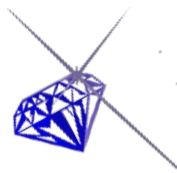


THE NEWSLETTER OF ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - ISSUE FORTYFIFTH- SUMMER 2016

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, especially those where we can involve the local clubs and organisation.

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.

Colour versions. You can print colour versions of your Home Calendar and this Village Voice from our website - <http://www.surreycommunity.info/ovra/>



Now we are 60



Our Celebration Street Party



In The Square on Sunday 12th June, celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday and the 60th year of OVRA



THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESSES, LOCAL COUNCIL, CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS, PINK PARROT DISCO, THE VILLAGE HALL, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND THE THROG OF LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO BRAVED THE THREATENING WEATHER TO MAKE THIS SUCH A COLOURFUL AND HAPPY EVENT.



A Couple of RANTs - Do you care?

Is there no kudos in striving to maintain the appearance of the Village?

An 'iconic' element of street furniture at an entrance to the Village must be the iron fencing on 3 of the corners at the Crossways. In April a car demolished one of these fences ; luckily no one was injured. If another car had been involved it would have been repaired by now and the insurance claim would have been settled. However, GBC do not seem to have a date for the repairs to the fencing.

And don't get me started on Parking. Under 'The Law' anyone can dump a car outside your house blocking your driveway and if it is Taxed, has an MoT and is not illegally parked it will stay there until the Tax or MoT runs out. If there is no evidence that it has been abandoned, no authority has the right to investigate and trace the owner. In the olden days the milkman wouldn't let the milk pile up on your doorstep without doing something about it, but now a car parked for days or weeks is considered to be nothing unusual. By the way, I do not have a problem with parked cars, so this is an observation and not a personal gripe.

The playground on the Recreation Ground will close on Monday 27th June to prepare the site for construction of the new play area.

The Local Plan CONSULTATION ends on 18th July - Have your say.

It was published on April 5 and can be viewed at the OVRA website link

In summary it proposes the following for the Blackwell Farm site:

- 1,800 new homes
- extension of the Surrey Research Park (10-11 hectares)
- a new traffic-light controlled junction on the A31 at Down Place,
- secondary access at Egerton Road via Gill Avenue
- a two-form entry junior school, GP surgery and retail outlets
- 6 travellers' pitches

OVRA Tuesday Talks - to be held at the Village Hall

Tue 12th July Watts Gallery and its' 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.

Tue 13th September Riding for the Disabled Association

Liz Harrison describes the work of this charity. The horses and ponies provide therapy and fun to people all over the U.K.

Tue 8th November The Ferguson Gang at Shalford Mill

Polly Bagnall and Sally Beck describe the mysterious group of young women who in the 1930s saved Shalford Mill for the National Trust.

Tue 10th January 2017 Dennis Brothers - Guildford's involvement in the motor industry by Roger Nicholas

Tue 14th March 2017 AGM followed by **'Prince Charles, Bombs and Barry'** Barry Buttenshaw's describes his career in RAOC, the SAS and as personal bodyguard to Prince Charles.

and other OVRA Social Events

Saturday Socials 8th October Autumn and 11th February 2017 Spring
Details in future Village Voice - watch the website and the Notice Boards



Recent OVRA activities

In addition to the showing of the film Brooklyn on the 28th April and our village celebration Street Party we hosted two presentations. On the 10th May Roger Nicholas gave us a fascinating glimpse of **Guildford in 1913**, the last year of peace before WWI. Roger's fee was donated to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

Then on the 14th June John Owen Smith in a talk called **'A Parcel of Gold for Edith'** told us the story of the discovery and research into seven letters sent by a Pioneering Women who at the age of 19 left Portsmouth to spent the rest of her life in Australia, much of it in the gold fields of Bendigo. The letters were sent between 1853 and 1875.

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The Garden Club Report and a Happy 70th to you from OVRA

As some of you may have seen from a report and photographs in the Surrey Advertiser, Onslow Village Garden Club and Onslow Infant School ran a miniature container garden competition, to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. As the school has recently started its Eco-Schools incentive, the children were also asked to include environmental or ecofriendly ideas. Sandi Fox and Val Brayne from the club had the challenging job of judging the competition. It took them nearly two hours to make their decisions as there were so many entries!

We may have experienced heavy rain showers and bursts of sunshine during the day but come the evening our June Show in Johns Hall was full of mid summer blooms and scents from our exhibits. Many of the Show Classes had a Tea Party Theme! Whilst the judging was taking place Club members and visitors were given a talk by Colin Jones and we were taken "Around The World in 80 Gardens".

Our July meeting is the main event of our 70th Anniversary Celebrations. Our members and invited guests will enjoy a specially commissioned talk by David Rose. There will be glasses to raise and a cake to cut and many happy memories to think back on. This meeting will be for members only.

There is no club meeting in August, but on Saturday 3rd September we are holding our 70th Annual Show. This will be open to the public at 3 pm. The classes for cookery, crafts and photography as well as the usual fruit, flowers, vegetables and floral art will have already been judged. The prizes will be presented at 4 pm by a representative from Cherry Trees Charity. There will light refreshments. It will be good to welcome you all and we might even be able to encourage some of you to come to our Club Meetings as a visitor or new member!

Our meeting on Wednesday 21st September is called "Ask the Experts and Tips from the Potting Shed". Our visiting experts are Jean Griffin and John Negus. Both broadcast regularly on local radio and are very knowledgeable and lively! It should be an entertaining evening. So if you need some gardening advice or have a gardening question why not come along.

The Club meets on the third Wednesday evening of each month at 7.30 pm, excluding August and December. Visitors and new members are most welcome, so why not come along to one of our meetings and help us to make our 70th Anniversary Year memorable and successful.
Phone 01483 538996 for further details.



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 07887 721 969 or 01483 566353.

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



The Onslow Village Lawn Tennis Club

OVLTTC has been at the heart of village life for approaching a century. The club has been providing tennis since 1922 for generations of people from Onslow and the surrounding areas. The club has four floodlit courts. Courts three and four were re-surfaced this Spring. The club also has a welcoming clubhouse in a wonderful setting at the edge of the Recreation Grounds.

OVLTTC is a friendly club offering tennis for all standards of player. There is junior coaching on Mondays and Fridays, and an Academy for improvers and "rusty returners" on Wednesdays. For those who prefer their tennis with a more competitive edge the club fields three womens and three mens teams in local leagues, both summer and winter.

Club play takes place on Saturdays, and Tuesdays during the summer season. There are also regular social events and a long-established quiz night which takes place at the village hall and where non-members are very welcome.

This year's quiz is on Saturday 12th November

If you're thinking of joining the club please visit the website onslowtennisclub.co.uk. And why not pop along on Saturday 16th July for the club finals to enjoy the tennis and a barbecue.....

Currently OVRA represents about 200 households in the area. If you have read this V.V. please pass it to a neighbour who hasn't yet joined.



We have cleaned the 'Boxes' again this year just prior to the Party in the Square....

....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.

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.

Community Notice Board

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Although our Parish has been in existence since the 1920s, by Easter 2017 the current building will have been there for 50 years. We want to produce a pamphlet on the history of our Church. If any of your readers have any information relevant to the history of All Saints' Church, or of any of its activities or organisations, it would be an enormous help if you could please send it to me either at michaelgwodcock@googlemail.com or 5 Wilderness Rd, but please, please mark the subject as "ASC history".

After about 10 years of using their Post Code based Neighbourhood Watch listing system, Surrey Police are switching over to a new system called.....**Neighbourhood Alert** (aka 'In The Know') which Sussex are already using. Surrey Police hopes that by mid/end June they will be able introduce it.

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

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/*

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

