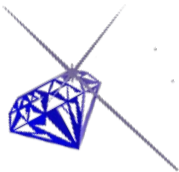




Our Picture Gallery



Now we are 60

Your Association, O.V.R.A. was started in 1956. Down the years it has served the Village in its' unique way and supported the many clubs and activity based organisations in the area. We have continued to introduce new initiatives over the years and now support the school and church fetes and organise a Village Picnic day involving some of the local clubs.

This year we are pioneering something different - a **Film Season** Using the new projection facility in the Village Hall and starting on 13th February we will be showing a few popular current films. Wish your Committee luck with this one please, but I'm sure it will prove popular.

Our A.G.M. is on Tuesday 8th March at 7:45 p.m. in the Village Hall

If you want O.V.R.A. to serve 'you and yours' and be there for your family we need your influence. Bring your skills to bear by serving on the O.V.R.A. committee, offering assistance to events or start a new village initiative. The Village is your home so its worth the effort.



The 'Boxes' will need to be done again this year once the weather improves....

....we don't want to lose our 'iconic' Telephone Box due to neglect.

'Don't Litter'....is not enough...pick it up..
.....be active in keeping your Village tidy.

Planning Applications, developments and changes....

I'm sure you will agree that so much is being published on these topics it's hard to keep up. We keep our website up to date with notices of meetings and the issuing of major publications. Here is a short summary of the most significant elements that would affect our Village and local area. The more ambitious of these are now becoming overshadowed by a growing realisation that shortfalls in infrastructure funding make them unworkable but that is not a criteria with much weight in the approval process.

The Local Plan - the SHMA predicts the amount and type of housing needed across Guildford, Waverley and Woking for the period 2013 to 2033. This is the Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

The Recreation Ground Refurbished Play Area. The tender for the new playground on Onslow Recreation Ground has now been advertised. The closing date for contractors to return their tenders is 7th March following which there will be a public exhibition in April and works will commence in May with a view to completion by the start of the school Summer holidays.

Queen Eleanor's School ...application for a Multi Use Games Area. This application does not now include flood lighting. The predominate use would be during school hours with limited after school use no later than 9 pm in the Summer months, and considerably less in the Winter. 3 meter high fencing for the MUGA and drainage issues are of concern to adjoining households.

The Stag Hill ... housing application has been submitted for 134 new homes to be built in the area around the Cathedral. The church authorities support this development as it provides an endowment to secure the future of the Cathedral. There is considerable local concern about the affect upon traffic, school capacity etc as well as the affordability and density of the proposed development. The status of the land as a memorial is also being questioned.

Blackwell Farm is the largest new proposed settlement area (265 hectares of green belt) being proposed in the Plan and has been earmarked for 2,250 homes but.... The Surrey University, which owns the site, is pushing for more than 3,000 and confident that their application will be approved they have plans to move the 'symbolic centre' of the University to the West of the RSH. The 'Save the Hogsback' are the main group opposed to this development.

Infrastructure...looking at roads as just one example ...Highways England will be developing plans by 2020 to reduce congestion on the A3 near Guildford. Once the planning is done in 2020 watch this space.

The Town Centre - the Station Area 'Solum' development.



View from the bottom of Hedgeway.

Proposed development shown in black.

Now dubbed "THE GREAT WALL OF GUILDFORD"

This illustration provided by The Guildford Society



Showing SATURDAY 13th February
Doors open 7:15 pm Start of Film 7:45 pm

The first in our season of films at the Village Hall

LET'S THINK ABOUT SOME OF OUR NEIGHBOURS...

The Farnham Road Hospital

...provides secondary mental health services for people of all ages living in and around Guildford and now has its new £30m mental health unit. Did you know that its cafe is open to the public?

The Royal Surrey County Hospital

...is a 520-bed District General Hospital and serves a population of 320,000 for emergency and general hospital services and 1.3 million people for cancer services across Surrey, West Sussex and Hampshire. The hospital has an annual income of £257 million and employs around 3,500 people. Every year the RSCH sees around 280,000 outpatients, admits 61,000 patients for treatment and 70,000 patients attend the A&E department.

The University of Surrey

The University is 50 this year - it was established on 9 September 1966 and they are planning events for the 17th March and 22nd October.

Here are a few items from their website and elsewhere...

SURREY IS THE TIMES UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR 2016

Professor Max Lu, joins Surrey as President and Vice-Chancellor on Monday 25 April 2016, leaving his role at the University of Queensland.

£400m in campus investment. Since 2000 investment has included £130 million on student accommodation, £36 million on Surrey Sports Park, £16 million on the new Library and Learning Centre, £4.5 million on the Ivy Arts Centre, £45 million School of Veterinary Medicine and £70 million support for the 5G Innovation Centre, one of the world's first research centres dedicated to mobile communications and future internet technologies. The campus now has a 'super dense' network of 66 connection cells.

The University has about 16,000 students from over 120 different countries. 45 per cent of the undergraduate students come from schools and colleges within the South East region. The University also supported almost 17,500 jobs. Of these, almost 13,000 jobs were in Surrey and over 10,000 were in the Borough of Guildford alone. 'Visitors' account for about 50 % of the Sports Centres usage.

and now another....

The Royal Holloway University of London...

...which is part of a Trust about to build by September 2017 the £10m University Technical College (UTC) for 720 14-18 year olds adjacent to Kings College in Park Barn. This UTC will be specialising in computer science and engineering.

Recent OVRA activities

Winston Churchill's Toyshop. On the 10th November Gordon Rodgers recounted his fascination in his youth with things that go bang and some of the occasions when this led him into trouble. He graduated from these activities into researching the creation and work of the UK's premier WW2 weapons development and production station - designated M.D.1. This was created by P.M. Churchill to circumvent the delays, frustrations and inefficiencies of the service ministries. Gordon outlined some of the weapons they created and the bureaucratic battles that they fought with the establishment.

A Policeman's Lot - The Beat Goes On. Neil Sadler's 12th January presentation recounted some of the strange and funny examples from his 30 years experience as a Sussex policeman. A number of these illustrated the pitfalls of jumping to conclusions, making assumptions based upon appearance and the ineptitude of some 'professionals'. He shared his research into famous inmates of some of the various prisons he had visited and some of the amusing incidents that happened on these trips.

OVRA Tuesday Talks - to be held at the Village Hall

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.

Tue 10th May with Roger Nicholas - **Guildford in 1913**. What was Guildford like in the last year of peace before WWI?

Tue 14th June with John Owen Smith. '**A Parcel of Gold for Edith**' tells the story of one of Australia's Pioneer Women, who spent most of her life in the gold fields of Bendigo. This story has literally 'unfolded' from the accidental discovery of seven letters written between 1853 and 1875.

Tue 12th July **Watts Gallery and it's Restoration**. A brief background to G. F. Watts, the artist, and the story of Watts Gallery and the £11 million restoration project undertaken from 2008 to 2011.

The talks to and including 12th April have been arranged by Angela Joule. Jane Shipp is organising the talks from May onwards including.....

13th September, 8th November (please note 8th November not the 15th)
2017.... 10th January, 14th March - AGM & talk

and other OVRA Social Events

Film Nights

Saturday 13th February 2016. 'The Suffragette' see 'poster' overleaf

Saturday 2nd April 'The Lady in the Van' A man (Alan Bennett) forms an unexpected bond with a transient woman living in her car that's parked in his driveway. Starring Maggie Smith, Alex Jennings and Jim Broadbent.

'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 celebrating 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.

Saturday 8th October Autumn Social.

Details in later Village Voice. Watch the website and Notice Boards for details.

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 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 onslowresidents@gmail.com
or phone 01483 574546 or 01483 571807.

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

SOME OF OUR MIDDLE AGE HISTORY

It's not what you might first think of as Middle Aged!

A Pilgrim progressed through Onslow Village after surprising our vicar Beverly at a service she held at St Mary's.

Steven Payne achieved his aim to be the first in 500 years to walk the Pilgrim's Way from Southampton to the shrine of Becket at Canterbury in authentic 14th century clothing made in the same way they would have been in 1365. He had a few hours in the village here before heading off at 7 p.m. towards Dorking on a wet winters night. He arrived as planned at the shrine on the 29th December, Thomas Becket Saint's day.



'The Battle of Guildford at Gill Down on Wednesday 14th June 1497'

Over 500 years ago, in an almost forgotten episode in the Town's history, Guildford was occupied by an army of perhaps as many as 15000 insurgents, en route to an attack on the capital. The authorities in London, shaken at the arrival of such a force and far from confident of success, sent out a probing force to engage the Cornish rebels. The two sides clashed just outside Guildford and the Town thus saw its first military action since high medieval times. Thankfully, despite subsequent Civil and World Wars, it has remained largely undisturbed ever since..

What are the major milestones of this great area overlooking Guildford, Surrey and London? Do you want to help us compile our list?

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...**Safeguard Coaches** for all sorts of reasons. They are introducing a Sunday Bus Service from the Town to the RSCH. They are introducing changes, reducing the travel cost for some customers. They also won Gold at the UK Bus Awards last November.

....the **Garden Club** which is celebrating it's 70th Birthday in 2016. Meetings always begin at 7-30 with refreshments at the break and a chance to look at the Sales Table and buy raffle tickets. See you at the next meeting at the Village Hall on the 17th February? Enquiries to Joyce Mathews. 01483 577035

and in 2017

We wish All Saints Church well in their preparations to celebrate 50 years on Easter Day next year. Have you any special memories or photos?

Community Notice Board

The Watts' Studio which is part of 'Limnerslease' (the Watts home) in Compton has now been opened for the first time. See their website or phone 01483 810235 for details.

Guildford Shakespeare Company "A Winters Tale" Holy Trinity Church. 8th till Saturday 27th February (24 performances) For tickets..call 01483 304384 or book on their website.

Guildford Choral "Verdi Requiem Singing Day" to held at the Normandy Village Hall Saturday 27th February www.guilddfordchoral.org

Vivace Chorus "A Night at the Opera" Saturday 5th March. ticketing@Glive.co.uk

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

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

Your Onslow Ward Councillors are....

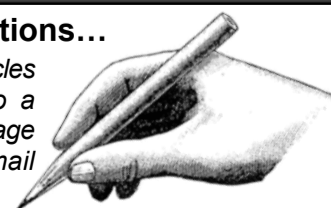
Councillor Adrian Chandler Conservative
Councillor David Goodwin Liberal Democrats
Councillor Tony Phillips Liberal Democrats

Home-Start Guildford are looking for volunteers with parenting experience to provide home visiting for families with children under 5 who are having difficulty coping. To join the Volunteer Preparation Course call Harriet on 01483 511181 or email office@hsguildford.org.uk

Neighbourhood Angels connects volunteer befrienders with lonely or isolated elderly people. To volunteer call Rachel on 07796 098077
rachel.guilford@cofeguildford.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



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