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ONSLOW VILLAGE CELEBRATES THE JUBILEE!



All round the village, people defied the weather over the Jubilee weekend to get together and share fun and food! As these photos show, there were games for children and adults alike and residents of Abbots Close were even entertained by a local band called Paper Boats.

AN ENTERTAINING TALK, AN UNVEILING AND A FOND FAREWELL

behalf of OVRA members, and asked them to unveil a plaque in the hall marking their myriad contributions to Guildford and village life over many decades. A glass of fizz and a toast to the Bellerbys accompanied this little ceremony and having thanked everyone for erecting the plaque in their honour, Bill gave an amusing account of

New brooms for OVRA

The past year has seen quite a change for OVRA's committee, with the sad death of the Acting Chairman Joe Pais and other members stepping down, but thanks to so many volunteers coming forward to fill the vacancies. It

On June 12th, an audience of nearly 60 members and local residents enjoyed a most varied and interesting OVRA talk, combined with other 'happy business'.



Our speaker was Jean Haynes who is one of the very few female bailiffs active within England. Her talk (appropriately entitled 'The Life of a Lady Bailiff') was fast-moving, funny, informative and superbly delivered.

Jean told how she came into this profession, her early difficulties over gender, her eventual acceptance by colleagues, the police, her own team of helpers ("the boys") and above all by the clients. She described how very early in her career, she decided against taking on domestic cases because she couldn't bear to see the terrible conditions that many children had to live in. Tales of moving on gypsies, impounding airliners or JCB diggers, getting a reluctant client off safe ground (ie out of a churchyard), and on one occasion even delivering a baby (which the gypsy parents named Jean) had us all entertained throughout. Jean did not shy away from the very real dangers of the work and, despite the close liaison with police, showed what a very fine line a bailiff treads as well as the close relationship which can build up with some of the clients.

Before this excellent talk our Chair, Eric Lawrence, welcomed Bill and Doreen Bellerby (pictured below) on

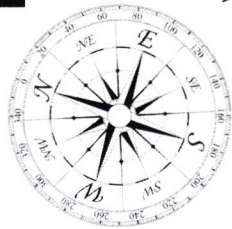


how he and Doreen came to live in Guildford.

Finally at the end a card and a gift expressed our thanks for all the work Lesley Goode and Andrew Wells have put in to the Association over the years. We wish them well for their imminent move to one of the loveliest parts of Dorset anyone could wish to live in.

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I REMEMBER WHEN THIS WAS ALL FIELDS...



One of our previous speakers, Bernard Parke, kindly waived a fee when he gave his talk and instead suggested that the committee put it towards something for the village. After some thought, it was decided to buy a framed copy of an old map from the Francis Frith Collection. Thanks to the wonders of digital printing, we now have a print which shows the area as it was in 1871, nearly 50 years before the first foundation stone was laid in Onslow Village, as well as part of the town of Guildford itself. Once they find the right spot for it, the village hall management committee have kindly agreed to hang the map in the hall, so next time you're there, do take a look and we hope that visitors will enjoy discovering features of the landscape now hidden or long-since disappeared.

It's that time again

If nothing else, all this rain has been good for the beech hedges which don't enjoy drought conditions, but if you have any kind of hedge at all on your boundary, **if it's getting overgrown and making the pavements difficult to use, now is the time to get it cut.** Topiary unicorns and teddy bears are probably a bit over the top, but a nice, neat hedge is bound to keep your neighbours happy!



is now up to full strength again and ready to embark on a new era for the Association.

What it needs now is **YOU!**

We have a full programme of talks and events planned, so do come along, make contact with the members of the committee and let them know what you would like from your Association.

Forthcoming Events...



Tue 11th Sep: Why Invent?? A Lifetime of Invention A talk by the inventor of the wind-up radio. Speaker: Trevor Bayliss

Sat 15th Sep: Archive Day Bring your photos and mementos of the village to add to our community archive project. Look out for details

Sat 13th Oct: Eyes Down for a Bingo Evening! Look out for details and ticket prices



Tue 13th Nov: Beyond Candleford Green

What happened to Flora Thomson, the author of *Lark Rise to Candleford* after she left Candleford Green. Speaker: John Owen Smith

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Tue 8th Jan: Surrey Search and Rescue Dogs

Speaker: Warren van der Merwe

Sat 9th Feb: Annual Party with music by Claire Phoenix Look out for details and ticket prices

Tue 12th Mar: AGM + Talk: The Watercress Line

Speaker: Derek Seaton

Information is correct at date of printing, but may be subject to change – please look out for future publicity or ring 07720 945430 to check.



And don't forget the Olympic Torch Relay on Friday 20th July which will pass down The Chase on its journey between the university and Stoke Park.

OVRA on Facebook and Twitter



Facebook: search for "Onslow Village Residents Association"

Twitter: find us at <http://twitter.com/OVRA>

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 ovra.news@ntlworld.com or ring 07720 945430.

Next copy date: 11th September for publication end September/early October.

RECYCLING NEWS

New plastic refuse collection

I hope you are all finding the new collection of plastics as satisfactory as I am. Gone are the days when I would have any number of bags of plastic, cartons, bottle caps, plastic bags, etc waiting for me to visit Slyfield tip or the supermarkets.

Goodbye

It is with regret that I announce that this is my last Recycling News. I will be moving from Onslow Village after 21 years to go to Dorset, near the sea. My one regret is that I will have to leave the excellent facilities for recycling, especially from the kerbside, which have grown up in Guildford.

Onslow Village is the friendliest place I have ever lived; you just have to get out there and join in the activities. Once there, the people are helpful and there is a real community spirit. As Bill Bellerby said recently at the Tuesday Talk, even the bus has its own little community, as everyone seems to know everyone else.

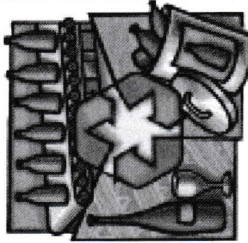
I wish everyone in Onslow Village the very best for the future and keep on recycling.

Best Wishes

Lesley Goode

The Electric Theatre

Book now for *Company*
Presented by Alex Parker Productions.



glorious walled gardens and will be served drinks and canapés on arrival.

This fantastic evening will raise funds for Oakleaf Enterprise, Guildford's mental health charity supporting people into employment through training, therapies and social activities.

Tickets cost £25 per person and are available from Tess at Oakleaf on 01483 303649 or email tessmacpherson@oakleaf-enterprise.org.

Love Your Park Week

Here are details of two events taking place at the Onslow Arboretum on Tuesday 24th July during *Love Your Park* week.

1) **Deadly Scene Investigation** for children. 3pm-5pm. Nature detectives wanted! There is a broken nest box high in a tree and some fur and tracks around the box. Inside the box are some broken eggs. Suspicious characters have been seen nearby. The mission is to go out and look for seven clues on a short walk around the Arboretum. The clues will tell you which four creatures were at the scene of the crime and will help you to

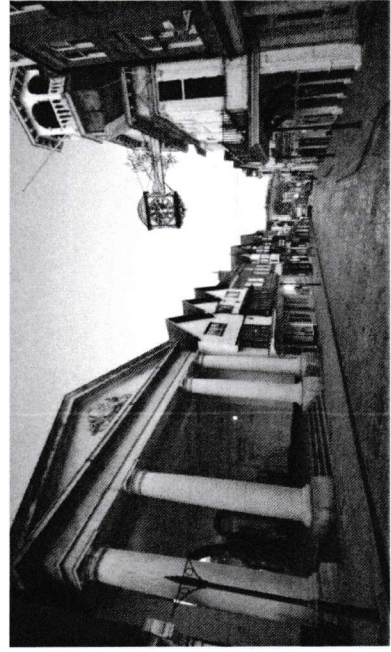
Guildford Vision Group

The Guildford Vision Group has been formed to campaign for the creation of a new and inspiring vision of the future of Guildford. The campaign has been stimulated by Guildford Borough Council's recent consultation on its proposed Town Centre Masterplan which in the opinion of the group's stakeholders, seemed likely to miss the opportunity to address serious and long-standing problems that afflict the town.

According to its website, "The group has come together around a strongly shared belief that Guildford could become a much finer town than it is today, more prosperous, more attractive and offering a higher quality of life to all. Our campaign is very simple. We wish to see a new process put in place in which the views and creativity of everyone who lives and works in Guildford can play a part in creating a new Vision that looks out 20 or more years into future. This would be achieved through a framework of engagement supported and informed by the best external facilitators and expert advisors. Ideally such a process would be led by the Borough Council and we very much hope they will take up this challenge, particularly in the light of changes to their planning responsibilities resulting from the new National Planning Policy Framework and recent Localism legislation. If they do not however, we will seek an alternative way forward."

For more information, visit:

www.guildfordvisiongroup.com



Got a good idea? Add it to the
Community Ideas Database



Tuesday 10 – Friday 14 July
 Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
 Book by George Furth
 Originally produced and directed on Broadway by Harold Prince

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger Limited.
 Robert, a commitment-phobic bachelor, is about to hit thirty five. His well-meaning married friends think it's time he settled down.

Alex Parker returns to The Electric Theatre to stage the classic Stephen Sondheim musical, *Company*. Featuring an onstage twelve piece band.

Tickets: Tuesday £8, Wednesday to Friday £12 (subject to a booking fee)

Contact:
 The Electric Theatre, Onslow Street, Guildford GU1 4SZ
Box office number: 01483 444789

Oakleaf Enterprise

Penelope Keith is to host a special evening reception for Oakleaf Enterprise.

Come along to hear her talk about her career experiences on the evening of Wednesday 11th July.

Within the spectacular surroundings of the Great Hall at Loseley House, Penelope will mingle with guests

during the evening – a rare opportunity given her busy work schedule.

Not only this, but Michael More-Molyneux will give a talk about his family's 500-year ownership of Loseley Park, which is visited by thousands of people each year.

Guests will also be able to enjoy a walk around the



work out which one was the culprit!

Please register in advance with Richard Musgrove on 07876 578 431. Children must be accompanied by adults. Drop in any time, the investigation will take between 1 and 2 hours to complete. On arrival please pick up your 'Deadly Detective's Handbook' at Onslow Rec/Arboretum gate. The Deadly Scene Investigation is taken from the CBBC programme, *Live and Deadly*.

2) **Guided tour of the Arboretum**, for adults (but accompanied children are welcome), with Phil Truluck the GBC Trees and Woodlands Officer. 5pm–7pm. Come and find out about the trees in the Arboretum.

Please register in advance with Richard Musgrove on 07876 578 431. Meet at 5pm at the Onslow Rec/Arboretum gate. The walk will take about 2 hours.

Art Exhibition by Local Artist

Margaret Arni is holding an exhibition of landscape paintings entitled "Point of View" on Saturday 1st September from 10am–2pm in the small hall at Onslow Village Hall. Part of the proceeds from the sale of the paintings and cards will be donated to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

Onslow Village Garden Club

The club's annual show will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 1st September. Open from 3pm.

Here be Dragon's News!

A new website called *The Guildford Dragon News* has been launched: "Guildford news... for Guildford people, brought to you by Guildford reporters – your newest news service".

Set up and run by Martin Giles and David Rose, *The Guildford Dragon* seeks to deliver local news, features, views, pictures and so on, as quickly as today's technology allows.

Whilst they don't pretend to guarantee to report everything that happens, with their wealth of local knowledge, good contacts, professional standards and experience, Martin and David aim to deliver the local stories and features they know you will want to read.

www.guildford-dragon.com

Guildford Borough Council are performing their annual update of the Community Ideas Database which offers a key opportunity for local people to put forward their views on improvements required in their area. These may then be funded by a future agreement negotiated as part of a planning application. They are looking for ideas for smaller projects such as lighting, seating, planting, play areas and road safety measures.

The database already has the following suggestions for Onslow Village:

- funding to start and run a youth club and upgrade the football pitch
- playground facilities for older children
- a minibus shuttle service for taking elderly people to surgery and hospital.

Unfortunately there's no mention of when funding might become available for any of the ideas put forward, but if you would like to make any suggestions, please use the form below and return it by 25th September so that they can be forwarded to Guildford Borough Council.

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You can unsubscribe at any time and we will not pass your details to any third party.

Comments/views/suggestions:

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Please hand this form in at any OVRA social event, send it to the Village Voice, 17 Friars Gate, Guildford GU2 7PQ or email your comments to ovra.news@ntlworld.com