



THE NEWSLETTER OF ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - ISSUE FORTYONE - SUMMER 2015

A thought for your Neighbours

Dear Member, when you have read your V. V. don't bin it? Please pass it to a neighbour or friend who hasn't got one and would otherwise be missing out by not joining us. "It's not your subscription that matters, it's your membership"

A thought for your Village

Let's take care of our Garden Village with its Conservation Area status.

Your Association

OVRA is not a single activity group or club. It organises some social activities. It meets with similar groups in other communities to report on local issues to its members. It interacts with other organisations in the village. It acts to some extent as a repository for Village history. OVRA has continued in these roles for 59 years to date and you hold a current membership card that is valid into our 60th year.

Your Committee

The Committee of ten shown on your membership card has recently gained three new members. This means the work can be reorganised with some of the tasks being taken on by these keen new volunteers. Our new Treasurer is Peter Walker, Anthony is continuing to co-ordinate our liaison work monitoring local issues. Howard Moss will be taking over as Membership Secretary. John will continue organising our 'distribution' helpers. Jane Shipp will be our Talks Secretary. Sally is still our contact for external publications. We welcome Peter, Howard and Jane and thank them for volunteering as co-opted members of your committee.

Members

Generally when we are asked to address a specific issue all we can do is advise individuals on the best way for them to register their complaint. However, we arranged, with the aid of our councillors Adrian Chandler and David Goodwin, for GBC to clear the traffic islands in Curling Vale. This was particularly important because members in Thorn Bank considered the growth obstructed the view for drivers. Some suggested that the residents had opted to tend to these plots and others that they had been told not to. GBC confirmed that both islands were taken over by the 'community association' as a project completed by their Planning and Landscape Architect Department about 10 years ago. However, GBC have now agreed to maintain these islands from now on and that they would be cleared when the verges in the area are cut.



All Saints' will have a new Vicar.....

.....from September when the Revd. Beverly Watson arrives. Congratulations! Welcome to Beverly - we're happy to know that the Watson family will be reunited.

Your Onslow Ward Councillors are....

- Councillor Adrian Chandler Conservative
- Councillor David Goodwin Liberal Democrats
- Councillor Tony Phillips Liberal Democrats

Future Developments

The Green Belt, Save the Hogsback, the University and Blackwell Farm

As a reminder, a fundamental review of the Guildford Borough draft Local Plan was called for just prior to the elections (which are a distant memory now). The planning can now resume. Blackwell Farm is the largest new settlement area (265 hectares of green belt) being proposed in the Plan and has been earmarked for 2,250 homes - but the University, which owns the site, is pushing for more than 3,000.

The 'Save the Hogsback' group have updated their website. They are saying ...

"it is time to start serious fundraising. A barrister will be needed (with in-depth knowledge of the planning system) to represent local residents at the (draft) Local Plan Inspector's Inquiry. The cost will be in the region of £5-6k so we are now asking for donations. These can be made via the recently updated 'Save Hogs Back' website at http://savehogsback.co.uk/?page_id=263 - just click on the "Donate" button. The University has spent thousands on consultants for their proposed development, but the 'Save the Hogsback' group are relying on the generosity of supporters in order to save this important green belt landscape."

Where & When?



Can you pin point where and when this picture of the Onslow Village bus was taken?

If so, please let us know.

No 30 ONSLOW VILLAGE via North Street, Guildford Stn & Farnham Road.

Our Picture Gallery



New play area coming soon



The play area viewed from the Rec with the arboretum boundary hedgerow behind it.

Onslow Recreation Ground GBC First stage consultation

Guildford Borough Council is funding a refurbishment of the play area on Onslow Rec. They are planning to link our recreation ground with the arboretum and create a new play area that enhances its environment.

It will be designed for 4-14 year olds and we will be aiming to achieve an inclusive, imaginative play experience.

Nothing is yet decided and it is important that whatever is created is a reflection of what you would like to see.

The stages to ensure we create the best play area for the budget available are:

1. **First stage consultation** (feedback on play types and activities)
2. Creation of a design brief
3. Designer/play installer appointed
4. **Second stage consultation** (feedback on the playground master plan)
5. Final master plan and installation.

Please participate to indicate what activities and features you would like to see.

Go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/onslowplayground to complete this survey (This is the GBC preferred method to ease collation of returns)

or for those without internet access please return the paper form to GBC by 31 August 2015

to : Parks & Leisure Services
Stoke Park Nursery, Nightingale Road
Guildford, SURREY, GU1 1ER

If you would like further information about how the project is progressing or when the consultation for the playground plan is ready, please send GBC your email address to parcs@guildford.gov.uk or Tel : 01483 444718

Recent OVRA activities

Doesn't time fly! In the blink of an eye since we published the Spring V.V. many of our members and guests have enjoyed our OVRA events. These have included our Tuesday talks - on 14th April **The Restoration of an Historic Wall at Guildford Castle**, 12th May **The Mary Rose**, 9th June **The History of Town Crying** and 14th July **Queen of the Sky - Concorde**. We have also supported All Saint's Church Fete and the two village school Fetes. On Saturday 4th July in super sunshine we held our **'Village Picnic on the Recreation Ground'** bringing villagers and other local organisations together. All of these have been well attended but there is always space for more. We have also been busy with displays in Williams Newsagent's window and putting up information posters and a 'Tree hunt' in the Arboretum. While helping GBC with their survey on updating the Play Area we raised a few other issues related to the Rec. and Arboretum. And good news indeed - through the kind help of Sara Sims we have obtained a few further copies of the booklet **"The Story of Onslow Village"** and are back in touch with Helen Chapman Davies who produced it.

OVRA Tuesday Talks - to be held at the Village Hall

Tue 8th September. **The Cider Co-operative**. Nevin Stewart's presentation and demonstration will show the novel juice and straining method developed by the Scillonian Road Cider Co-Operative. There will be samples of apple juice and Onslow Dry cider to sample. Nevin has requested that those attending should **bring their own apples** for him to use on the evening.

Tue 10th November. **Winston Churchill's Toyshop**. A presentation by Gordon Rodgers. The untold story of the UK's premier WW2 weapons development and production station.



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Tue 12th January. **A Policeman's Lot - The Beat Goes On**. Neil Sadler's follow up talk including cops, robbers, porridge and budgies (stories from the Clink).

Tue 8th March **AGM** followed by **The Ramblings**. Jeff Birch will illustrate his talk on 'A Railway Man at Guildford's Motive Power Depot'.

Tue 12th April with Sheila Willis - **Who Done the Whodunits** - a lighthearted look at crime fiction and their authors.

and other OVRA Social Events

O.V.R.A. in conjunction with Lucky Dog Productions presents Laurel and Hardy



Saturday 10th October - Put the date in your diary.

Saturday 13th February 2016. 'Spring' Evening Social - Keep your eye on the events calendar on 'our' OVRA website and the Village noticeboards.

Next Years **'PICNIC ON THE REC'**.

It has been suggested that we hold this on the 12th June 2016 to coincide with the Mega Street Party on The Mall to celebrate H.M. the Queen's 90th birthday. What do you think? Will too many of our Villagers be in the Mall? Will it be nice weather? Tell a committee member your views or let us know via the Website.

OVRA Membership

The whole household joins for just £5 per annum.

Free entry to our Tuesday talks is one of the benefits of OVRA membership. Others include quarterly delivery to you of your Village Voice, support to the OVRA website, organised events and representation on local issues.

The membership year started in April but you can join at any time.

You can join even if you live outside the Village.

Visit the website at www.surreycommunity.info/ovra/join-the-association/
or email ovramembsec@btinternet.com
or phone 01483 562657 or 01483 571807.

or join at **The Wilderness Coffee Shop and Café in The Square.**

Garden Club Report

In the last edition of the Village Voice I recalled the success of our Spring Show, and now it is time to think of the Summer Show which was held on June 17th. The Johns Hall was full of colour and fragrance from roses, sweet peas, pinks and flowering pot plants. The class with most entries was for a vase of mixed garden flowers. A popular subject for flower-arrangers had a fairy story as its theme. One that caught the eye was "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", and another "Three Little Pigs". Petite arrangements depicting the seashore showed great ingenuity in the use of natural materials. While judging was in progress, we had an illustrated talk by the Lead Ranger of the Devil's Punch Bowl, maintained by the National Trust. He dealt mainly with re-shaping the land reclaimed from the old road after the building of the tunnel. It had to be filled in and contoured. In places the slopes were strengthened with hessian and sown with heathers and suitable grasses to return it to the habitat where Dartford warblers, woodlarks and stonechats would feel at home. Also in June, a coach-load of members spent a day at Borde Hill Gardens in Sussex. At the Village Picnic on the Rec our stall was mainly planned for young families, with activities for children, and we hope, a chance for parents to learn about the Garden Club.

After the Club meeting on July 15 where Mr Paul Gallivan's subject was Woolbeding Gardens, Sussex, we have an August break. We compensate by meeting twice in September! Our main event of the year is our 69th Annual Show, on 5th September, open to the public at 3pm. The classes for cookery, crafts and photography as well as the usual fruit, flowers, vegetables and floral art will have already been judged. Mr Clive Stone of Oak Leaf Enterprises will present the prizes at 4pm. Visitors can sit and enjoy light refreshments, and, perhaps think of joining the Garden Club themselves.

We meet on most third Wednesday evenings of the month at 7-30. (phone 577035) The second September gathering will be on 16th. Mr John Hall takes the subject 'The many uses of heathers'. That takes our thoughts back to the Punch Bowl, with its Heather-tinted slopes.

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Joyce Mathews

Village Heritage Postcards



There are three different card designs.

40p each or 3 for £1.

They are on sale at our events or they can be provided if you contact us.



OVRA will
be 60 next year

Community Notice Board

NHS HEALTH CHECKS. Surrey County Council's Public Health Team is offering FREE Health Checks to people aged between 40 and 74.
For more information, go to www.healthysurrey.org.uk/your-health/health-checks/

Watts at Dusk on Friday 31st July and also, do see The Art of Bedlam: Richard Dadd exhibition which runs until 1st November. Preview the paintings and contact Watts Galley at www.wattsgallery.org.uk/ or tel : 01483 810235

Garden Club 69th Annual Show. 5th September, open to the public at 3pm.
See Garden Club report above.

Surrey CRIMESTOPPERS

0800 555 111
Call anonymously with
information about crimes

Phone scams - be careful
DO NOT dial 0809,
0284 or 0876
numbers from the UK

For families on-line be
'Share Aware' see
www.nspcc.org.uk/

Surrey Libraries want every resident to have access to their library, including those who have difficulty getting to a library due to ill health, disability, mobility problems or caring responsibilities, no matter what their age.
Services include: **Library Direct Friends & Family** and **Library Direct Home Service**.
Phone: 01483 543599 for details

Onslow Village Womens Institute ...meet on the first Wednesday evening of the month in the Village Hall. 2015 is the Centenary of the W.I. Federation. For more information contact the Secretary on 01483 566353.

Guildford Evening Decorative and Fine Arts Society ...is a friendly, lively and welcoming group, who come together 10 times a year on the second Wednesday of the month primarily for illustrated lectures on the decorative and fine arts. Their link is on the OVRA website and they advertise their events on the notice boards.

Other dates...

1st August. 13:00 BBQ and family fun day for Cancer Research UK at the Astolot pub.
Tel : 01483455560

29th and 30th August.

Wings and Wheels 2015 at Dunsfold Park.
Last flight of the Vulcan.

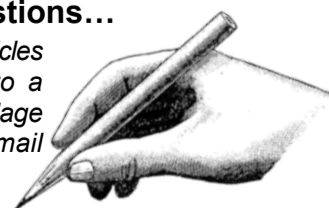
30th August. 10:00 Mane Chance Sanctuary Big Summer Open Day. Call : 07512 363400

10th to 13th September search 'Guildford' on www.heritageopendays.org.uk



If you have any comments, views or suggestions...

...including content for our website or ideas for future articles and talks, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to a committee member at any of our events, write to The Village Voice, c/o 2 The Drive, Guildford, GU2 7QF or email esamgem@btinternet.com



The COPY DATE for the Autumn edition is 2nd October.