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*making friends, helping people*

# *out & about*

## Reading District



*Marsh Lock, Henley-on-Thames*

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



Online



Music/  
Concert



Travel



Games



Crafts



Walk/  
Activities



Social



Food and Drink



Quizzes



Talks



Coffee Morning/Afternoon Tea



*Enjoying the Jubilee Annual Picnic, in July. By the River Thames at Hurley.*

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

## Everybody welcome

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

## Remember!

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

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

## Want to get involved?

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

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

*Cover photo by Nicky Jex*

# Booking and Cancellations

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

# Branch and Event Contacts

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

## Reading District ●

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

**Telephone:** 0118 957 3354

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

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

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

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

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

## Thames and Kennet Branch ●

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

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

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

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

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

**Reading Abbey (Reading)** - Fiona Vince on 0118 954 8454

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

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

## Royal Berkshire Branch ●

**Covering Reading and Pangbourne:**

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

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

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

Tony Bonnett on 0118 987 1488

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

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

**Gentle Exercise Class** - Russell Vince on 0118 954 8454

## Three Counties Branch ●

**Covering Reading, Tilehurst and Henley:**

**Secretary:** Lynda Edwards

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Weekly Events

## Singing Together

🕒 10.30am

£ Members £2  
Guests £3



Every Tuesday

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



## Gentle Exercise Class, Standing and Seated

🕒 11.15am

£ Members £2  
Guests £3



Every Thursday

Join us for some gentle exercise suitable for those from 50+, all exercises can be enjoyed seated if preferred. The hall will be open from 10.30am beforehand for tea, coffee and chat. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Russell on 0118 954 8454.



# Regular Events

## Art and Craft Group



10am



Members £2  
Guests £3



**First and Third  
Wednesday of  
each month**

Please come along to our friendly art and craft group, whether you paint, sew or craft you are welcome to join us. Bring your own project and materials and enjoy some like minded company and refreshments while you create.



Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

**2 April  
16 April  
7 May  
21 May**

**4 June  
18 June  
2 July  
16 July**

**6 August  
20 August  
3 September  
17 September**

## Monthly Zoom Quiz



3pm



Free



**Second  
Wednesday of  
each month**

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



**9 April  
14 May**

**11 June  
9 July**

**13 August  
10 September**



# April 2025

## **TUES 01** School Anecdotes followed by Thames and Kennet Summoned Meeting Reading Abbey



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £2



We will be welcoming June Hardcastle to talk of humorous stories from a Primary School Teacher, turned Inspector, turned Advisor. We look forward to sharing some school memories, and invite you to stay for the Thames and Kennet Summoned meeting at 4.30pm. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Fiona on 0118 954 8454.

## **WED 02** Fun Quizzes Pangbourne



7.30pm



Members £2  
Guests £3



Anything can happen with Lee Waite leading us on a merry dance with fun filled questions.



Bound to be a night to remember, you won't want to miss it! The Elephant Hotel, Church Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AR. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.

## **THURS 03** Moments of Truth Talk Jubilee



7.30pm



Members Free  
Guests £3



A most interesting talk by Steve Catchick, this is one not to be missed. Please join us to welcome Steve to our group this evening. St Peter's Church, St Peter's Road, Furze Platt, Maidenhead SL6 7QU. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

**TUES  
08**

## Reading Concert Band Crown of England



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us when we welcome back the Reading Concert Band under musical direction of Stewart Lewins. This is a very prestigious booking and a firm favourite with many. It's an afternoon not to be missed. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.

**THURS  
10**

## Afternoon of Poetry Woodley Afternoon Group



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £3



Come along and join us when we welcome back Jean Hill who was last with us in March 2023. Enjoy an afternoon of laughs and tears as Jean shares her poetry with us. **Please note change of day this month!** The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road (Opposite the Shopping Precinct), Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4JZ. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.

**MON  
14**

## Famous Phrases Princess Alexandra



7.30pm



Free



Following a business meeting, you are welcome to join us for a game of Famous Phrases to test your memory. Can you remember who said what? Monthly raffle. Light refreshments provided. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.

# April 2025

TUES  
15

## Art with Terry Get Together Henley

2pm

£ Free



Join us and use your creative skills to make an Easter card using items provided. They will then be judged by our very own in-house artist Terry Butcher. All welcome. Refreshments provided along with the monthly raffle. The Christ Church United Reformed Church, Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 1AG. Contact Lynda on 01491 871054.

TUES  
22

## Games Afternoon

2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for a variety of games... Did you ever wonder how to play a game of Rummikub, or you might just fancy a game of cards, Scrabble, Yahtzee, darts or push ha'penny with friends? It's definitely a case of the more the merrier on this afternoon and we are always open to new games. Followed by light refreshments and a raffle. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

TUES  
22

## Beekeeping Tilehurst Social Group

2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £2



**Please note change of date.** Join us for a talk by an active beekeeper on the importance of protecting and supporting our honey bees and other insects. Without bees and other insects the world would be colourless and food would be limited. There will be an opportunity to see first hand what a hive consists of and the equipment used. Monthly raffle and light refreshments provided. Doors open at 1.45pm, all welcome. United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6HN. Contact Mike on 0118 907 1497.



THURS  
24

## Get Together Reading Cancelled

2pm

£ Free



Due to the fact that a significant number of our organisers will be attending the Oddfellow's Southern Group Conference (SGC), we have reluctantly decided to cancel this meeting. Our apologies for any inconvenience. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.

# April 2025

THURS  
24

## Quiz and Cake Briton's Pride

7.30pm

Members Free  
Guests £3



This month it's quiz time, come and join us for some fun questions and be rewarded with some cake treats! Thatcham Memorial Hall, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham RG18 3HF. Contact Joyce on 07483 119404.

# May

THURS  
01

## Meal Out Jubilee

7pm

TBC



Join the members of the Jubilee Branch for a meal out. The venue and time are to be confirmed, but if you have a favourite restaurant in the Maidenhead area, then please let us know. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

TUES  
06

## Call My Bluff and District Officers Meeting Reading Abbey

2pm

Members Free  
Guests £2



We will be playing 'Call My Bluff', so the more the merrier to make it a fun afternoon. A game of truth or bluff, how good are you at reading who is being truthful, or not? **We are pleased to welcome our District officers along to this afternoon.** Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Fiona on 0118 954 8454.

# May

WED  
07

## International News Pangbourne

7.30pm

Members £2  
Guests £3



Test your memory of stunning International News items over the years. Questions could range from catastrophes to celebrations across the globe, from people to places, trials to tribulations. It will be intriguing to see what we can all recall. The Elephant Hotel, Church Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AR. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.

FRI  
09

## Toni Kent Woodley Afternoon Group

2pm

Members Free  
Guests £3



Come along and join us when we welcome along Toni Kent, who is a comic with a difference, including professional stand up and event compere. Enjoy this talk, 'I Need a Wife', which includes poetry and comedic musings on marriage, motherhood and muddling through mid-life! It's one not to be missed! The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road (Opposite the Shopping Precinct), Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4JZ. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.



# May

MON  
12

## What's In The Bag? Princess Alexandra

L 7.30pm

£ Free



Join us for an evening of fun and games. Can you correctly identify 'What's in the Bag', by feel alone? Light refreshments provided along with the regular monthly raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.

TUES  
13

## Carol of the Bells Crown of England

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Carol Wheeler is coming to entertain us with an interesting musical repertoire on her selection of hand bells.



Please come and join her, it's always a fun afternoon. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.

TUES  
20

## Social Afternoon Get Together Henley

L 2pm

£ Free



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

THURS  
22

## Treasured Book Briton's Pride

L 7.30pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Bring along your personal favourite book, or just come and share your experience of reading it. Is it a thriller, a childhood favourite, poetry or maybe an autobiography? Is it the style of writing or the suspense, or the wonderful memories that story evokes that make it your favourite. Many of us have a special book that we would enjoy sharing, let's see if any of us come up with the same. Thatcham Memorial Hall, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham RG18 3HF. Contact Joyce on 07483 119404.

TUES  
27

## Indoor Treasure Hunt Tilehurst Social Group

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £2



**Please note change of date.** Join us for a light hearted indoor treasure hunt. A popular game that can be played as a team or individually. How observant are you? All the answers are in front of you; can you see them? Light refreshments provided along with the monthly raffle. Doors open at 1.45pm, all welcome. United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6HN. Contact Mike on 0118 907 1497.

# May

TUES  
27

## Games Afternoon

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for a variety of games... Did you ever wonder how to play a game of Rummikub, or you might just fancy a game of cards, Scrabble, Yahtzee, darts or push ha'penny with friends? It's definitely a case of the more the merrier on this afternoon and we are always open to new games. Followed by light refreshments and a raffle. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

THURS  
29

## The Gardens of Cornwall Slide Show Get Together Reading

L 2pm

£ Free



We are pleased to welcome back Jean Shepherd, who will be giving us a talk, about her travels through Cornwall, supported by her personal slides. We would also like you to join us in a light hearted photo competition. Bring along a photo or two of any garden related theme and let Jean comment and judge it. Light refreshments are provided along with the regular monthly raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.



# June

TUES  
03

## From Barbados to Reading Abbey

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £2



One of our members, Cyrilene Tollafield will be talking to us about the adventures involved in packing up your life at the age of 10 and moving from Barbados to Reading. She talks of all that entailed, a story of challenges and determination leading to her settling down here and building a new life. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Fiona on 0118 954 8454.

WED  
04

## Traditional Oddfellows Members only

L 2pm

£ Free



Join us for the afternoon to find out more about the history and traditions of the Oddfellows. These meetings are designed for you to learn more about the structure of the Oddfellows and to enable you to take a more active part in our ceremonial side if you would like to. Light refreshments will be provided. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

# June

WED  
04

## Colour Brain Quiz Pangbourne

L 7.30pm

£ Members £2  
Guests £3



Yes, we know they have moved to Devon, but Sue and Chris Mullard are missing you all so much, they are travelling back to host the ever popular Colour Brain Quiz. So let's make it a bumper turn out to welcome them back. The Elephant Hotel, Church Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AR. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.



THURS  
05

## District Officers Visit Jubilee

L 7.30pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



**Please note change of date.** You are welcome to join us as a visit from the District Chairman and other officials. Supper and a fun evening will be provided. St Peter's Church, St Peter's Road, Furze Platt, Maidenhead SL6 7QU. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

FRI  
06

## History of the Oddfellows Woodley Afternoon Group

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



**Please note change of date.** Come along and join us when Debbie Jex, Director of the Oddfellows tells us all about the history of the Oddfellows and how it got its name! The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road (Opposite the Shopping Precinct), Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4JZ. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.

MON  
09

## Picture Bingo and District Officers Visit Princess Alexandra

L 7.30pm

£ Free



We are pleased to welcome the District Officers to this meeting. Following the business meeting, we will have a fun game of 'Picture Bingo'. Not sure how to play? We will show you. Light refreshments provided along with the monthly raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.

TUES  
10

## Curiosities in the Chilterns Crown of England

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us when Alan Copeland entertains us with his first talk on the Chilterns. Don't worry if you have heard the part two talk, there will be lots of different aspects. We are delighted to welcome Alan once again, so please join us to support him. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.

MON  
16

## Heritage Too Tilehurst Social Group

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £2



Join us for an lively afternoon of musical entertainment. A guaranteed foot tapping afternoon, listening or singing along with Kevin and Allan whilst they play the guitar, fiddle and mandolin. Light refreshments provided and the monthly raffle held. Doors open at 1.45pm. All welcome. United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6HN. Contact Mike on 0118 907 1497.

# June

TUES  
17

## Julia's Charity Bingo Get Together Henley

L 2pm

£ Fundraising event



Join us for a fundraising charity afternoon. Julia and Barbara will host this event and will include games of bingo to raise funds for nominated charities. This will be followed by a delicious home-made afternoon tea. Please note although there is no booking requirement, it would be helpful to let us know if you will be coming for catering purposes only. An afternoon not to be missed. All welcome. Includes monthly raffle. The Christ Church United Reformed Church, Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 1AG. Contact Lynda on 01491 871054.



TUES  
24

## Games Afternoon

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for a variety of games... Did you ever wonder how to play a game of Rummikub, or you might just fancy a game of cards, Scrabble, Yahtzee, darts or push ha'penny with friends? It's definitely a case of the more the merrier on this afternoon and we are always open to new games. Followed by light refreshments and a raffle. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

THURS  
26

## All Things Gemini and Cream Tea Get Together Reading

L 2pm

£ Free



Join us to celebrate summer for an afternoon on all things Gemini. Events, birthdays etc, anything June related.

This will be followed by an afternoon cream tea, including scones, jam and cream. Includes regular monthly raffle. All welcome. If you are not a regular attendee of this afternoon, but you would like to join us, please let us know in advance for catering purposes only. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.



THURS  
26

## Cruise on the Canal Briton's Pride

L TBC

£ TBC



We are planning to arrange a cruise along a new route on the Kennet and Avon Canal, please join us to see what scenery we find along the way. Time and venue to be confirmed, with full details of the trip. We hope that the weather will be on our side, we will set off and return to the same location, Newbury Wharf. Contact Joyce on 07483 119404.



# July

TUES  
01

## Wimbledon Cream Tea Reading Abbey

5.30pm

£ £3



It's that time of year when the lush green courts are uncovered and the tennis greats step onto the world re-known Wimbledon Tennis courts. To celebrate we invite you to a delightful afternoon tea accompanied by a fun quiz to get you thinking. Please help us with catering and notify us if you are attending by Thursday 19 June. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Fiona on 0118 954 8454.

WED  
02

## A Way With Words Pangbourne

7.30pm

£ Members £2  
Guests £3



We read and use words every day, so there is no telling how this quiz will pan out. The English language is a complete treasure trove, join us to see where it might lead us. The Elephant Hotel, Church Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AR. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.

THURS  
03

## Reading District Annual Charity Bowls Evening

5.30pm

£ Members £6  
Guests £4



Come along and join us for a fun evening of bowling followed by supper and a raffle. All proceeds made on the evening are going to our Chairman's chosen charity for the year. Booking is essential for catering purposes and for arranging the teams. Spectators and players welcome. Please book by Thursday 26 June. Wokingham Bowls Club, Reading Road, Wokingham RG41 1EG. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.

TUES  
08

## Heritage Too Crown of England

2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



We are delighted to welcome Kevin and Allan, who make up the talented Heritage Too duo. They play the guitar, the fiddle and mandolin between them and we can guarantee a toe tapping afternoon. There is always a good selection of music, so please come and support them. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.



# July

FRI  
11

## Memory or Maggots? Woodley Afternoon Group

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Come along and join us when we welcome back John Oblein for another interesting talk. This time hear about the Lydney (Gloucestershire) Murder of 1964, where the victim was dumped in Bracknell. The crux of the Lydney Murder Trial was whether to believe the testimony of an eye witness stating the victim was alive on a certain date in Gloucester, or the eminent Forensic Pathologist and his scientific evidence establishing the date of death. This is one not to be missed. The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road (Opposite the Shopping Precinct), Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4JZ. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.

MON  
14

## Mike's Summer Quiz Princess Alexandra

L 7.30pm

£ Free



Join us for an evening to test your skills with our Noble Grand's (Chairman's)



annual quiz. This can be a team game or if you prefer, you can play on your own. Light refreshments provided plus the monthly raffle. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.

TUES  
15

## Beetle Drive Get Together Henley

L 2pm

£ Free



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

THURS  
17

## Picnic on the Thames Jubilee

L 7pm

£ Free



### Please note change of date and time.

Please come along and join us as we picnic on the banks of the River Thames at Hurley. We will meet in the car park by the church at 7pm and move onto the island for our picnic, let's hope the weather is kind to us. If you have an outdoor activity you would like to share, please bring it along. If it is raining we can meet at the pub instead! Hurley Car Park by church, High Street, Hurley SL6 5NB. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

MON  
21

## Hang Man Tilehurst Social Group

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £2



Join us for an afternoon of 'Hangman', the game we all played in our childhood that challenges our spelling. We will initially play as a group, then play in teams. Monthly raffle included and light refreshments provided. Doors open at 1.45pm, all welcome. United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6HN. Contact Mike on 0118 907 1497.

# July

TUES  
22

## Games Afternoon

2pm

Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for a variety of games... Did you ever wonder how to play a game of Rummikub, or you might just fancy a game of cards, Scrabble, Yahtzee, darts or push ha'penny with friends? It's definitely a case of the more the merrier on this afternoon and we are always open to new games. Followed by light refreshments and a raffle. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

THURS  
24

## Table Top Games Briton's Pride

7.30pm

Members Free  
Guests £3



This month we are planning a fun evening of tabletop games. Join us and if you have a particular favourite why not bring it along?



Thatcham Memorial Hall, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham RG18 3HF. Contact Joyce on 07483 119404.

THURS  
31

## What's In The Bag? Get Together Reading

2pm

Free



Join us for a social afternoon. Can you identify what's in the bag? Light refreshments will be provided plus the monthly raffle held. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.

# August

FRI  
01

## Movie Night

7pm

Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for a movie night. The bar will be open and there will be nibbles on offer. We will let you know the choice of film closer to the date. It's always a good evening, so please come along and support us, the more the merrier! Oddfellows Hall 118b Oxford Road Reading RG1 7NQ. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.



TUES  
05

## Holiday Favourites Reading Abbey

2pm

Members Free  
Guests £2



Join us to share your holiday experiences, be they in they tranquil spots in the UK or far flung places, a quiet Caribbean Island, a busy capital city. We would love to hear about your adventures near and far, feel free to bring along a photo or two. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Fiona on 0118 954 8454.

WED  
06

## Mexican Train Pangbourne

7.30pm

Members £2  
Guests £3



Our annual timetable tells us its time to board the Mexican train for an evening where skill and luck are shared in equal measure. Join us for a fun evening. The Elephant Hotel, Church Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AR. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.

# August

## THURS 07 **Wits and Wagers Jubilee**

 7.30pm

 Members Free  
Guests £3



Please come along and join us for an evening of fun, 'Wits and Wagers', we will play in teams. This is a trivia game that lets you bet on everyone else's answers. You can win by making educated guesses, by playing the odds, or by knowing the interests of the others. St Peter's Church, St Peter's Road, Furze Platt, Maidenhead SL6 7QU. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

## FRI 08 **CSI Part 2 Woodley Afternoon Group**

 2pm

 Members Free  
Guests £3



Come along when we welcome back Hayley Scott, Crime Scene Investigator when she shares more anecdotes with us about a day in the life of a Metropolitan Police Officer CSI. The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road (Opposite the Shopping Precinct), Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4JZ. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.

## MON 11 **Beetle Drive Princess Alexandra**

 7.30pm

 Free



Following a business meeting, join us for a fun and fast game of beetle drive. Don't know how to play it? We will teach you. Monthly raffle. Light refreshments provided. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.

## TUES 12 **Annual Lodge Pub Quiz Crown of England**

 2pm

 Members Free  
Guests £3



This will be a fun afternoon at our annual pub quiz. Please don't worry if you are not a regular quizzier. The quiz will be prepared and presented by our very own Terry Butcher. We promise it won't be too hard! Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.

## MON 18 **Phoenix Ukulele Band Tilehurst Social Group**

 2pm

 Members Free  
Guests £2



Join us for a full afternoon of musical entertainment by the 'Phoenix Ukulele Band' - previously known as 'No Strings Attached'. They will be playing lively sing along music with the opportunity to have a dance or two. Regular monthly raffle and light refreshments provided. Doors open at 1.45pm. All welcome. United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6HN. Contact Mike on 0118 907 1497.

## TUES 19 **Antiques and Collectible's Show Get Together Henley**

 2pm

 Free



Join us for an afternoon hosted by David, who will once again enlighten us about the history, importance and value of antiques. This will be a very interesting and informative talk with members participation. Refreshments provided and a monthly raffle held. The Christ Church United Reformed Church, Reading Road, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon RG9 1AG. Contact Lynda on 01491 871054.

# August

TUES  
26

## Games Afternoon

L 2pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Join us for a variety of games... Did you ever wonder how to play a game of Rummikub, or you might just fancy a game of cards, Scrabble, Yahtzee, darts or push ha'penny with friends? It's definitely a case of the more the merrier on this afternoon and we are always open to new games. Followed by light refreshments and a raffle. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

THURS  
28

## Play Your Cards Right Get Together Reading

L 2pm

£ Free



Join us and enjoy a game of 'Play Your Cards Right', a team quiz game with a difference. If you are unfamiliar with this game, we will be happy to teach you. Light refreshments provided and a monthly raffle held. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.



THURS  
28

## Retired Chairman's Talk Briton's Pride

L 7.30pm

£ Members Free  
Guests £3



Our retired District Chairman, Marilyn Hayward will give a talk all about her year in office and everything it entailed. If you want to learn more about the Chairman's role, meetings, events or fundraising please come along. Thatcham Memorial Hall, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham RG18 3HF. Contact Joyce on 07483 119404.

# September

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



TUES  
02

## Friendship Month Sing Along Concert

L 10.30am

£ Free



Open to all. Please come along and support this morning as our singing group will perform a selection of their current songs plus a few for you to join in and sing along to if you would like to! The more the merrier, why not bring a friend along? Please come and support our group. With light refreshments to follow. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.





# September

TUES  
02

## 100 Years of Shopping in Reading Reading Abbey



We will be listening to Ann Smith with her talk about '100 Years of Shopping in Reading'. A look at how things have changed over the years. There is bound to be something to learn. Please join us to make Ann welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Fiona on 0118 954 8454.

WED  
03

## Traditional Oddfellows Members Only



Join us for the afternoon to find out more about the history and traditions of the Oddfellows. These meetings are designed for you to learn more about the structure of the Oddfellows and to enable you to take a more active part in our ceremonial side if you would like to. Light refreshments will be provided. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.

WED  
03

## Table Top Car Rally Pangbourne



Follow the clues to ensure that your car takes the correct course in a rally where observation determines the speed in which you complete each leg. Come and give it a go and see where you end up. The Elephant Hotel, Church Road, Pangbourne RG8 7AR. Contact Richard on 0118 945 5831.

THURS  
04

## In Town Tonight, That's Odd! - Part 1 Jubilee



Join us for this interesting Alan Copeland talk. The talk looks at pubs and the way the pub sign writers introduce their sense of humour into their work. We then move on to some weird and wonderful monuments, which adorn our towns finishing with a miscellany of strange and curious items. St Peter's Church, St Peter's Road, Furze Platt, Maidenhead SL6 7QU. Contact Debbie on 0118 957 3354.



MON  
08

## Indoor Treasure Hunt Princess Alexandra



Join us for a challenging indoor treasure hunt. This can be either a team game or play on you own and will test your ability to spot the clues and find the answers. Not an evening to be missed. Light refreshments provided and the monthly raffle will also be held. All welcome. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Christine on 0118 978 3919.







# September

TUES  
09

## Afternoon Tea and Talk Crown of England



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £3



There will be a talk about the history of afternoon tea by one of our members, followed by our annual Branch afternoon tea. Booking is required for catering purposes by Friday 29 August please. We look forward to welcoming our District Officers this afternoon. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Gary on 07500 336879.

FRI  
12

## Heritage Too Woodley Afternoon Group



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £3



Come and join us when we welcome back Kevin and Allan, who make up the talented duo Heritage Too, to entertain us at our meeting. They play the guitar, fiddle and mandolin between them and will have you tapping your feet and singing along to the mixture of country, folk and Irish music. The Oakwood Centre, Headley Road (Opposite the Shopping Precinct), Woodley, Reading, Berkshire RG5 4JZ. Contact Karen on 0118 959 4073.



MON  
15

## Home Library Service Tilehurst Social Group



2pm



Members Free  
Guests £2



Jo Gibson will join us from the Tilehurst Library, to explain this service which can bring books to you if you are housebound and a Reading Borough resident. This service can be accessed from home with your library card and includes books with changing text sizes to suit your visual needs and also audiobooks to listen to. This will be a very interesting and informative talk. Light refreshments will be provided along with the monthly raffle. Doors open at 1.45pm. All welcome. United Reformed Church, Armour Road, Tilehurst, Reading RG31 6HN. Contact Mike on 0118 907 1497.

TUES  
16

## Boat Trip on The Thames Get Together Henley



1.30pm



TBC



Following the success of our boat trip from Henley last year, we will be arranging a one hour cruise on the River Thames from Hobbs of Henley Boat House again this year. Cost and timings to be confirmed when further information is available. Book by Tuesday 9 September. Hobbs of Henley, The Boat Yard, Station Road, Henley-on-Thames RG9 1AS. Contact Lynda on 01491 871054.





# September

TUES  
23

## Games Afternoon



Join us for a variety of games... Did you ever wonder how to play a game of Rummikub, or you might just fancy a game of cards, Scrabble, Yahtzee, darts or push ha'penny with friends? It's definitely a case of the more the merrier on this afternoon and we are always open to new games. Followed by light refreshments and a raffle. Oddfellows Hall, 118b Oxford Road, Reading, Berkshire RG1 7NQ. Contact Marilyn on 07747 035693.

THURS  
25

## Crafting Evening Briton's Pride



Join us for an evening of crafting. Activities to be confirmed nearer the date, but we are usually surprised by what we manage to produce on the night! So come along and see how creative we can be. Crafting materials are supplied at a small charge. Thatcham Memorial Hall, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham RG18 3HF. Contact Joyce on 07483 119404.



THURS  
25

## Lyn's 'Little Less Lonely' Friendship Afternoon Disco Get Together Reading



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



FRIENDSHIP  
MONTH  
EVENT  
Join the fun

## Join the fun in Friendship Month

Make someone's day and invite them along to share the friendship fun.

**All welcome**

ODDFELLOWS  
FRIENDSHIP MONTH  
1 - 30 SEPTEMBER



To see what's on and find out more about Friendship Month visit [www.friendshipmonth.com](http://www.friendshipmonth.com)

# Reading News

## Zanzibar Adventure

**Last year Toby, grandson of our Three Counties Lodge members David and Pat Lang, had a great opportunity for an amazing trip, arranged through his school. It was a working expedition to Zanzibar.**

Toby was aged 14 at the time of the trip. He and his peers assisted in a local school, with 6000 pupils attending (split between morning and afternoon sessions). The classes consisted of 150 pupils sat upon a stone floor (see photo below). The children ran out with excitement upon their arrival. As Toby's working party was split into three; construction, sports and classroom teaching.



*Toby and his friend Jack with some of the school children.*

Toby and his friends were able to show them various sports, (their favourite was baseball). The pupils also travelled locally to Stone Town, a local fish market, a spice barn and a place where slaves used to be held before being transported to the West Indies. Even the travelling to and from Zanzibar was an experience via Dubai, onto Dar Es Salem, crossing on the ferry, seeing the golden beaches of Tanzania, then travelling through the slums to their hotel. Toby says that it was an amazing experience that will stay with him forever.

## Guess the Bear's Name?

Thank you to all who purchased any names for our Past Chairman Marilyn's, Harrod's Bear. We raised the grand total of £140 for her Charity - Camp Mohawk. The lucky winner was Royal Berkshire Lodge Member Phil Wilding. The name was Yogi!



# Introducing our Chairman...

**Gary Phillips is the youngest son of the late David and Valerie Phillips and the owner of a nationwide recruitment company. His brother David and sister, Lesley are also active members. It's a family affair as children of all three Phillips' siblings enjoy attending many of the local events.**



David was the Grand Master of the Society (Chairman of the board) in 2001, having progressed from being the Reading District Chairman in 1977. Valerie also led the District in 1988. Gary is delighted to finally be following their lead although he recognises that they will be tough acts to follow. He is looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the many social events planned for the coming year, and hoping to share a drink or two with you at the 'David Gilbert Phillips' bar in the Hall.

## Chairman's nominated charity



Gary grew up as an active Junior Oddfellow, being District President in 1982 and 1983. He was introduced to the values of the society through interactions at many senior run events as his parents were leading figures within the District.

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## Our Story

**Willow was founded in 1999 by former Arsenal goalkeeper and TV presenter, Bob Wilson and his wife, Megs, as a lasting memorial to their daughter, Anna, who died of cancer aged 31.**

Anna lived with cancer for five years. It was during these years that she and her family and friends, experienced some of their most memorable moments together. What Anna called her 'special days' became a focus for quality of time and quality of life, providing a welcome distraction from



the challenging realities of living with a life-threatening illness and restoring some normality back into all their lives.





**For more than 25 years the Willow Foundation has helped seriously ill young adults aged 16-40 who are living with a life threatening illness or condition. They help them make precious memories in the roughest of times.**

Every week 300 young adults aged 16-40 are diagnosed with cancer. That's is nearly 16 000 young people each year whose lives are cruelly interrupted, they face a lot of uncertainty and lost opportunities in the prime of their lives.

From fun-packed days out for the family or quiet weekends away from it all, to a chance to meet heroes or fulfil a lifelong dream. Each experience is unique and creates precious memories that last a lifetime.

Gary would be delighted if you are able to support this worthwhile cause, either by donating, having a collection box or participating in our raffles and attending our charity events. Please contact us here at Reading District Oddfellows on 0118 957 3354 with any queries. For more details about the charity, take a look at their website: [www.willowfoundation.org.uk](http://www.willowfoundation.org.uk)

## Some Events



*Our Children's Christmas party on Saturday 7 December proved a great success. 27 children, attended and £73 was raised with a charity raffle.*



*A Jubilee event Maidenhead, the theme was holidays remembered.*



*Bristol Dinner Dance, Marilyn Hayward and Debbie Jex with Bristol Member Jean Baldwin.*



# Dinner Dance 2024

On Saturday 14 September 2024 we held a very successful Dinner Dance at the Holiday Inn Reading South Hotel, Basingstoke Road, Reading. Our now Past Chairman Marilyn Hayward welcomed 80 guests, including two from her nominated charity, Camp Mohawk. It was an evening of great food and dancing. We had a fantastic raffle that



*Past Chairman Bob Young with Immediate Past Chairman Fiona Vince.*

**Save the Date**  
Annual Dinner Dance on  
Saturday 22 November 2025  
Full details available soon.

raised £397.50 for the charity. Many thanks to our Social Organiser, Karen for all her hard work, and to those who supported by attending and making it a most enjoyable evening.



*Four Past Chairmen of the Order in attendance with our Chairman, Marilyn Hayward.*

## Llandrindod Wells Holiday

A successful holiday was had by all in September last year. The hotel was based in Llandrindod Wells, so they all ventured across the border to Wales. The hotel was very unusual, with it's Victorian architecture. Our members had a lovely stay there and the food was varied and delicious. The friendly coach driver, Steve took



them on the day trips. They enjoyed their visit to Aberystwyth (see deckchair on the right). Another day was spent back in England in the Medieval Ludlow, with it's quaint cobbled streets. They visited Ludlow Castle (pictured left) and it had a very interesting market, where quite a few purchases were made. The weather was dry, sadly the sun eluded us, but that didn't stop the fun!



## Oddfellows Travel: Destination Mystery

**In November last year, 16 Oddfellows and three friends boarded a cruise ship with no idea of its destination.**

With six mystery ports scheduled in 11 days, there was a lot to pack in, and there was plenty to keep them entertained on board: interesting talks, a murder mystery, craft sessions, quizzes and a drinks party.

### Port one

Dawn broke on day two, revealing Gijon in northern Spain as the first destination. Some set out on organised excursions while others explored independently.



### Port two

An overnight hop delivered our travellers to their second secret Spanish stop – Ferrol.

Wendy, an Ipswich Oddfellows member and cruise host, said: “It was an interesting port, not well known to many regular passengers. There was a mix of interesting architecture and maritime history – the naval museum was a must.”

### Port three

The ship next docked in Porto, Portugal, where the group were greeted by a broad

esplanade and a sweeping sandy beach, and they discovered a thriving fish market.

### Port four

Back in Spain, the fourth port was a warm, sunny Malaga. “It was amazing,” said Wendy. “The cathedral was well worth a visit, also the Roman amphitheatre.”

### Port five

The Spanish odyssey and Roman themes continued at the penultimate stop in Cadiz.

“The sea defences were testament to the city’s position close to the entrance of the Mediterranean,” Wendy said.

### Port six

Having worked out their next stop, Wendy said: “Lisbon wasn’t quite such a mystery, but a delight nevertheless. The highlight was a lift ride to see magnificent views over Lisbon and the River Tejo.”

### Surprises and celebrations

Before returning, the Oddfellows crew received a mystery gift bag containing souvenirs from Spain and Portugal, Fred. Olsen gifts and chocolates, and celebrated a member’s birthday with cake provided by the chef and singing waiters.

See Oddfellows Travel’s 2025 group holiday schedule, including a cruise to Iceland in July, by visiting [www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel](http://www.oddfellows.co.uk/travel)

# Trio receive university funding

**Congratulations to the latest recipients of our First Degree Course Educational Awards: Lillie Buckley, Edward Smith and Torsten Ellis.**

## Easing the pressure

Each year, a selection of Oddfellows members heading to university for the first time are chosen to receive a non-repayable bursary of £900 per year for the duration of their studies.

Jane Nelson, CEO of the Oddfellows, said: "I'm delighted that the Society can play a part in enhancing Lillie, Edward and Torsten's university experiences.

"Attempting to budget finances alongside studying is as tough as it's ever been but this funding from our Educational Awards will help to ease those stresses as they embark on this exciting stage in their lives."

Each year, our Fraternal Board chooses who will receive the funding, based on the applications received.

Grand Master (Chairman) of the Society, Barbara Needham, added: "I'm so proud that we are able to give the younger generation a bit of a financial boost, which will help them to take these all-important next steps on their way to making their mark on the world.

"I wish them every success over the next few years and beyond."

## Lillie Buckley, Nottingham Trent Branch member

Lillie started studying Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol in September 2024.



She says the funding will allow her to purchase a new laptop for doing her university work, as well as helping to cover travel costs for work placements which she'll complete as part of her studies.

She said: "When I found out I would be receiving the funding, I was extremely happy and honoured to have been chosen. I want to say a huge thank you to the Oddfellows, as this will help support me throughout my degree and I can't wait to see what the future holds.

"I am loving the course so far. We've learnt lots of interesting things. In the future I would like to be a small animal vet, however I am keeping an open mind as I love cows!"

## Edward Smith, Erewash Valley Branch member

Chemical Engineering student Edward began his course at the University of Manchester in September 2024.

He plans to follow his studies with a chartership while working as a Process Engineer. A Process Engineer designs, optimises and manages the processes used to transform raw materials into finished products in manufacturing or chemical plants.

“I felt very proud, honoured and relieved to receive extra funding to help with my studies,” he said. “I would encourage all eligible students to have a go at applying for this award.”



Edward says the money will go toward purchasing books and other learning materials.

## Torsten Ellis, Derby Derwent Valley Branch member

Torsten has been reading Theoretical Physics with Mathematics at Lancaster University since October 2024.



He says the funding will allow him to budget better when purchasing learning materials, such as textbooks, and taking part in extra-curricular activities.

He added: “It felt great to learn I had been chosen for the funding. I was also somewhat relieved as it means I will have to worry less about my finances over the course of each year.

“My modules are split between the physics and maths departments, which is great because I’ll get a rich understanding of both and I’m looking forward to next year when I can pick modules and advance my understanding of both fields.”

# Unity Mutual: Seasonal scam spotting



## With tax season coming to a close, scammers start to move their attention to new opportunities.

As new financial scams emerge, people get targeted in different ways. Our financial services brand, Unity Mutual, has assessed what to watch out for in the coming months.

### April to May: The tax refund scam

With key tax deadlines passing, fraudsters may take advantage of taxpayers hoping for a refund. You may receive emails, phone calls or text messages claiming you're due reimbursement.

Verify any tax-related communication through official government channels before responding to avoid being caught out.

### Summer scams: Holidays, events and ticket fraud

From June to August, scammers often aim to exploit the excitement of summer holiday planning by offering fake 'not to be missed' deals on accommodation and flights, often through unofficial websites.

Concert and sporting event fraud is also on the up, and attempts to sell fake tickets on social media platforms are becoming increasingly common. Avoid these traps

by booking through reputable travel agencies and official events websites.

### August to September: Back to school scams

As students and their families prepare for a new school year, fraudsters like to create fake offers for school supplies, loans and student rental accommodation.

If an offer seems too good to be true, verify it with official sources before taking action.

### Stay vigilant year-round

While some scams are season-specific, fraudsters are always on the lookout for their next victim.



Stay informed, be sceptical of unsolicited requests for money or personal information, and always verify who you're dealing with before taking action.

For more financial tips and resources visit [www.unitymutual.co.uk/knowledge-hub](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/knowledge-hub)  
To view Unity Mutual's range of family friendly financial products\* visit [www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows](http://www.unitymutual.co.uk/oddfellows)

For more information call 0161 214 4628.

\*Terms and conditions apply



# Oddfellows Members

## Do you need help?



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

### Local Care and Welfare Support

To request contact from a Welfare Visitor and for local help and information about Branch benefits and benevolence contact Debbie on **0118 957 3354** or email **debbie.jex@oddfellows.co.uk**

### Oddfellows Citizens Advice Line

**Call 0800 0149 821\***

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm

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



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

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

### Care and Welfare Helpline

**Call 0800 0149 822**

(free to callers from any landline or mobile number)

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

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

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

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

# At a glance

## Regular Events

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

## April 2025

<b>Tues 1</b>	School Anecdotes followed by Thames and Kennet Summoned Meeting (Reading Abbey)	2pm
<b>Wed 2</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Wed 2</b>	Fun Quizzes (Pangbourne)	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 3</b>	Moments of Truth Talk (Jubilee)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 8</b>	Reading Concert Band (Crown of England)	2pm
<b>Wed 9</b>	Monthly Zoom Quiz	3pm
<b>Thurs 10</b>	Afternoon of Poetry (Woodley Afternoon Group)	2pm
<b>Mon 14</b>	Famous Phrases (Princess Alexandra)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 15</b>	Art with Terry (Get Together Henley)	2pm
<b>Wed 16</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Tues 22</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Tues 22</b>	Beekeeping (Tilehurst Social Group)	2pm
<b>Thurs 24</b>	Quiz and Cake (Briton's Pride)	7.30pm

## May

<b>Thurs 1</b>	Meal Out (Jubilee)	7pm
<b>Tues 6</b>	Call My Bluff and District Officers Meeting (Reading Abbey)	2pm
<b>Wed 7</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Wed 7</b>	International News (Pangbourne)	7.30pm
<b>Fri 9</b>	Toni Kent (Woodley Afternoon Group)	2pm
<b>Mon 12</b>	What's In The Bag? (Princess Alexandra)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 13</b>	Carol of the Bells (Crown of England)	2pm
<b>Wed 14</b>	Monthly Zoom Quiz	3pm
<b>Tues 20</b>	Social Afternoon (Get Together Henley)	2pm
<b>Wed 21</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Thurs 22</b>	Treasured Book (Briton's Pride)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 27</b>	Indoor Treasure Hunt (Tilehurst Social Group)	2pm
<b>Tues 27</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Thurs 29</b>	The Gardens of Cornwall Slide Show (Get Together Reading)	2pm

# At a glance

## June

<b>Tues 3</b>	From Barbados to Reading (Reading Abbey)	2pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Wed 4</b>	Traditional Oddfellows	2pm
<b>Wed 4</b>	Colour Brain Quiz (Pangbourne)	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 5</b>	District Officers Visit (Jubilee)	7.30pm
<b>Fri 6</b>	History of the Oddfellows (Woodley Afternoon Group)	2pm
<b>Mon 9</b>	Picture Bingo and District Officers Visit (Princess Alexandra)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 10</b>	Curiosities in the Chilterns (Crown of England)	2pm
<b>Wed 11</b>	Monthly Zoom Quiz	3pm
<b>Mon 16</b>	Heritage Too (Tilehurst Social Group)	2pm
<b>Tues 17</b>	Julia's Charity Bingo (Get Together Henley)	2pm
<b>Wed 18</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Tues 24</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	All Things Gemini and Cream Tea (Get Together Reading)	2pm
<b>Thurs 26</b>	Cruise on the Canal (Briton's Pride)	TBC

## July

<b>Tues 1</b>	Wimbledon Cream Tea (Reading Abbey)	2pm
<b>Wed 2</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Wed 2</b>	A Way With Words (Pangbourne)	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 3</b>	Reading District Annual Charity Bowls Evening	5.30pm
<b>Tues 8</b>	Heritage Too (Crown of England)	2pm
<b>Wed 9</b>	Monthly Zoom Quiz	3pm
<b>Fri 11</b>	Memory or Maggots? (Woodley Afternoon Group)	2pm
<b>Mon 14</b>	Mike's Summer Quiz (Princess Alexandra)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 15</b>	Beetle Drive (Get Together Henley)	2pm
<b>Wed 16</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Thurs 17</b>	Picnic on the Thames (Jubilee)	7pm
<b>Mon 21</b>	Hang Man (Tilehurst Social Group)	2pm
<b>Tues 22</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Thurs 24</b>	Table Top Games (Briton's Pride)	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 31</b>	What's In The Bag? (Get Together Reading)	2pm

# At a glance

## August

<b>Fri 1</b>	Movie Night	7pm
<b>Tues 5</b>	Holiday Favourites (Reading Abbey)	2pm
<b>Wed 6</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Wed 6</b>	Mexican Train (Pangbourne)	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 7</b>	Wits and Wagers (Jubilee)	7.30pm
<b>Fri 8</b>	CSI Part 2 (Woodley Afternoon Group)	2pm
<b>Mon 11</b>	Beetle Drive (Princess Alexandra)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 12</b>	Annual Lodge Pub Quiz (Crown of England)	2pm
<b>Wed 13</b>	Monthly Zoom Quiz	3pm
<b>Mon 18</b>	Phoenix Ukulele Band (Tilehurst Social Group)	2pm
<b>Tues 19</b>	Antiques and Collectible's Show (Get Together Henley)	2pm
<b>Wed 20</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Tues 26</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Thurs 28</b>	Play Your Cards Right (Get Together Reading)	2pm
<b>Thurs 28</b>	Retired Chairman's Talk (Briton's Pride)	7.30pm

## September - Friendship Month

<b>Tues 2</b>	Friendship Month Sing Along Concert	10.30am
<b>Tues 2</b>	100 Years of Shopping in Reading (Reading Abbey)	2pm
<b>Wed 3</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Wed 3</b>	Traditional Oddfellows	2pm
<b>Wed 3</b>	Table Top Car Rally (Pangbourne)	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 4</b>	In Town Tonight, That's Odd - Part 1 (Jubilee)	7.30pm
<b>Mon 8</b>	Indoor Treasure Hunt (Princess Alexandra)	7.30pm
<b>Tues 9</b>	Afternoon Tea and Talk (Crown of England)	2pm
<b>Wed 10</b>	Monthly Zoom Quiz	3pm
<b>Fri 12</b>	Heritage Too (Woodley Afternoon Group)	2pm
<b>Mon 15</b>	Home Library Service (Tilehurst Social Group)	2pm
<b>Tues 16</b>	Boat Trip on The Thames (Get Together Henley)	1.30pm
<b>Wed 17</b>	Art and Craft Group	10am
<b>Tues 23</b>	Games Afternoon	2pm
<b>Thurs 25</b>	Lyn's 'Little Less Lonely' Friendship Afternoon Disco (Get Together Reading)	2pm
<b>Thurs 25</b>	Crafting Evening (Briton's Pride)	7.30pm

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