

OVRA Tuesday Talks - to be held at the Village Hall

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 Royal Army Ordnance Corps, the SAS and as personal bodyguard to Prince Charles.

and other OVRA Social Events

Saturday 11th February 2017 Spring Social.

Details in future Village Voice and watch the website and the Notice Boards for details. *Please note : due to other commitments your committee are unable to go ahead with the Autumn Social that would have been held on the 8th October. OVRA needs your support and more members who are able to join the committee and organise events.*

Recent OVRA activities

Before our summer break in activities, on the 12th July Sue Lippett from Watts Gallery in Compton told us of George Frederic Watts OM RA the artist, the story of Watts Gallery and the £11 million restoration project undertaken from 2008 to 2011. Watts was named after George Frideric Handel as he shared his birthday with the great composer. In her talk Sue reminded us that in his lifetime Watts was a famous and celebrated artist and although less well known today by the general public, his paintings endure. 'Hope' was the image that inspired Barack Obama on his road to the White House. The Gallery and Artist Village, and the Chapel are so close and well worth visiting, regularly. The Watts home, Limnerslease is only open to pre booked organised tours. See their website or phone 01483 810235 for details.

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WALK FOR WATTS

On Saturday 20 July Watts Gallery – Artists' Village hosted a day of charity fundraising walks in aid of much needed repairs and restoration to the Watts Chapel in Down Lane Compton designed by Mary Watts, wife of G F Watts. The chapel is recognised as one of the finest examples of Art Nouveau decoration in the world, but 110 years of time and weather is beginning to take its toll.

Over 40 walkers arrived on a wet and blustery morning, some to be transported up to Ranmore Common by a coach, kindly provided for the purpose by Safeguard Coaches of Guildford, to walk the 13.5 miles back to Watts Gallery via the North Downs Way.

Meanwhile, the remaining walkers set off on a more leisurely 3.5 mile walk from the Gallery, along the part of the North Downs Way and skirting the Loseley Estate, back to the Gallery.

Fortunately the weather improved and all returned in the dry some 5 hours later from the long walk to welcome refreshments laid on back at Watts Gallery – Artists' Village, including a brave walker who completed the 13.5 mile walk dressed as G F Watts himself! (see photo)

In total almost £5,000 was raised on the day with pledges still arriving.

Following the success of this year's walk, it is planned to hold a similar event next year to which all – young and old – will be welcome.



Village Heritage Postcards



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



There is a well known saying that goes....

"be careful what you wish for".....but more about this later!

At our July meeting Onslow Village Garden Club celebrated its 70th Anniversary. We had a wonderful evening with The Lord Lieutenant of Surrey Mr Michael More-Molyneux, The Mayor of Guildford Councillor Gordon Jackson and from the Surrey Horticultural Federation Mrs Daphne Foulsham, Mr Richard Tabor and Mr Brian Deaville to name just a few of our invited guests that joined our members at this special occasion. David Rose gave a specially commissioned talk on Onslow Village immediately after the Second World War and how gardening gradually evolved from self sufficiency towards gardens as we know them today.

The celebration cake was cut by Margaret Arni, Joan Tubbs and Sheila Lambert whose fathers were long standing club members.

Three days later and it was the club annual outing....this year to Arundel Castle. It is such an imposing castle.....and here I have to mention that the Castle staff and volunteers were so friendly and helpful.....the gardens were beautiful and we saw them on a perfect summers day.

Club members also enjoyed an evening in June visiting four wonderful Village gardens and the refreshments that were offered and there were also three cream teas in the Chairman's (rather inadequate!) garden in June and July. We had just a small shower of rain on the last one.... but everyone insisted on staying under the gazebos until the sunshine came out. We Garden Club members are a hardy group!

The Clubs 70th Annual Show was on Saturday 3rd September. The hall was full of beautiful flowers, perfect fruit and vegetables, tasty home cooking and impressive and creative handicrafts. The club really does have many talents amongst its members. The local charity Cherry Trees representative and Trustee Cathy McMullan presented the prizes and a collection was made for the charity. Visitors to the show in the afternoon enjoyed viewing the exhibits and the prize giving and meeting friends over a cup of tea and cake.

Our meeting on Wednesday 21st September is called "Ask the Experts and Tips from the Potting Shed" with Jean Griffin and John Negus. Both broadcast regularly on local radio.

For our October meeting we are having a harvest supper.....well actually it is a fish and chip supper (our members must prebook and prepay). There will be a talk and demonstration on Pumpkin growing and carving and the clubs Pumpkin competition. To round off the Clubs busy year, as usual in November it will be the Annual General Meeting.

Now to go back to where I started....."be careful what you wish for"....in the many months of planning for our July 70th Celebrations, we always hoped that we would have a lovely summers evening. Gosh was it hot....a 90 degree day.....the Club can certainly celebrate in style....and in the heat!

The Club meets on the third Wednesday evening of each month at 7.30pm, excluding August and December. Visitors and new members are most welcome. Do please phone 01483 538996 for further details.

Community Notice Board



Charity Fund Raiser - in aid of Mulberry House

QUIZ N' CHILLI NIGHT

Onslow Village W.I.

Friday 30th September at Onslow Village Hall Phone 01483 566353 for details

November Celebrations

Saturday 5th Guildford Lions annual torchlight procession and fireworks display

Thursday 17th Guildford Christmas Lights Switch ON

Weekend 26th & 27th Watts Victorian Christmas

for details Phone 01483 810235 <http://www.wattsgallery.org.uk/>

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH Pamphlet to celebrate 50 years in 2017

If you have any relevant information on the history of All Saints' Church or about any of its activities or organisations, it would be an enormous help if you could please notify me at michaelgwodcock@googlemail.com or 5 Wilderness Rd, but please mark the subject as "ASC history".

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Councillor Adrian Chandler Conservative

Councillor David Goodwin Liberal Democrats

Councillor Tony Phillips Liberal Democrats

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volunteer befrienders with lonely or

isolated elderly people. To volunteer

call Rachel on 07796 098077

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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

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