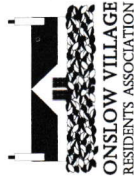


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THE NEWSLETTER OF ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION - ISSUE TWENTY SEVEN FEBRUARY 2012

ONSLow VILLAGE'S HIDDEN HISTORY can you continue the story?

Though Onslow Village is a mere 91 years old, it still has quite a story to tell and in the last few issues of The Village Voice, Angela Joule has revealed some fascinating facts about different aspects of its history, including the origins of local names such as Stag Hill and The Chase; memories of living in the farmhouse and how the local infants school came to be.

Over the years, residents have been kind enough to donate documents and photographs to OVRA, which chart its development from the earliest plans to the community it is today. We have several versions of the prospectuses that were issued just prior to and during the first phases of building, that show how the original plan was adapted as needs changed, along with maps, plans and copies of original deeds and indentures; we have a few first hand accounts of life in the village and even a couple of adverts which used shots of Elmside and Curling Vale to promote milk deliveries.

At the moment this collection languishes in a box file, in no particular order and without a proper record of what each item is. Parts of it do occasionally see the light of day, for instance when OVRA celebrated its 50th anniversary, we put together a series of panels to display some of the material at the anniversary party and it was also on view in Williams's shop window for a couple of weeks.

We have a few ambitions regarding this material; ideally we'd like to construct a proper archive, with a searchable index and digitized versions of all the documents we have; we are thinking of creating a replica version, either of just one of the prospectuses or perhaps a combination of three different issues, along with a potted history of the village; finally we would like to expand our collection.

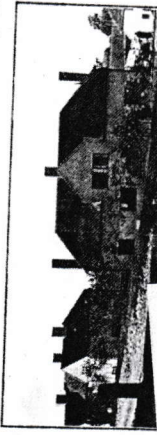
Plans are afoot, therefore, to hold an Archive Day, probably to coincide with the Heritage Weekend in September. If you have any photos, plans, documents or even personal reminiscences of Onslow Village that you'd be prepared to share with us, you will be able to bring them to the Small Hall at the village hall, where we will have the equipment to scan or record your contributions there and then, so you don't have to let any of your precious items out of your sight.

We will also be displaying the panels put together for the 50th anniversary.

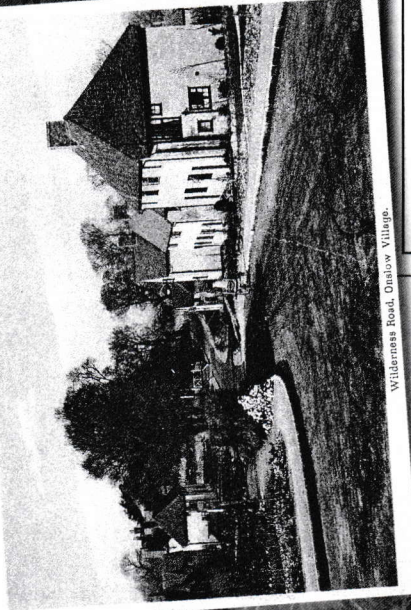
Full details of this event will appear in the next issue of the Village Voice; in the meantime, if you'd be interested in volunteering your services to help us with our archiving, please ring Marian on 07720 945430.

ONSLow GARDEN VILLAGE. First Cottage Opened by Lord Onslow.

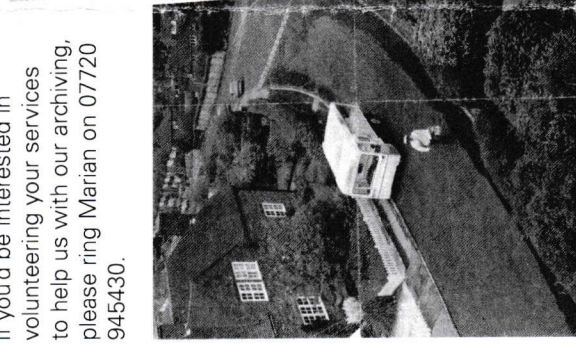
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Further evidence of the sample cottages, and while this makes it difficult to provide a date for the first two cottages, it is clear that the general effect by the careful planning of the village will be developed to an average standard. The cottages will be developed to an average standard, and will be finished on the west by 300 acres of open land. With regard to future developments, arrangements made to compare with other schemes, comprising 648 acres, which will be covered by a Garden Village.



How Garden Village. A discovery of soil has been made for several months. A discovery of soil has been made for several months. A discovery of soil has been made for several months.



Willmarie Road, Onslow Village.



We would like to correct an oversight and thank the residents of Nos 1 & 2 The Farmhouse for kindly contributing to the article about the history of the building that appeared in Issue 26 of *The Village Voice*.
The Editor

Dr Joe Pais

20 March 1931 - 31 December 2011

played badminton and hockey, as well as being a proficient middle-distance runner for Battersea College, winning a number of trophies. Sport was an abiding passion in Joe's life. His hobbies and interests were one and the same and it

Joe will be greatly missed in Onslow Village for many reasons, some of which are briefly touched upon here and as I discovered, thanks to Joe's family providing so many valuable insights into his life, there was far more to Joe

Many of you reading this will already be aware of the sad death of Dr Joe Pais, our OVRA Chairman. Whilst Joe had been unwell for some time, as his wife Mary said, he was determined to "get on with his life". Little did I think that the next time I would be compiling an article for The Village Voice it would be as a tribute to Joe on behalf of the OVRA Committee.

Joe was a very familiar face around Onslow Village as he was an active man in every sense, having been involved in various aspects of village life for many years. In fact he was working on behalf of OVRA until his death.

Joe was born and grew up in Bombay – Mumbai, as it is today. He attended St Xavier's College where he graduated with an honours degree in Physics and Chemistry and in 1955, came to England to continue his studies at Battersea College of Technology to obtain his MSc. When Battersea College moved to Guildford he continued his studies to gain a PhD and was awarded both his higher degrees from London University.

Early in his life he chose to specialise in the field of Electric Materials and Devices. He published numerous papers and carried out extensive research, not only of a purely academic nature, but also for industry and the MOD. Last year the Duke of Kent awarded honorary degrees from the University of Surrey (UniS) to people who had received their degrees from the former Battersea College.

A lecturer in Electrical Engineering at UniS until his retirement in 1984, Joe maintained his contacts there on a part-time basis for some time before finally retiring. He had an important input into the alterations and modernisation of the department as well as procurement of new equipment.

Joe met Mary, his wife, whilst she was a teacher in Balham through Church and friends, and they remained friends for many years. Joe moved to Onslow Village in 1978 and when Mary retired in 1980, she joined him in Onslow Village and they married.

Mary has many happy memories of shared family occasions at their present home in the Village. Joe took British citizenship and was a fierce supporter of all things British-made. Family relationships were a vital part of his life and as well as being invited by the Indian government on a 6-month study of Higher Technical Education, he made many visits in order to see family in India. In addition, he was invited to lecture at the American Academy of Science Conference in 1968.

Joe was a keen and active sportsman having been involved with the University staff cricket team. He also

seems he was able to turn his hand to almost any task with great success.

As a mature student, Joe gained his City and Guilds in carpentry and his skills were regularly put to good effect by St Joseph's Church, Guildford, for running repairs. It would seem that 'waste not want not' was very much a maxim for Joe. Tennis balls that strayed into his garden from the Rec were sent on to children in Goa. After watching a cricket match at The Oval, with Surrey playing Middlesex, at the end of play Joe took his nephews to where supposedly unusable cricket bats had been thrown away. The only damage was slight, with worn handles but perfect blades. They gathered up as many bats as could be carried and Joe had them shipped to India, where the handles were refurbished and the bats were donated to schools in Bombay to be used by vast numbers of boys, who never knew of their remarkable origin!

Winemaking became another passion when a glut of fruit and winemaking equipment landed in his lap! Committee work with the Surrey Horticultural Federation became a large part of Joe's life, and as Secretary for Onslow Village Garden Club, he did much to aid the work of the committee. Joe exhibited at Hampton Court Flower Show and at RHS Wisley with summer fruit and vegetables and was awarded many first prize certificates. In 2001 his fame reached the national press when *The Sunday Times* published a photograph and article on Joe and his Red Pippin apples.

Joe joined the OVRA committee at the AGM in 2002 and became acting Chairman in 2007. He was elected Chairman at the AGM in March 2009, resigning as Chairman in 2011. However, he continued as acting Chairman up until his death.

Joe was an excellent and well-respected Chairman, ensuring that committee work ran smoothly and efficiently and it was Joe who liaised with Guildford Borough Council whenever issues arose concerning the Village. As well as chairing the OVRA committee meetings, Joe rarely missed the OVRA Tuesday Talk evenings, where he would introduce the speakers, and was always present at our parties.

Joe felt passionately that education was extremely important for less fortunate members of society and generously donated many thousands of pounds for the education of underprivileged children in India.

Speaking to Mary, it was very evident how much Joe loved and cared for his family and how much they all loved and respected him.

She told me that he enjoyed his Chairmanships and we knew that if Joe said he would do something, he could be relied upon to see it through. He was very much a team player and was always willing to do things for the good of the community. He did his work with a quiet authority and always with a smile. This was evident to all those who worked with him on the OVRA committee.

and his philosophy than I had ever imagined. Our deepest sympathies go to Mary and to all the family.

Mary Pais has asked that we pass on the following message:

I have been overwhelmed by the cards and remembrances from people who knew Joe through the Garden Club, OVRA, the University and the many other roles Joe took upon himself in the Village.

As I am unable to reply to all those who have sent their good wishes, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who wrote to me, and came to the funeral service in January.



Joe, with his wife Mary, after receiving his honorary degree from UniS

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

If you would like to tell Onslow Village residents about your group's forthcoming events, or issues that might interest them, please email mdk-ovra@ntlworld.com or ring 07720 945430.

Next copy date: 11th March for publication end March/early April.



Guildford Evening Decorative & Fine Arts Society

GEDFAS wishes all The Village Voice readers a very happy and healthy 2012.

We would like to inform readers of the forthcoming lectures that will be held at Onslow Village Hall and we hope that you will be able to join us.

14th March – In the current climate of the Olympics being held in the UK, the lecture for this month is on "The Original Olympic Games". Dr Ann Birchall who is a writer and broadcaster, will talk about the origin and development of the Games from ancient Greece to today.

11th April – "A Thousand Years of History: Medieval Cathedrals as Time Machines". The lecture will be given by Jon Cannon, author, BBC TV presenter and lecturer.

Venue: Onslow Village Hall, The Square, Wilderness Road, GU2 7QR

Visitors: £10 per lecture

For enquiries about membership please contact: Lyn Blatchford, Tel: 07817 135 189 or email: info@nadfsguildford.org.uk

Vivace Chorus

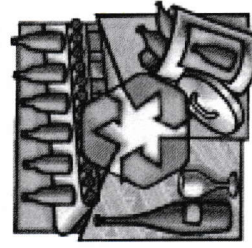
A Night at the Opera – favourites by Mozart, Puccini, Verdi and others

Brandenburg Sinfonia, Soloists from the Royal Academy of Music, Vivace Chorus

Saturday 17th March 7.30pm at G Live – Guildford's new entertainment venue

Tickets: £11, £16 and £22, Groups 10+ save 10%

Book online: GLive.co.uk or at G Live 0844 7701 797



RECYCLING NEWS Guildford Action

Guildford Action is a charity in Guildford and will accept donations of furniture in a reasonable condition. So if you are thinking of buying a new sofa, for example, see if they can take the old one. All upholstered furniture must have a fire safety label attached. They do collect items of furniture for a small donation for a full vanload.

Unwanted duvets, pillows and sleeping bags cannot be put in your clothes recycling at the kerbside but can be accepted by GFP at the Youth and Community Centre, Leapale Road or at Jacobs Yard, Woodlands Road, Slyfield. Please make sure they are clean; they are given to the homeless in Guildford, who are very appreciative, especially when the nights are cold.

Guildford Action is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year and they are continuing to promote awareness of client's needs as well as the charities work within the community. They have an appeal running throughout the year in conjunction with the Anniversary (May 2011- April 2012). Can you help? Find out more at www.surreycommunity.info/guildfordaction/

Surrey County Council is also continuing a number of waste campaigns throughout 2012

Surrey's food waste campaign - Love Food Surrey

Cutting food waste has the potential to save millions of pounds for taxpayers. Love Food Surrey is a campaign run by Surrey Waste Partnership.

Surrey's reusing furniture campaign - The Surrey Reuse Network

Around 3,000 tonnes of potentially reusable furniture and white goods gets thrown away in Surrey every year with a large proportion ending up in landfill. Surrey Reuse Network offers a wide range of good quality items, which could help hundreds of households every year to furnish their homes at affordable prices with furniture, appliances and general household items.

A new lease of life for a shop in The Square

It was Sparrow's Butcher's shop for many years, then Colin Sparrow retired and it was restyled as a butcher's-cum-farmshop-cum-giftshop, then it changed hands and became The Village Deli, now the fascia above the door of No 4 The Square has been repainted once more and it is due to re-open as "Molly's", serving fine teas, coffees, cakes and lunches.

According to the planning application, it will be open seven days a week; from 8am to 5pm on Monday to Friday, and from 9am to 3pm at the weekend and on Bank Holidays. Hopefully this will prove to be a popular meeting place that will also draw people to the other shops in The Square.

The Green Tangerine Catering Company, which is a local, family-owned and run business, is behind the new venture. We wish them every success with Molly's.



Dear all

We are coming up to the AGM in March. This year we have lost our Chairman, and three committee members have said they do not wish to stand for re-election. Eric Lawrence has stepped into the Chairman's role, but this means there are now five vacancies for ordinary members on the committee, so we are running a recruitment drive.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Favourites by Mozart, Puccini, Verdi and others

The Brandenburg Sinfonia
Conductor: Jeremy Backhouse

Vivace Chorus

Saturday
17th March 2012

7:30 pm @ G Live
Guildford's new venue

Tickets £16 and £22
BOOK ONLINE Clive.co.uk or at
G Live 0844 7701 797

Onslow Village Garden Club TABLE TOP SALE

We will be holding our seventh annual Table Top Sale in Onslow Village Hall

on **Saturday 12th May** from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Plants – Cakes – Books – Cards – Jewellery – Jigsaws – Raffle – Refreshments – Competition and much more

Further details or to book a table please phone Anne Bradbeer on 01483 563421

DO COME ALONG!



OVRA online, on Facebook and on Twitter

Web: www.surreycommunity.info/ovra

Facebook: search for "Onslow Village Residents' Association"

Twitter: find us at http://twitter.com/OVRA_

If you were a Group member of OVRA on Facebook, please note that **we have switched to a Page** instead, so to carry on receiving updates, you will need to find our Page and click "Like".

Surrey's home composting campaign - Get Composting

Out of a total 536,000 tonnes of household waste currently produced in Surrey each year, it's estimated that around a third could be composted which would save the county an estimated £8.7 million in reduced landfill and green waste disposal costs each year.

Dates for your diary

The Onslow Village **Bring and Take** will be on **Saturday 28th April** from 10.00 to 11.30am. Chances for you to bring your unwanted but still useable items and perhaps find something you always wanted. No money changes hands and there is no obligation to bring something or even take anything away.

For further information on any of the above please contact Lesley on 01483 533762

St Catherine's Website

Have you seen the St Catherine's website?

Although it primarily serves St Catherine's Village, just the other side of the Hog's Back, the website is including more and more stories and articles of interest to all Guildford residents. It is often first with local news such as: pictures of the Queen's visit to the Cathedral, the first filming of a GBC meeting, the possible sale of the Friary Centre by Westfield, the petition against moving the Bus Station and the Guildford Society's challenge to GBC's 'Masterplan'.

Also with David Rose (ex writer of the Surrey Ad's 'From the Archives' articles), on board, it carries the best articles on Guildford's Local History within David's own 'Through Time' section. If you miss his stories from the Surrey Ad, worry no longer – many more can be found here.

Please do take a look: <http://st-caths-web.co.uk/> (or just Google 'st-caths-web')

Comments/views/suggestions

OVRA is your Association, so if you'd like to suggest ideas for talks or events; offer to help with deliveries or at events; or there's an issue you think the committee might help with, please get in touch.

Write to the OVRA Secretary, 68 High View Road, Guildford GU2 7RU or email ovrasec@googlemail.com

OVRA events coming up...

Tues 13 March: AGM + speaker. Hannah Greenfield will talk about and demonstrate handbell ringing

Tues 10 April: The History & Current Use of Henley Fort



think about joining the committee.

For more information, please contact Lesley Goode, without obligation, on 01483 533762.

GBC PARKING SURVEY: Did you receive a questionnaire?

In the run-up to Christmas, Guildford Borough Council sent out a questionnaire to Onslow Village residents asking for their opinion about parking issues. It's evident that a lot of people overlooked this document, perhaps because they were busy with other things at the time, or because it was addressed to The Occupier, rather than to a named recipient.

OVRA has therefore been in contact with GBC and we have been told that the deadline for reply has been extended, although it isn't clear by how much. If you live in a road that does not have residents' parking at present, and you are concerned about parking, it may not be too late to respond.

Please write to:

Kevin McKee (Parking Services Manager)
Guildford Borough Council
Parking Office, Laundry Road
Guildford, GU1 4PX

UPDATE: Clearance of the Curling Vale Traffic Islands

This was a matter that Joe was following up, so our new Acting Chairman Eric Lawrence has taken over this task and when he has made contact with Guildford Borough Council, we'll report back on the outcome.

No. 18 Bus Service

Surrey County Council has been conducting a review of bus services and the consultation period for Phase 3 has just closed. The website states: "We are now undertaking work to establish the cost to the council of providing services that operators will not run commercially. Only when these costs are known in Spring 2012 will we be able to determine which services and at what frequency we will be able to afford within the reduced budget available."

The document available to download states: "Arriva Service 18: Onslow Village-Farnham Road-Guildford (Every 60 minutes) – Retained in general in its current form, subject to overall affordability within the bus support budget available."

As SCC contributes a relatively small subsidy for this service, it is hoped that it won't be subject to cuts, but we will continue to monitor the situation.