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ABOUT THIS ARBORETUM, THE  
VILLAGE AND THE AREA ON THE  
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**WE HOPE THAT THIS IS HELPFUL.**

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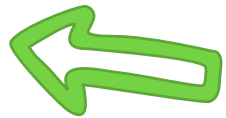
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# WELCOME TO ONSLOW VILLAGE AND TO THIS ARBORETUM



To the University,  
Tesco's, Hospital  
and Hotel

To the Recreation  
Ground, the Village  
Square, Shops, Village  
Hall, Schools, Church  
and the **bus** to Town\*



To Manor Way, Abbot's  
Close, the **bus** to Town\*,  
Farnham Road, the Mount  
(Green Road, the Mount  
and Loseley Estates) and to  
the A3 (the bridge to  
Beechcroft Drive, Tesco's,  
Hospital and Hotel)



\* **No 18 bus** to Town runs at  
approx. 20 past the hour  
most of the day until 6 pm



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"safeguard the amenities of Onslow village and to promote the welfare, interests and well-being of the residents"

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# In Memoriam

The Onslow Village Arboretum has a number of memorial trees. One of these is dedicated to....



Mike  
Hawthorn

**John Michael Hawthorn**  
10 April 1929 - 22 January 1959

He became the UK's first Formula One World Champion driver when he won in 1958 and was known as the Farnham Flyer.

The tree was planted and dedicated by friends and fans in 1999 close to the place on the A3 where he died in a car accident.

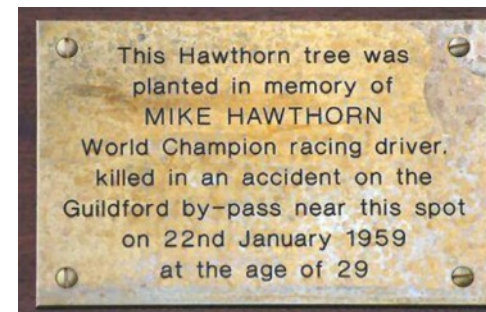


Picture taken in  
May 2014



Hawthorn driving his  
Ferrari at the 1958  
Argentine Grand Prix

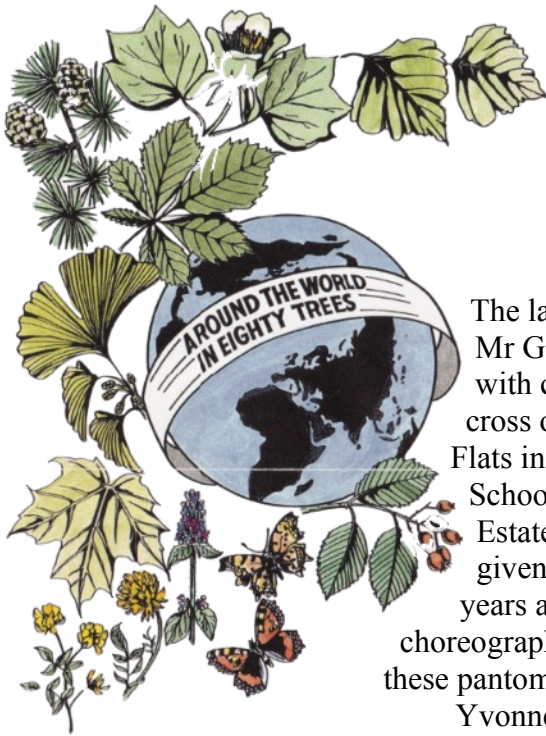
The tree is a Quickthorn  
(*Crataegus monogyna*)  
and is alongside the A3  
by the flower meadow.



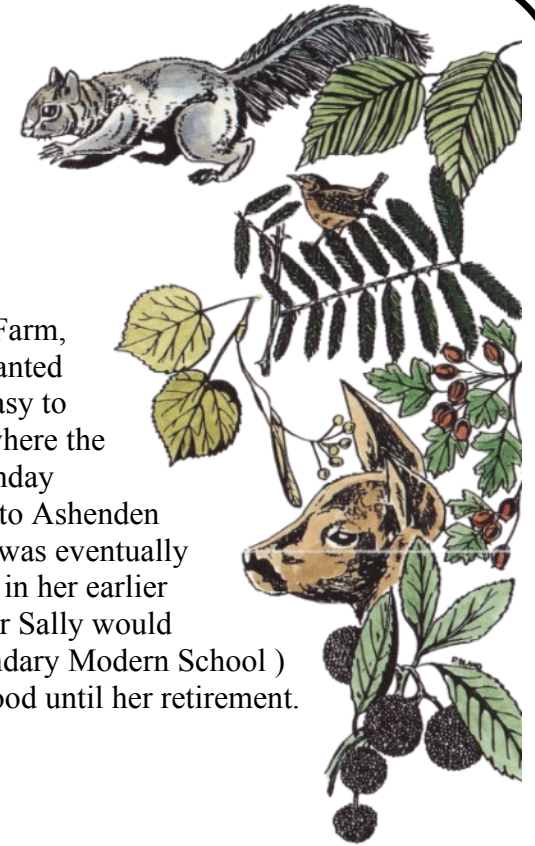
The plaque  
(sadly stolen)



# About the Onslow Arboretum



The land where the Arboretum now stands used to belong to the owner of Manor Farm, Mr George Weaver. During the war and for some time afterwards the land was planted with crops as the farm straddled what is now the A3. Back in the 30s/40s it was easy to cross over the road to bring animals /machinery. The farm milking parlour stood where the Flats in Wilderness Road are now situated. As a child I remember walking from Sunday School at All Saints' Church to watch the afternoon milking before walking home to Ashenden Estate for tea. Once the farm was sold GBC used to keep the field mowed until it was eventually given over to become the Arboretum. The farmer's wife, Mrs Phyllis Weaver was in her earlier years a ballerina and taught children ballet for many years, and along with her sister Sally would choreograph dances for pantomimes which were performed in Onslow School, (a Secondary Modern School ) these pantomimes were performed for several years being produced by Frances Paton-Hood until her retirement.  
Yvonne Quittenton



## The History of the Onslow Arboretum

Briefly, the history is that this one time farm field may have been in the centre of a larger Onslow Village if the 1920s plans had been fully implemented or it may have been covered in houses when Onslow Village Ltd. was wound up in 1984. However, following a campaign in about 1995 GBC adopted the field as an Arboretum.

The theme of this botanical garden is '80 Trees from Around the World' and the designs reflect the countries where the trees originated. A count some time ago recorded more than 250 trees. The storms in early 2014 felled a number of the larger trees which we hope will allow new trees to be planted and this would provide a greater 'age mix' of the trees in the collection.

The path length around the Arboretum is 700m (0.44 mile or 775 yards).

## Onslow Arboretum Team

Guildford Borough Council would like to thank the following who helped create the Onslow Arboretum:  
Leisure Services, Guildford Borough Council, Millmead House, Millmead, Surrey GU2 5BB.  
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new planting



## The Changing Seasons Totems and Carved Benches inspired by leaves



### Largely Gone Now.

The Arboretum has been host to several art installations. At intervals you will see benches carved from Beech logs by Tom Smith that reflected the leaves and seeds of different trees and the remains of totem structures designed, carved, painted and installed in 2005 by a group of creative youngsters on the Guildford Borough Council's FISH (Fun In the Summer Holidays) play scheme. The youngsters worked with local artist Mary Branson and Adam Owen, trees and countryside manager at Guildford Borough Council.



## and to whet your appetite...a bit more history

**ONslow VILLAGE** and the whole surrounding area lies in the south-west corner of the former mediaeval Royal Park of Guildford, founded by Henry II (1154-89) and which remained in Royal ownership until 1624. The park was significant in its size and importance conveyed through royal ownership, with the presence of the Royal Manor House on the site of the present Manor Farm, pinpointing this site as the centre of a wider historical and cultural landscape.

The Sites and Monuments Record SMR 1657 refers to a Mediaeval moated site of Guildford Park Manor, Manor Farm (recently renamed by the University as Manor Park. I hope they got the SMR 1657 record amended). This is a Scheduled Ancient Monument - Number 12763. It is the site of 12th to 17th century Royal Mansion and Hunting Lodge. No visible traces of the Royal Hunting Lodge and Manor House exist, but the moat survives as a water-filled feature on the north and east and as a dry ditch on the south and west sides. The site contained the remains of a building dating from the 13th to 16th century. It was designated as a Scheduled Ancient Monument in 1990 and therefore both the monument and its setting are subject to protection.

The boundary of the Royal Park followed the south westernmost boundary of the site. Traditionally enclosed by a ditch and a bank topped by a pale fence, this is still a fairly significant landscape feature formed by a row of vegetation and as a boundary of a demonstrably pre-1600 estate, it is protected under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997. It should further be noted that the pale fence boundary of the park can be seen on historical mapping to enclose Manor Copse. The boundary of the park leads further northwards and is still represented as a coherent feature within the present day landscape as the boundary between Strawberry Grove and the Surrey Research Park, following the line of footpath Number 446 north to form the boundary between Park Barn and the countryside to the west.

Guildford U3A planted a tree in a group of maples here on their 20th Anniversary and are planning another to celebrate their 30th this year (2015).

There are many trees here that are dedicated to family members and some to organisations.



**Please Keep the Village Tidy  
No Litter Please  
and Dog Owners - ANY BIN FOR POO!**  
"bag that poo - any rubbish bin will do" as bagged dog mess can be put into litter bins as well as dog waste bins.



## HISTORY WW II

In May 1940, a Home Guard unit was set up. It met in the lodge on the Dennis Bros estate - to the side of the bridge over the A3 at Sunnydown. This large house had been taken over by the army at this stage of the war. Many villagers served in this unit that was 11 Platoon, 4th Guildford Battalion, Surrey Home Guard. It was commanded by Captain Goldsmith along with two officers - King and Swain. I joined and was eventually promoted to corporal.

On the night of September 9, 1940, a string of bombs dropped by German aircraft landed on Onslow Village, The first bomb hit and demolished the police house, and PC Rice and his family escaped uninjured. The second bomb landed at the east side of the church and the explosion damaged its foundations. The third landed on a bungalow. The fourth bomb landed in the allotments at the side of Farnham Road. The chalk, blasted by the bomb, plastered the front of a house there bright white. The fifth bomb, which was an oil bomb, landed on the trackway up on the Hog's Back. In the days afterwards, the bomb fins were found to be marked as being made in 1936.

Also on September 9, 1940, a German bomber, being chased by an RAF fighter, dropped an object (thought at the time to be an engine part) which landed at the side of the rear wall of 1 Wilderness Road. This was the home of a Mr Thomas, a Royal Grammar School geography master. He charged people a small sum of money to see the hole the 'object' had made and later gave the cash to charity. But when the bomb disposal men came to investigate and after a small amount of digging, they discovered the tail fin of a 500lb bomb, needless to say, the area was quickly evacuated. The bomb was dug out, removed and exploded safely in the chalk pit on the other side of the recreation ground.

Bombs also fell on Onslow Village on August 2; 1940, when a string of 15 incendiaries landed ,at the end of Manor Way, and in a field of potatoes owned at this time by Farmer Weaver.

Unfortunately, the war did not pass entirely without tragedy for people in Onslow Village as there were a number of Royal Grammar School Boys who died during the period: They were:

Roy Reynolds who died on May 12 1940 during an air raid on a bridge over the Albert Kanaal in a bid to stop the Germans advancing into Belgium. Both the pilot and the navigator of the aircraft received the VC. But rear gunner Reynolds received no decoration.

Len Williams, who died during a training accident on August 9, 1940.

Peter Baker, who died during an attack on a convoy in the North Sea, July 23, 1941.

Murray Swain, who died during a raid on Essen, April 10, 1942.

Peter Falkingham, who died during a raid in Holland, May 26, 1943.

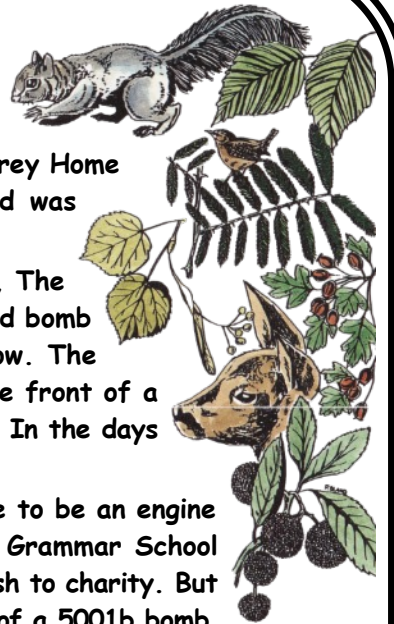
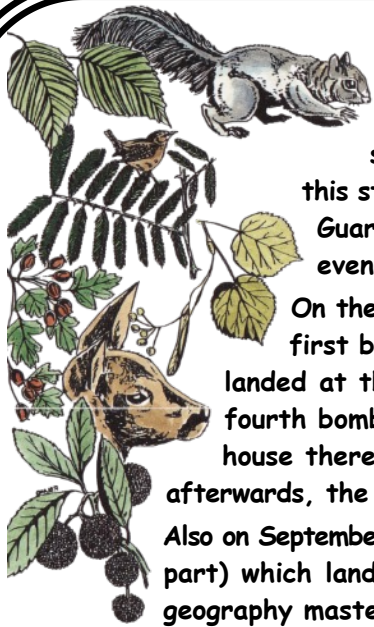
Roy Wingham, who died during a training accident, August 11, 1943.

George Stovold, who died in Normandy, June 27, 1944.

Norman Halsey, who died in Italy, September 16, 1944.

George Acheson, who died during a raid on Lubeck, September 16, 1944.

Andre Pryce, who died in Italy on August 12. 1945



## More of Guildford's Parks and Open Spaces

The Borough Council owns and manages over one thousand hectares of parks and countryside, to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Outlined below are just a few of these

### **CASTLE GARDENS**

Visit Guildford Castle and head to the top of the Great Tower for a 360 degree panoramic view of Guildford and the beautiful surrounding countryside.

### **LAKESIDE PARK AND HOLLYBUSH PARK, ASH VALE**

These two Parks form part of the Blackwater Valley footpath network. Covering approximately forty hectares of land and containing several lakes, they are a perfect setting for walking, picnicking and relaxing. Located off Lakeside Road in Ash Vale.

### **CHANTRY WOODS**

Situated on the scenic ridge of the North Downs, this 57 hectare area of woodland is a popular recreational area for walkers, families, photographers and naturalists of all ages. Parking is available off Pilgrims Way.

### **CHILWORTH GUNPOWDER MILLS**

This site contains the remains of buildings from nearly three hundred years of gunpowder manufacture in the Tillingbourne Valley. The site is now a picturesque woodland with walks which pass millstones, waterfalls and sculptured seats. Accessible from Blacksmith Lane.

### **RIVERSIDE PARK**

An informal Countryside Park at the north of the town. This 94 hectare Park contains woodland, meadow, marshland and an attractive lake. Information boards help to interpret the nature of the site. Parking is available off Bowers Lane and at Spectrum Leisure Centre.

### **SUTHERLAND MEMORIAL PARK**

A sport and amenity park located opposite the Sainsbury's store in Burpham. The colourful seasonal bedding and shrub planting complement a wide range of sports fixtures including those for cricket, football, 5-a-side, lawn bowls, tennis and boule.

