



Late by Design

We delayed this issue of 'YOUR' Village Voice to include some hot topics which are now 'at the boil', such as our

Film & Social Evening

ONSLOW VILLAGE HALL

on Saturday 25 February 2017

Doors open 7.00 p.m.

with wine, cheese & pâté refreshments, bar*

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* Complimentary 1st glass of wine .Soft Drinks also available

Tickets : £10 available from 571807, 573665. 07932 602275

or from : Wilderness Café or Williams Newsagents

NEW FOR 2017

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 organisations.

In addition, we are working towards preserving the image of the village where damage to its character occurs and identifying new projects. Currently we are discussing the introduction of a Village Sign and sponsoring a new and distinctive bench in the Rec.

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.

Currently OVRA represents over 200 households in the area. If you have read this V.V. pass it to a neighbour and if they have not yet joined please encourage them to.

P.S. membership is open to all, even if you live elsewhere.

Could you use your I.T. skills managing our website or producing the V. V.? We would love to encourage our talented members so get in touch.

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

How the Village Hall Film Shows Work

For those who haven't attended any films or presentations in the main Hall you will not have seen the large screen and powerful ceiling mounted projector working or experienced 'Neighbourhood Cinema'. Those who came to our films last spring certainly enjoyed them and they are back this year by popular demand.

In response to a growing level of 'piracy', the distribution of films is more tightly controlled than ever and the fees are high. We use an outlet that spreads the distribution fee across its members (numbering 210+ communities) for their selection of films in each season. This limits the choice of films available but there are usually enough good films that match our audience. Sadly, and we have investigated, these outlets have given up on children's films as they could not recover their costs and the 'Neighbourhood Cinemas' lost money on them.

Most of the films we show are already released on DVD so we can obtain the film well before the event. If however the film is new and the DVD is not released, we have to get the DVD from the distributor. In this case the DVD arrives by post shortly before the showing and has to be forwarded to the next group a.s.a.p. the next day - a somewhat more stressful process.

We do hope that the choice of films meets with your approval and they are of such quality that you would like to see them again even if you have already had the pleasure. And, any budding cinematographer who wants to gain experience - please step forward.

Our congratulations to All Saints' Church - 50 this Year

AND MORE GOOD NEWS

The Village Hall Management and OVRA have saved the Telephone Box, an icon of our Conservation Area and a major feature in the Village. We await details of the transfer from BT but we have been informed that our box and a couple of others in the Borough have been saved. These will now become a rare but distinctive sight in Great Britain.

Quite a few people have put forward suggestions for using the box including an exchange library, a collection point for the Village Voice, an ink cartridge and battery recycling point and a site for an AED - see below.



AND EVEN MORE 'HEART' WARMING NEWS

An application for a Automated External Defibrillator and associated equipment has been approved. We hope to site this in the Telephone Kiosk or outside the Village Hall. This acquisition has been achieved by the Village Hall Management and the Onslow Village W I* who will now be liaising with other groups, the businesses in the Square and the regular users of the Village Hall to ensure that all are aware of this facility.



* Onslow Village W I meets at the Village Hall the first Wednesday of each Month at 7:30 pm



Our Hedges

Hedges make Onslow Village. They are arguably the most evocative element in our urban landscape, the first vision that confirms that your journey home is completed. Even in the brown of winter, they screen us from unsightly traffic and deaden the clatter of modern existence.

All this is true but this beauty comes at a cost if it is not constrained. Hedges can make Onslow Village unpassable in places.

In preparation for work on the pathways in Manor Way, the Local Highway Officer, Surrey Highways has defined the bounds of the hedges and also marked out the roadside grass edges. Sadly, this was before the recent rain, but hopefully enough of the white lining will survive the winter deluge to enable the hedges to be trimmed.

There is plenty of advice available on controlling beech hedging. The RHS website recommends .. "To renovate an overgrown beech hedge, cut it back hard in February while still dormant but delay if the weather is very cold. If the height needs reducing by 50 percent or more, then stagger pruning over two seasons rather than doing it all at once. If the sides need drastic reduction, then do one side and the top in the first year, leaving the other side to the second year."

Some months ago a resident sent me this.. "Many hedges are trimmed but do not receive the hard cut back. As a result many paths are single file and in places you have to walk on the green verge especially on dustbin days. They encourage school children to walk in the road. Years ago we had 3 separate young road deaths in the village but thankfully no incidents for years. Better to be over cautious than sorry."

Our Picture Gallery



OVRA Tuesday Talks - to be held at the Village Hall

Tue 14th March 2017 The **OVRA AGM** followed by **'Prince Charles, Bombs and Barry'** Barry Buttenshaw's describes his career as a bomb disposal officer in Royal Army Ordnance Corps attached to the SAS and to Prince Charles' personal protection team when he was at Aberystwyth University and during his investiture as Prince of Wales and the tour of Wales.

Tue 11th April **"Clandon Park rising from the Ashes"** Claire Nodder the Clandon Park House Manager will be here to tell us about the fire at Clandon Park, the salvage, what they have been doing since the fire and what the plans for the future are. Her fee is donated to the National Trust.

Tue 9th May **"Supporting African Grandmothers"**. The Guildford and Godalming Grandmothers' Group (4Gs).

Tue 13th June **"London's Lost Route to the Sea"**.
The Wey and Arun Canal Trust (WACT).

and other OVRA Social Events

Saturday 25th February Film and Social Evening.
'Florence Foster Jenkins'

Saturday 25th March Film Night Onslow Village Hall Doors open 7:15 pm
'A Street Cat Named Bob'
James Bowen, 37, wrote the story about his time as a homeless busker who adopted Bob the cat in London.

Saturday 22nd April Film Night Onslow Village Hall Doors open 7:15 pm
'Ethel and Ernest'
This hand drawn animated film, based on the award winning graphic novel by Raymond Briggs (remember The Snowman!), is an intimate and affectionate depiction of the life and times of his parents, two ordinary Londoners living through extraordinary events.

Saturday 6th May Film Night Onslow Village Hall Doors open 7:15 pm
'The Girl on the Train'
A divorcee becomes entangled in a missing persons investigation that promises to send shockwaves throughout her life.

The **October Autumn Social** - to be announced.

Recent OVRA activities

Since the last issue we have enjoyed evenings with.....
'Riding for the Disabled Association'. Liz Harrison described the work of this charity showing some of the horses and ponies providing therapy and fun to people all over the U.K.
'The Ferguson Gang at Shalford Mill'. Polly Bagnall and Sally Beck described the mysterious group of young women who in the 1930s saved Shalford Mill for the National Trust
Roger Nicholas told us about **'Dennis Brothers - Guildford's involvement in the motor industry'**. Roger donated his fee to the Poppy Appeal.

Do you want to give a little of your time to your village community. *OVRA needs your support and more members who are able to join the committee and organise events.*

OVRA intends to have a collection for the Guildford food bank this year with details to follow in future editions and via membership correspondence.

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 07887 721 969 or 01483 566353.

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

Community Notice Board

The Garden Club Report

Having completed a great 70th Year Celebration we enter year 71!

Kevin Hobbs from Hilliers Nursery, Hampshire visits the Club in February. He is Head of Research and Development at Hilliers and has more than 30 years experience in the Horticulture Industry. His talk is about Planting with Grasses and Perennials.

We are hoping that the weather will give us just the right conditions for our exhibits for our Spring Show at our March meeting. Whilst the judging takes place, we will have a talk on "The Work of Surrey Wildlife Trust" by Jamel Guenioui.

Further into the Club year we are looking forward to talks on Spring Flowering Perennials, Kitchen Gardening, a Therapy Garden and of course our May Table Top Sale. But let us not speed 2017 along too quickly! We have an exciting and full year ahead with talks and events.

Why not come along and meet us. The Club welcomes visitors and new members.. Make it your New Years Resolution to come to our meetings. They are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm (excluding August and December). Do please ring 01483 538996 for further details.

GUILDFORD EVENING DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY
"Building with Light & Space". Rick Mather's Millennium Museum.

GEDFAS monthly lecture at Onslow Village Hall on 8th February.
Speaker : Andrew Hopkins Visitors welcome £10.
Tea & Coffee from 7.30 pm. Lecture starts 8.00 pm

The millennium saw the transformation of several major museums by Rick Mather, Architects. We look at the architectural strategies and principals used to transform museums into modern masterpieces while preserving historical buildings and creating spaces and places people love to visit.
Sponsored by Williams Property Management

Congratulations to Safeguard for all sorts of reasons. Their improved service on The Chase, including evening buses until 9pm, will be of direct benefit to Onslow Village residents living to the lower parts of the village (nearest bus stops at One Stop and Elmside).

See www.guildfordbus.co.uk for all services



Queen Eleanor's C of E Junior School

Happy Circus Friday 21st April 2017

Welcome to the new business in the Square

'Solely Feet Foot Clinic'

Tel : 01483 569550 or <https://www.facebook.com/SolelyFeet/> or 'just walk in'.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Celebrating 50 Years over 50 Days 16th April to 4th June

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".

After about 10 years of using their Post Code based Neighbourhood Watch listing system, Surrey Police have switched over to a new on-line system called.....**Neighbourhood Alert** (aka 'In The Know') at <https://www.intheknow.community/>

Surrey CRIMESTOPPERS

0800 555 111 Call anonymously with information about crimes or go to <http://www.surrey.police.uk/guildford/onslow-university>

DO NOT dial 0809, 0284 or 0876 numbers from the 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 40 to 74. For more information, go to www.healthysurrey.org.uk/your-health/health-checks/

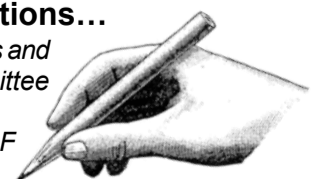
Your Onslow Ward Councillors are....
Councillor Adrian Chandler Conservative
Councillor David Goodwin Liberal Democrats
Councillor Tony Phillips Liberal Democrats

Neighbourhood Angels connects 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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or email esamgem@btinternet.com



The COPY DATE for the Spring edition is 2nd March 2017.