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Spring Issue



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Oddfellows Hall, Dorking

Welcome to this latest edition of the news and events diary for Mid-Surrey Branch.

Hello from Mid-Surrey Branch. We hope you are keeping well. We know that the last year couple of years have been a challenging time but hope as we send this to print we see longer daylight days and lots to look forward to ahead in the spring and summer. We have many events face to face including talks, gentle fitness, and quizzes. We look forward to enjoying more lunches out and relaxing at the wellbeing clay workshops. We also look forward to the return of our quiz with fish and chips evening and a celebration party for the Jubilee, as well as our regular online coffee mornings and Friday coffee after Zumba Gold and Tai Chi.

We have found events on Zoom are still popular, so we are keeping our last Friday of the month as our online Coffee and Chat. Do drop by and say hello to friends, make new ones and hear about the other social events. Although not listed here there is also a range of national online events open to all members, so please check these out on the website or they can be emailed to you weekly.

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Please check website for latest events listings and call or email to confirm attendance.

We have a range of events including talks and tastings. We have "The Importance of Bee's" and a honey tasting in March at 2pm. Then from April the regular Monday socials will return to a 7.30pm for the summer months. We have talks from Battersea Dogs and Cats charity, a fascinating Gardening Talk, a quiz and fish and chips evening and of course a pudding tasting party, to celebrate the Jubilee.

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If the New Year has made you think about returning to or trying a new fitness class, we have lots to choose from, both face to face and nationally online. We now offer gentle fitness with Jo's Zumba Gold class or Tai Chi. Do join us, even if this is your first time trying a class you will receive a warm welcome.

There is of course more to Oddfellows than our social events. Oddfellows membership includes Care and welfare, Oddfellows Extra for money saving offers, Oddfellows Travel

and Unity Mutual for family friendly finance options. Do take time to explore and get the most out of your membership at this time. There are some great holidays available with Oddfellows Travel-please see pages 18-21 for this year's holidays.

Everyone is welcome at Oddfellows. If you are not a member or have a friend that would like to join an event. Do check as all events are open to you and friends to enjoy, have a good time and find out more about Oddfellows.

Monday Socials (DOE)

These regular socials take place on the second Monday of the month and we are hoping these will continue to being in the lounge. If for any reason they can't go ahead, face to face they will move online. We will update the website and let members booked know of any changes.

We have a great selection of events from fish and chips and quiz evening, and a range of talks. All include a cuppa and a chat. We look forward to seeing you.

Pub Lunches are back!

Do join us for these informal lunches at local pubs in the Mid-Surrey area. From Tattenham Corner, the White Horse in Shere and Watermill. We look forward to seeing you.

Booking Events

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

Online Events

Although we are moving to more face to face events don't forget there are still events online each week nationally for you to join. From games, quizzes and coffee mornings. We send an email each Friday of these, so if you would like to be emailed this list, please let us know in the office. We also are continuing our Mid-Surrey catch up online on the last Friday of the month at 10am. Need help with getting on to Zoom? Please let the office know.

Coming soon – Craft and Coffee with Deborah fundraising for Diabetes UK. Please contact the office for more details, and check the website.

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

Regular Events

Monday Social (DOE)

Second Monday
of the month



March at 2pm
April, May, June, July at 7.30pm



Members free
Non members £3



These Monday meetings usually take place on the second Monday of the month at the Oddfellows Hall, 270 High Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QT. Some events will still take place on this day online, so please contact the office for the link. Cost: Free if online. Some events in the hall ask for a small fee from non-members to cover speakers. Book your place mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk or phone on 01306 877792.

Friday 'Catch up with a Coffee' Online

Last Friday
of the month



10am



Free



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



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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Regular Events

Zumba Gold



10.30am



Members £3
Guests £7



Join us for this low impact Zumba Gold with Jo on Friday's from 10.30am followed by a chance for tea and a chat. Every Friday, school term times only. Please call office for more information. All welcome just pop along and try this low impact, low intensity, go at your own pace exercise for older adults. There is a special price for members. Followed by tea and coffee. Oddfellows Hall Dorking, 270 High Street, Dorking, RH41QT. For more information and to book contact 01306 877792, mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk

Every Friday

Term times only, please
see at a glance for dates



Tai Chi Qi Gong



12 noon



Members £3
Guests £6



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

Every Friday

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Mole Valley Life

MOBILE • INDEPENDENT • SOCIAL

Enabling Your Independence at home Talk and Demonstration

by Mole Valley Life

Wednesday 23 March, 12.45pm
Leatherhead, Oddfellows Hall

Wednesday 11 May, 11.30am
Dorking, Oddfellows Hall

We welcome back Mole Valley Life who will introduce you to their wide range of services and facilities. Mole Valley Life is Mole Valley District Council's services promoting independence.

Many of their services use the very latest technology. It offers solutions including transport to residents in the Mole Valley Area who may require assistance in their everyday lives and focuses on allowing people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible. Followed by a chance

to ask questions and chat. Tea, coffee and refreshments provided. Do join us for this great opportunity and let family or friends you know who might be interested and benefit from all the great advice and services now and in the future.

Pre-booking is advised but not essential

with free refreshments provided by the Oddfellows for both events.

**For further information and to book contact the office on 01306 877792
mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk**

**Free
event**

March

MON
14

'The Importance of Bees' - A Talk with Honey Tasting and tea



2pm



Members Free,
Guests £3



Celia and David Rudland of East Surrey Bees who have extensive bee keeping experience will be giving a talk on 'The Importance of Bees' This will be followed with a honey inspired afternoon tea and a chance to chat. Book by Friday 11 March. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.



MON
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Pub Lunch at White Horse in Shere



1pm



Pay for your meal and drinks



Nestling amongst the lovely half-timbered buildings of Shere, close to the tiny bubbling River Tillingbourne, is a former 15th century farmhouse and Grade II Listed Building called The White Horse. It's hard to imagine an English country pub more idyllic. The White Horse offers hearty, great quality pub food and an irresistible pub experience. We are returning here to enjoy a farewell meal with Jenny as she retires. All members and guests welcome. Whether you are a longstanding or recent member, you will be made very welcome, do join us for great food and conversation in this lovely setting. Book by Monday 14 March. The White Horse, Shere Lane, Shere, Guildford GU5 9HS. Please call on 01306 877792 or email the office to book and pay for your meal and drinks on the day.



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April

MON
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A Gardening Talk '120 Days of Growing' by Marina Roberts



7.30pm



Members Free,
Guests £3



Do join us for this fascinating talk by Marina Roberts. Marina has always been a keen gardener. Having grown up spending most of her free time at her dad's allotment (in St Petersburg, Russia).

It's not surprising that she ended up having an allotment of her own when she got older. Whilst in a role of a Site Agent at Ranmore Road allotments site in Dorking, Marina implemented and shared with others a lot of growing hacks that she learned from her dad. Marina has been an active committee member of the Dorking Allotment Holders Association (DAHA) for the last 12 years. In her talk, Marina looks at the differences between



growing your own in two different climate settings, which make you realise how lucky you are to have so much gardening time on your hands here in Surrey. Followed by tea and coffee and chance to ask questions and chat. Book by Friday 8 April. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.

May

MON
09

Talk about Battersea Dogs and Cats Charity



7.30pm



Donations



Nick Shelley, Community Officer at Battersea Dogs and Cats Home, will be giving a talk about the history of Battersea, their work through the years and also discussing how the Covid Pandemic has affected their work. Followed by tea, coffee and a chance to chat and ask questions. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.

May

MON 16 Pub Lunch at The Watermill, Dorking



All welcome to join us for lunch at the newly refurbished Watermill, in Dorking. Nestled in the picturesque Surrey Hills overlooking the lushly green and historic landscape of Box Hill. To make the most of the stunning scenery, they have a newly transformed outdoor dining area, cosy covered seating and wide range of pub lunch classics. All members and guests welcome. Whether you are a long-standing or recent member, you will be made very welcome. Do join us for conversation and laughter over lunch at this lovely venue. Book by Monday 9 May. The Watermill, Reigate Road, Dorking RH4 1NN. Please call on 01306 877792 or email the office to book and pay for your meal and drinks on the day.

June

MON 13 Jubilee Theme Party - Cake and Pudding Sharing Evening



Let us celebrate the Queen's Jubilee year with a cake and pudding tasting evening. Please bring your favourite home baked or shop bought cake or pudding to share along with your memories. Tea and coffee will be provided. Book by Friday 10 June. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.

Further events are being added, see: www.oddfellows.co.uk/events

July

MON
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Fun Quiz with Fish and Chips



7.30pm



Pay for your own



Join in for a fun filled team quiz evening with fish and chips supper. All welcome - why not bring a friend? Booking is essential. Orders will be taken in advance when booking confirmed and you will pay for your meal on the day. Tea and coffee will be provided. Book by Monday 4 July. Oddfellows Lounge (Oddfellows Hall), 270 High Street, Dorking RH4 1QT. Contact the office on 01306 877792.



MON
18

Pub Lunch at The Beefeater, Epsom



1pm



Pay for your meal and drinks



You are all welcome to join for lunch as we return to this popular venue. This spacious Beefeater at Tattenham Corner on Epsom Downs, serves a range of familiar pub favourites, from steaks, sandwiches and fish and chips. Please book in advance. Whether you are a long-standing or recent member, you will be made very welcome. Do join us for conversation and laughter over lunch. Book by Monday 11 July. The Beefeater Tattenham Corner, Epsom Downs, Epsom, Surrey KT18 5NY. Please call on 01306 877792 or email the office to book and pay for your meal and drinks on the day.



Ceramic Course for Wellbeing

We have a ceramics workshop running in March, but this course is currently full, you may wish to contact regarding the waiting list for this event. Please only attend if already booked, contact details are on page 2.

Get away with the Oddfellows



London Theatre Break

Friday 17 June 2022
(2 nights)

We'll be staying at the 3*
St Giles Hotel, located in
central London.

£245 per person[†] includes
breakfast and theatre ticket
to see **Wicked**, at the Victoria
Apollo Theatre.

[†]Based on 2 people sharing



Look what's coming up in 2022:

- **Oddfellows Summer Holiday: Warner's Nidd Hall Hotel:**
N Yorkshire from £351 per person. 4 July (4 nights).
- **Scenic Norwegian Fjords:**
Cruise from £1,149 per person. Departs 12 August (7 nights).
- **Church Stretton, Shropshire Hills Discovery Tour:**
From £655 per person. 19 September (4 nights).
- **Canada in the Fall:**
Cruise from £3,599 per person. Departs 28 September (19 nights).

Prices correct at time of printing – January 2022

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

Mid –Surrey Photo Gallery

We enjoyed a range of events this year inside and out-and online.
We enjoyed seeing all our members and look forward to seeing you all in 2022.



Jenny is retiring from the office

After nearly 10 years working in our Office in Dorking, Jenny is planning to retire at the end of March 2022.

She is hoping to move to Sussex nearer her daughters and spend more time with her grandson and travelling to Spain.

As part of her role, Jenny has organised most of our regular Pub Lunches so you may like to join her at one of our favourite venues, The White Horse in Shere on Monday 21 March 2022, after our Annual General Meeting.



Thank you Jenny!

Hall hire – Oddfellows Hall

Did you know the Oddfellows Hall in Bridge Street, Leatherhead and Oddfellows Lounge Dorking are available for hire.

Leatherhead Oddfellows Hall 45-47 Bridge Street available to hire

Large meeting room (1132sqft) with a separate entrance area (357sqft), disabled toilet and kitchen. Available for hire suitable for meetings, fitness Pilates, and yoga classes etc.

Dorking Hall Lounge Area available to hire

Ideal for small regular groups – comfortably seating 30 people. Kitchen Facilities. Available for hire during the day and evening. Use of digital projector and screen.

To find out more please contact the office

01306 877792 mid-surrey@oddfellows.co.uk

A bit about us...

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

Our Society is run by members for members

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

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

Can you help us by?

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

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

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

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



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

Alan, Trustee



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

Cynthia, volunteer

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

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

Rosie, volunteer



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

Pat, Care and Welfare visitor

Want to get involved? Just let us know

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

Mike, Committee Member



A message from Jane Nelson, the Oddfellows CEO

Dear friends

For me, two things really stood out in 2021 – how resilient everyone has been, and how well we’ve adapted to so much change.

It’s been a tough 12 months on top of a previous tough nine months, and who knows how many more? However, as Oddfellows, you’ve looked out for one another, stayed open to doing things differently, and it’s getting us through. Your actions have made an amazing difference to so many of our members’ lives.

Gratitude

I want to thank you all for everything you have done. When speaking with our members and volunteers, and working alongside our Branches and staff in Manchester and Liverpool, I have felt immense pride – about our Society, everyone involved, and in Oddfellowship. By working together, we’ve shown that Oddfellows do what we say we do, no matter what challenges are thrown at us.

“Being there for our members continues to be our priority.”



At the start of 2021, we had hoped that by the end of the year things would feel a little brighter. We’ve made huge strides in our understanding of Covid, but the landscape is still very unpredictable. And when faced with uncertainty over a sustained period, it can make us feel overwhelmed and anxious.

One thing I’ve been doing to try and manage these feelings is to focus on what I can control, and acknowledging what I cannot. It’s not always easy, but it really has helped. Sitting with your thoughts or worries and working out what you can influence is time well spent. You can then identify the bits you can take action to change, which puts you in a more positive frame of mind. Covid is here to stay and the challenge for us all now is learning to live alongside it.

If you’ve needed support from us, I hope we’ve been able to help you where we can. Being there for our members continues to be our priority.

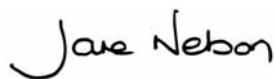
Online events are here to stay for as long as there is a need to keep people in touch with others from the comfort of their home. And our local and national care and welfare teams, and advice lines, will always be there for anyone who needs help to work through a problem or worry.

We sadly lost many people we cared about in 2021. To those that passed, we will always remember you. Our condolences go out to family and friends, and rest assured they'll always be in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.

We are having to cope with higher levels of uncertainty and worry at the moment, so we must make sure we rest well, smile as often as we can and be kind to ourselves and others. These are all totally within our control.

On behalf of the Society and my family, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy 2022.

Stay safe and well. Yours always in friendship



Jane Nelson
CEO, the Oddfellows

Lupus research team skills up for the future

In November we visited Guy's Hospital to see members of the Lupus Trust research team who have been the recipients of the Society's HA Andrews Memorial Fund since 2019. Lockdown had the unintended consequence of sending the research in a new direction.

The restrictions meant they had to abandon the laboratory to work from home but this gave them time to focus on learning how to analyse big data, a skill that will benefit the research well into the future.

Pictured is the Oddfellows' CEO Jane Nelson and Grand Master David Ogden handing over a cheque of £29,000



to Professor Jo Spencer and PHD student Bekki Velounias.

The donation marks the final instalment of a major three-year funding partnership, which totalled £85,000.

Oddfellows Travel – travel with confidence and in great company in 2022

We can't wait to get members and guests together for an exciting range of holidays in 2022. There's such a selection, something is sure to float your boat. Here's what's on offer...

**An unforgettable cruise
exploring Norway and
the Arctic Circle
22 June–7 July 2022
(15 nights. Full board)
From £2,899 per person**

All aboard the Fred. Olsen cruise ship Balmoral on this exploration of Norway's northernmost reaches – an unforgettable journey of a lifetime. Setting off from Newcastle, join Oddfellows host Wendy

Atkins as we journey to the Arctic Circle to the famous island of Spitsbergen, just 700 nautical miles from the North Pole. We will experience the remote beauty and eerie silence of distant towns situated in the stunning Arctic landscape. Our magical journey continues to the Norwegian mainland, to the 'top of Europe', the North Cape plateau and Tromsø, taking in stunning sights of lakes, mountains and glaciers on a journey that's unforgettable.



For more information, contact host Wendy Atkins at wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk or call 01437 251 867

Oddfellows Summer Holiday 4–8 July 2022

(4 nights. Half board)

Warner Leisure Hotel's Nidd Hall, Harrogate. From £351 per person for a Standard room or £381 per person for a Signature room

Treat yourself to a break in a Grade II listed Georgian mansion in the Yorkshire countryside on our annual hosted summer getaway. Oddfellows Travel summer holidays are legendary and this year promises to be no exception. Set in 45 acres of award-winning gardens in the North Yorkshire countryside, we will be staying at Nidd Hall Hotel – where rumour has it Edward VIII met Wallis Simpson at a party.

For further information and to book contact Oddfellows Travel's Mike Hall on 0161 832 9361 or email mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk

Unwind with friends

The group holiday, which will be hosted by David Ogden, our Grand Master, is open to any members and their guests from across the UK. Together we'll be enjoying drinks, mouth-watering meals and superb live evening entertainment. You'll be free to choose how to spend your day – exploring the stunning location, sharing a game of bowls in the glorious gardens or relaxing in the swimming pool and spa. There's a host of activities to entertain you. Join us – bring a friend – and enjoy this beautiful 18th century mansion near Harrogate.



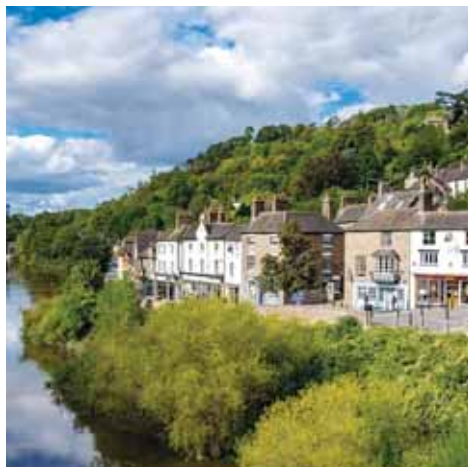
The spectacular grounds at Nidd Hall, Harrogate

**Shropshire Discovery Tour –
Church Stretton (HF Holidays)
19–23 September 2022
(4 nights. Full board)
From £655 per person.
Limited single rooms with
no additional supplement**

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

Our Discovery Tours, operated by the award-winning HF Holidays, are a highlight of the year where members and their guests come from all corners of the country to explore a beautiful region.

We will be staying at Longmynd House Country Hotel in Church Stretton with its sweeping views across the Shropshire Hills. Along with our Oddfellows member host, John Galligan, our HF Holidays guide will lead us on our journey around this “Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty” with its historic castles and mesmerising scenery.



*For further information and to
book contact Oddfellows Travel's
Mike Hall on
0161 832 9361 or email
mike.hall@oddfellows.co.uk*

**“We met as strangers
and left as friends.”**

**– a member who enjoyed last
year's HF Holiday.**



*The famous Iron Bridge in Ironbridge Gorge, known as the birthplace of the
Industrial Revolution*

Cruise with us!
Scenic summertime
Norwegian Fjords
12–20 August 2022
(7 nights. Full board)
From £1,149 per person

Let Oddfellows member Wendy Atkins take care of you as you experience summer in the Norwegian fjordland, taking in the seasonal sights and highlights of the region's beautiful waterways. During hours of scenic cruising, smaller ship Bolette takes you on journeys into mountain-flanked fjords, to see their summertime scenery at its best. Departs Southampton – Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines.

Cruise to Canada in the fall
28 September–17 October 2022
(19 nights. Full board)
From £3,599 per person

Members and their guests are invited to join us on this once-in-a-lifetime Fred. Olsen cruise to the stunning landscape



*For more information,
contact host Wendy Atkins at
wendy.atkins@oddfellows.co.uk
or call 01437 251 867*

of Canada in the autumn hosted by Oddfellows member, Wendy Atkins.

Just as the leaves are turning, your ship arrives on the shores of Canada where you can delight in the stunning scenery of one of the world's most striking countries. We'll be sailing from one area of natural beauty to the next, including a three day discovery of Quebec province with its National Parks and Reserves, and a day in classical Quebec City itself.

The cruise doesn't stop there. We visit charming and picturesque Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, stopping at Belfast in Northern Ireland on our return to Liverpool.



Canada's autumnal beauty

Meet your Mid Surrey Care and Welfare Team

The Oddfellows looking after you
Care, Advice and Support



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



Pat Christmas



David Day

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

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

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

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

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

National Oddfellows Helplines

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

Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line*



Call 0800 0149 821

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Email: oddfellows@manchestercab.org

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

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

Care and Welfare Helpline*



Call 0800 0149 822

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)



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

Email: care@oddfellows.co.uk

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

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

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

Lifetime of Hobbies

by Frank Stephenson

Message and memories from life member Frank Stephenson. "I have been a member since before the war when my Father introduced me at the Ashley Park Lodge, Walton-on-Thames to important members in full regalia. Perhaps I was frightened seeing them but I have stayed all my life and I am 89 years old now."

Life is very different and I cannot visit meetings or have friends to visit. About 2003 I had a triple heart by-pass and now with a group called 'Brave Hearts' I join them in a Gym Group three times a week for sessions each lasting an hour on Zoom. Keeps me going. I could also mention over 70 years of Canoeing, Camping and Cycling. But not now!"

A life time of Hobbies by Frank Stevenson Stamp collecting... Model trains... Coins... canoeing... family tree... photography... drawing and painting... what next?

My first hobby started at school when I swapped stamps with friends back in 1945, which left me to having sets of Commonwealth stamps including those of the 1937 Coronation and previous monarchies, plus stamps from all over the world. I now have twelve albums which have recently been added to with a bulk of stamps from an Epsom shop. Later I acquired a train set the remnants, of which are still in the loft awaiting a new home.



Windmill in the Kinderdijk, Holland painted by Frank Stevenson 2014.

I am not sure when I started coin collecting but I have many unique coins including groats, a Cartwheel Penny of 1797, and even a Half Farthing of 1844.

These were added to by many foreign coins during our travels. About 1946, my mate suggested making a canoe. This led to over 60 years of canoeing which included folding canoes which rods and frames had fitted into a 'banana skin' of material up to 17 feet long. These skins could be very old so this led to another hobby: making new skins on the lounge floor with a large sewing machine, using rubberised fabrics which I found could only be bought in France.

My family tree hobby took a lot of time but I did trace my family as far back as 1760. I could mention my hobby of photography, all the way from the box camera and a roll of film to the modern cameras and a dozen albums! I have always like drawing and painting. Just recently I sketched a windmill

scene and will try to get back to painting now! "Windmill in the Kinderdijk, Holland painted by Frank Stevenson 2014".

Do let us know if anyone else would like to share an article on hobbies or memories for the next newsletter.

Thank you to Frank for sharing this and lovely to hear you are so active.

Obituaries

We have are sad to announce the passing of two Mid-Surrey life members who passed away this year. Ann Booker age 83 and Edward Copas age 84. We send our sympathies to their family's and friends.



Ann Moon

Passed away October 2021. Ann will be greatly missed at Mid-Surrey Oddfellows. Ann joined in 2015 and was an active member taking part in many events. We will miss Ann's bright and chatty presence at Mid-Surrey and send our sympathies to her family. We are sharing a couple of lovely photos of Ann at our events.



The late Ann Moon who will be sadly missed at Oddfellows

Business Meeting Dates

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

All Committee of Management members are welcome to come and take part in CoM meetings to help in the running of the Mid-Surrey branch. This covers social planning, finance, care, development, property, publicity and promotion. Tea, coffee and refreshments are served. We encourage any members to join the Committee of Management. Please contact the office if you would like more details. The Committee of Management meetings alternate between Dorking and Leatherhead. The meetings are no more than 2hrs long and are held approximately 4 times a year. Often members go for a pub lunch which is open to all following this meeting.

Monday 21 March 2022	Annual General Meeting	Dorking
Monday 25 April 2022	Business Meeting	Leatherhead
Monday 16 May 2022	Committee of Management Meeting	Dorking
Monday 20 June 2022	Business Meeting	Leatherhead
Monday 18 July 2022	Business Meeting	Dorking

Online Open Days - Find out more about Oddfellows

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

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

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

March 2022

Wed 2	Ceramic Workshops for Wellbeing, Leatherhead	10.30am
Fri 4	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 4	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon
Wed 9	Ceramic Workshops for Wellbeing, Leatherhead Course Full - wait list available	10.30am
Fri 11	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 11	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon
Mon 14	'The Importance of Bees' – A Talk with Honey Tasting and Tea	2pm
Wed 16	Ceramic Workshops for Wellbeing, Leatherhead	10.30am
Fri 18	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 18	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon
Mon 21	Annual General Meeting – Dorking	10.30am
Mon 21	Pub Lunch at White Horse in Shere	1pm
Wed 23	Ceramic Workshops for Wellbeing, Leatherhead	10.30am
Wed 23	Enabling Your Independence at home Talk, Leatherhead	12.45pm
Fri 25	Online Coffee and Chat	10am

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Fri 25	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 25	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon

April

Mon 11	A Gardening Talk '120 Days of Growing' by Marina Roberts	7.30pm
Fri 22	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 22	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon
Mon 25	Business Meeting Leatherhead	10.30am
Fri 29	Online Coffee and Chat	10am
Fri 29	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 29	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon

May

Fri 6	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 6	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon
Mon 9	Talk on Battersea Dogs and Cats Charity	7.30pm
Wed 11	Enabling Your Independence at home Talk, Leatherhead	11.30am
Fri 13	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 13	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon
Mon 16	Committee of Management Meeting – Dorking	10.30am

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May

Mon 16	Pub Lunch at The Watermill, Dorking	1pm
Fri 20	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 20	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon
Fri 27	Online Coffee and Chat	10am
Fri 27	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 27	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon

June

Fri 10	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 10	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon
Mon 13	Jubilee Theme Party - Cake and Pudding Sharing Evening	7.30pm
Fri 17	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 17	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon

June

Mon 20	Business Meeting Leatherhead	10.30am
Fri 24	Online Coffee and Chat	10am
Fri 24	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 24	Tai Chi Qi Gong Dorking	12 noon

July

Fri 1	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 1	Tai Chi Qi Gong	12 noon
Fri 8	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 8	Tai Chi Qi Gong	12 noon
Mon 11	Fun Quiz with Fish and Chips	7.30pm
Fri 15	Zumba Gold	10.30am
Fri 15	Tai Chi Qi Gong	12 noon
Mon 18	Business Meeting - Dorking	10.30am
Mon 18	Pub Lunch The Beefeater, Epsom	1pm

Learn, have fun, and stay in touch from home

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



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

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