows Accounts

Unity Mutual, 30 Mather Avenue, Liverpool L18 5HT. Tel: 0151 724 1930 Fax: 0151 724 1971  
Email: [info@unitymutual.co.uk](mailto:info@unitymutual.co.uk) Web: [www.unitymutual.co.uk](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk)

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In addition to this, it has launched a number of new products and now offers a Junior ISA, Flexible ISA, Guaranteed Investment Bond, Tax-exempt Savings Plan and Sickness Income Plan.

"Following extensive research, we firmly believe that re-branding will help us to continue to better serve our policyholders and customers, enabling them to make more informed choices about saving, investment and insurance opportunities," Steve Code, Oddfellows Insurance Director.

The new rebrand will further enable the Oddfellows to stand out within the competitive and expansive financial sector. Policyholders and customers will enjoy a different, not-for-profit approach that puts the customer first with superior customer service, and a dedicated website.

If you would like more details about our products and services, Unity Mutual or would like to get in touch call 0161 214 4650 or visit: [www.unitymutual.co.uk](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk).





# De-stress your life – a brief introduction to Mindfulness

**With modern life so fast and stressful, it isn't always easy to find a bit of peace and quiet. Whilst we cannot avoid the stresses of modern life, there are things we can do to help us de-stress. One way is through a technique called 'mindfulness'.**

Mindfulness is about paying attention to the present moment, including our thoughts and feelings, and the world around us – by doing more of this we can improve our mental wellbeing. This awareness can help us enjoy life more, understand ourselves better and be more prepared for handling life's challenges. You will also be able to manage stress better, sleep more soundly and manage various physical health problems, such as chronic pain.

Although mindfulness originates from Buddhism, you don't need to be spiritual or have any particular beliefs to try it. Being 'mindful' is a skill that anyone can learn and is used by the NHS as a treatment for anxiety and depression.

For more information about health and wellbeing visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/health](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/health)

## Counted Breath Meditation

This simple meditation is one way of introducing mindfulness into your daily life, and can help you to 'switch off' and get to sleep at night. Here are the steps to follow:

- Move away from distractions such as mobile phones, television or computers
- Sit comfortably in a chair with your hands held loosely in your lap and both your feet on the floor
- Close your eyes and let your breathing settle into an even rhythm
- Start to breathe in and out more deeply and begin counting on each 'out' breath eg breathe in, breathe out – one, breathe in, breathe out – two
- If thoughts come into your mind and distract you, try not to engage with them, instead, restart your breath count from the beginning
- Try to get to ten breaths - if you make it, well done! If not, don't worry, just use this meditation technique regularly and your ability to focus on your breath should increase.



## Royale Surprise with Active Travel Club

**The Active Travel Club (ATC) is available to every member and is a great way for you to travel places in good company. Through our partners, we offer members great discounts, upgrades and other money saving deals on a wide range of holidays and trips.**

Oddfellows member Pat Brunner used ATC to book herself a great birthday break to Alvaston Hall in Cheshire and here she shares her experience with us...

### **What inspired you to go on this break?**

I was looking for somewhere that I could go with my husband at short notice to celebrate my birthday. I had previously been on a brilliant weekend break to Nidd Hall with Brighouse Branch and Huddersfield Social Organiser Andrew Porter had said that he would arrange for me to receive the Warner Leisure late deal emails. The weather forecast was poor, so organised entertainment which we could take part in was perfect.

### **What was Alvaston Hall like?**

I booked through Active Travel Club who found the nearest and best deal was for Alvaston Hall. I phoned the hotel and was offered a free upgrade to a Royale Suite - we booked it immediately. We also added a drinks package which gave us 10% off wine at dinner. Our suite was very spacious - definitely five star! We also had allocated

parking. The meals were cafeteria-style so hardly any queueing. We thoroughly enjoyed every meal. Lunch was not included, but snacks and light meals were available. The main entertainment was in the restaurant area and was very good, as was the alternative entertainment in one of the bars.

### **What were the highlights of the break?**

During our stay we went to some of the quizzes, enjoyed a drink or a coffee in the bar and relaxed in our room. We particularly enjoyed an evening listening to a guitar duo singing in the bar. We also enjoyed a little retail therapy in the shop.

### **Do you have any tips for future Oddfellows travellers?**

The grounds will be very attractive and in better weather there would be outdoor activities. If anyone is thinking of booking remember to mention Oddfellows Travel Club. The first offer we received was the rate on the Warner's website, which was slightly higher!

### **Active Travel Club Holidays and Breaks for 2018**

For a full list of ATC holidays please visit [www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/travel](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits/travel) or call Mike Hall on 0161 832 9361 extension 2224 or email [active@oddfellows.co.uk](mailto:active@oddfellows.co.uk).



**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 on **01306 877792**  
**mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk**



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# 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 and Jenny **01306 877792** or email **maeve.stott@oddfellows.co.uk** or **jenny.vincent@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](mailto: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.

\*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, 9am - 5pm, Friday, 9am - 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**

# Care and Welfare Talks



*Pat Christmas*



*David Day*

**Come and join the Oddfellows for informal talks by local welfare organisations, 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.

## Wise with Water Care and Cuppa Talk

On Tuesday 24 July at 10.30am, Jo Hedges from SES will be coming to give a talk on 'Wise with Water', covering water efficiency, how to save money and the importance of staying hydrated.

There will also be an opportunity to meet other members and the Oddfellows Welfare Visitors. Tea and coffee will be served.

Oddfellows Lounge, Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QT. Contact Jenny on 01306 877792.





# Quick Guide to Avoiding Scams

From the Care and Welfare Department

## Mail scams

Postal scams contain fraudulent claims to try to con you out of your money, e.g. lotteries or prize draws claiming that you have won a fortune, or letters from a 'solicitor' informing you of an unclaimed inheritance.

## Email and online scams

These include tax refund emails, emails with attachments which contain viruses, or emails asking for money which appear to be from a friend or relative asking for help. Scams can come from the email account of someone you know if their account has been hacked.

## Telephone scams

Unsolicited and unexpected calls, e.g. calls from your bank about fraudulent use of your credit or debit card, or calls about your computer. Scammers will say your computer has a virus and ask you to download software to fix it. The software is actually 'spyware' that will give them access to all your online information.

## Relationship scams

Scammers use dating websites to win people's trust and get money from them.

## Banking scams

Telephone calls (known as 'vishing'), emails (known as 'phishing') or texts posing as your bank or the police trying to get personal and financial information such as your card details (including PIN numbers), and gain access to your finances.

## Investment and pension scams

Changes which give people access to their pension pots from age 50 have resulted in new scams e.g. people being cold called and offered a 'pension review'. Offers of investments in stocks and shares, fine wine, jewellery, carbon credits or 'pyramid' investment schemes, which ask you to pay a fee and recruit friends or family in order to get a return.

## Supporting Charities

Did you know that the Mid Surrey District donates to these charities annually?

- Air Ambulance • Combat Stress • Orphan Gift Fund • HA Andrews Fund
- Princess Alice Hospice • The Brigitte Trust • The Aplastic Anaemia Trust
- Friends of Dorking Community Hospital • Age Concern
- Leatherhead Swans • Dorking Talking Newspaper

And thanks to the talks given by their volunteers or links to events this year Mid Surrey also gave donations to Woodland Trust, Wey and Arun Trust, Mary Frances Trust, MacMillan, Dorking Friends of Cancer Research UK. If there is a talk you would be interested in hearing or event you would like help organising for Mid Surrey District please let the office know.

## Swedish Waterways and Classic Cities Cruise

20 - 30 July - 10 nights (Full board) Sails from Dover.

From £1,259 per person



Experience Sweden's stunning scenery and scenic fjords while cruising in pure comfort. Explore the vibrant city of Stockholm and Gothenburg on this Oddfellows escorted cruise.

To book call Fred Olsen Cruise Lines on **01473 742 424** Quote GRP9999 and promotional code 'GRPODD' for your exclusive member discount.

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.

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## 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](mailto:maeve.stott@oddfellows.co.uk)**

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# Do you have any Oddfellows Memories and Photos to share?

These photos were donated by Pat and Bob Christmas. These were slides taken on an Oddfellows Holiday to Ostend in June 1963. Pat recalls "It was organised by the late Alan Barnett. The Hutchinsons are in the photo, Bob and I and other young Oddfellows at the time. Alan Barnett took the photograph.

I remember we were away for the week and the weather wasn't good!"

Please let us know in the office if you have any photos to share. It would be great to share any photos you have at a members evening and hope to display some of these at the 175 year Anniversary Celebration evening in April 2019.



*Pat and Bob Christmas on the right*



*Oddfellows Holiday 1963*

# Lunch before the Purple Degree Ceremony

Mid-Surrey District were joined by members of the West London District on Friday 6 April for a celebration lunch before the purple degree ceremony.



*Enjoying Lunch in Leatherhead*



## Save the Date

**Celebration Dinner - Saturday 6 April 2019. More details to follow.**

Mid-Surrey will be celebrating the 175th anniversary of the forming of the 'Prince of Wales Lodge' in Dorking, which actually occurs in January but we chose to defer it until the (hopefully) better weather in April. As can be seen from the Respect Boards in the main hall, the Lodge was formed on 28 January 1844 and its 'registration' number with the Friendly Societies Commission is number 3173.

Strangely enough, the Bushey Park Lodge was formed in Hook one week earlier and it's number was 3172. That became part of the Kingston-Upon-Thames District, with which we 'merged in 1970 to form the Mid-Surrey District.

The Prince of Wales Lodge was re-named as the Dorking Lodge at the merger and the branches in Kingston formed the Kingston Lodge at the same time. During 2013 the Dorking Lodge was again re-named as a District Lodge and now carries the name of the 'Loyal Mid-Surrey District Lodge' but still bears the same registration number as it was allocated with at its birth.

Incidentally, when both the Prince of Wales and Bushey Park Lodges were formed, they were part of the Mitcham District but during the 1970s both formed their own Districts with the expansion of the Society across South-East London and into the suburbs. Written by Alan Cole.

# 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.

<b>Monday 16 July</b>	<b>Dorking</b>
<b>Monday 20 August</b>	<b>Leatherhead</b>
<b>Monday 17 September</b>	<b>Dorking</b>
<b>Monday 15 October (Half yearly)</b>	<b>Leatherhead</b>
<b>Monday 19 November</b>	<b>Dorking</b>
<b>Monday 17 December</b>	<b>Leatherhead</b>
<b>Monday 21 January 2019</b>	<b>Dorking</b>
<b>Monday 18 February 2019</b>	<b>Leatherhead</b>

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](mailto:jenny.vincent@oddfellows.co.uk) if you would like to join us.

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# At a glance

## July 2018

<b>Mon 9</b>	Informal Talk on Deepdene Project	7.30pm
<b>Sat 21</b>	Inter-District Skittles Afternoon	2pm
<b>Tues 24</b>	Wise with Water Care and Cuppa Talk	10.30am

## August

<b>Tues 7</b>	Lunch Club The Edmund Tylney, Wetherspoon Leatherhead	12.15pm
<b>Weds 15</b>	Boat Trip On the Wey and Arun Canal with lunch	11am

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Mon 10</b>	Quiz and Fish and Chips	7.30pm
<b>Sat 15</b>	InterDistrict Quiz	2pm
<b>Fri 28</b>	Local History Talk with Brian Hennegan and Afternoon Tea	2pm

## October

<b>Weds 3</b>	Lunch Club -The Beehive	12.15pm
<b>Mon 8</b>	Paul Whittle Talk "Steaming On"	7.30pm

## November

<b>Mon 12</b>	Charades Evening	7.30pm
<b>Mon 19</b>	Mid-Surrey Business Meeting (Dorking)	10.30am
<b>Tues 27</b>	History Talk and afternoon Tea- Talk by Kathy Atherton	2pm

## December

<b>Mon 10</b>	Christmas Gathering	7.30pm
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# forthcoming events

## January 2019

<b>Mon 14</b>	A talk on Holmwood Common by Kathy Allerton	7.30pm
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## February

<b>Tues 5</b>	Lunch Club -Sir Douglas Haig	12.15pm
<b>Mon 11</b>	Stamp and Collectables Evening	7.30pm

## April

<b>Sat 6</b>	Mid-Surrey 175th Anniversary Celebration	7.30pm
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