

THE VILLAGE VOICE



THE NEWSLETTER OF ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - ISSUE FORTYEIGHT - SPRING 2017

Recent OVRA activities

This year we have had presentations from a number of speakers who have donated their fees to worthy causes. Roger Nicholas told us about 'Dennis Brothers - Guildford's involvement in the motor industry'. Roger donated his fee to the Poppy Appeal.

Then in March our **OVRA AGM** was followed by 'Prince Charles, Bombs and Barry' with Barry Buttenshaw's describing 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. Barry donated his fee to the long running and very successful Rotary Club Polio programme. They, along with their partner organisations, have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Last month in "Clandon Park rising from the Ashes" June Davy told 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 was donated to the National Trust.

A few days ago the Guildford and Godalming Grandmothers' Group (4Gs) gave a presentation on "Supporting African Grandmothers" to promote and support their work.

Film Evenings We put on four films from February to early May. The first was a social evening with a showing of "Florence Foster Jenkins". The other films were "A Street Cat Named Bob", "Ethel and Ernest" and "Sully".



YOUR OVRA HOME CALENDAR

OVRA Tuesday Talks - to be held at the Village Hall

Tuesday 13 June	"London's Lost Route to the Sea". The Wey and Arun Canal Trust (WACT).
Tuesday 12 September	"Silent Pool Distillers" £ Don't forget your wallet
Tuesday 14 November	Event in aid of the 'The North Guildford Food Bank'
Tuesday 16 January 2018	"A small slice of the Big Apple - New York" presented by Neil Sadler
Tuesday 13 March 2018	AGM followed by "Training Assistance Dogs"

For all of the above talks..

Doors Open 7.15.p.m. Tea & Coffee available. Presentations start : 7.45. p.m.

OVRA Members: Entrance free on presentation of your membership card. Visitors: £3

Please bring your membership card or join/renew on the night

and other OVRA Social Events

Sunday 9 July Picnic on the Recreation Grounds BYO
See overleaf

Saturday 7 October The Autumn Social - to be announced.

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 well over 150 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 the links on our website - <http://www.surreycommunity.info/ovra/>

Our congratulations to All Saints' Church - 50 this Year

AND MORE GOOD NEWS



Your Village owns its Phone Box

Following a joint effort by OVRA and the Village Hall, the iconic red phone box has now been saved from removal and the BT equipment has been removed. It now falls to us as residents and members to fulfil our commitment to continue with its upkeep and utilise it for community use. There are plenty of suggested uses - a distribution point for the Village Voice, mini library, umbrella borrow and return, battery and ink cartridge recycle, and additional community notice board. We can of course accommodate several of the suggestions at the same time, or rotate them as and when. Perhaps we should have a community suggestion box as well.

If you want to help **restore it** or if you have any **other ideas** for using it please 'contact us'.

AND EVEN MORE 'HEART' WARMING NEWS

The **Automated External Defibrillator** and associated equipment has been delivered. As there is no power supply in the phone box it is most likely to be positioned on the outside wall of the Village Hall. This acquisition has been achieved by the Village Hall Management and the Onslow Village WI* 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 and to arrange training..



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



ONSLow INFANTS SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 20th May. These events are vital to the fundraising activities of the the school and are also always a great couple of hours of fun for those attending. This year the theme is Beach Party with prizes for the best themed fancy dress, if you are feeling brave! The school is looking for donations of clean empty jam jars (with lids), children books for the stall and also flip flops - yes you did read correctly for a fun game they are planning ! If anyone from OVRA would like to volunteer to host our stand please let us know, its always good to have a presence and previously we have been incorporated into the "guess how many sweets are in the jar" game so at least you will get plenty of visitors at our stall !

Please email Howard Moss at onslowresidents@gmail.com



DAFFODIL PLANTING



The final phase of the refurbishment works to the play area included the planting of six new trees which has been completed. In the Autumn of this year a mass planting of daffodils will be undertaken. The Parks and Leisure department are looking for community volunteers to assist with this. The Gardening club and the Cub Scouts have volunteered. If you wish to also get involved please watch out for future notes in the next issues of the Village Voice and Website.



David's Message

In case you missed this, David Goodwin our County Councillor's reported statement following the elections.....
"I am very happy and grateful to the people of Guildford South West. My priority is to try and introduce 20 mph speed restrictions throughout my divisions on residential roads."



<http://www.20splenty.org/>

The Picnic on the Recreation Ground on the 9th July



From late morning through the warm and dry afternoon.

We are contacting as many groups and individuals as we can to join us in a BYO picnic on the Recreation Ground. We are asking local groups and others who use the village amenities to join in and come along with their own ideas to add to the day. If you give us your thoughts and ideas we will add them into the mix. We have wonderful open spaces within the Village that deserve to be used to their full potential and it is heartening to see that most of the time they are.

Let us know your thoughts on the event at onslowresidents@gmail.com



Is anyone organising a "The Great Get Together" event?

We have been asked if we are participating in "The Great Get Together" event in June. We wanted to but too many of the Committee are unavailable for these dates. We are arranging a community picnic on the Rec on Sunday 9th July. However, if YOU are able to organise a village event in the Square for this event that would be GREAT.

Currently across the country there are close to 18,500 events already planned. More information and organisation packs are available at <https://www.greatgettogether.org/about/>

OVRA intends to have a collection for the Guildford food bank this year with details to follow in future editions and via membership correspondence. The main event will be at our meeting in November.

Developments in the Area

The Local Plan being prepared by Guildford Borough Council contains proposals to build 1800 houses, six Travellers Sites, possibly two schools, a supermarket and an extension of the Research Park on Blackwell Farm which as most will know is situated at this end of The Hog's Back near the A31 junction with the A3. There is a lot more information on-line at www.savehogsback.co.uk and of course on the GBC website at <http://www.guildford.gov.uk/newlocalplan/>

GBC are asking for targeted public consultation from 9th June to 24th July 2017 but they are only allowing comments about the proposed changes to the plan.

Next Door. For those who are unaware of this website it is very local to each area and has a Calendar of Events and other information under categories such as Lost and Found, Crime and Safety, Free Items, and Classifieds. Find it at..... https://onslowguildford.nextdoor.co.uk/news_feed/

VANDALISM ON THE RECREATION GROUND

Sadly we have had to take steps to protect our Village facilities for those from the Village and elsewhere who value them. There are some who don't seem to know how fortunate they are to live here. You may have seen our posters.

There have been several instances of vandalism to the benches at the new playground, this is a real shame as a lot of hard work and effort went into getting this amazing facility installed. The parks and leisure department, all three local councillors and the police have been informed, and the police have recorded it as a crime. With the longer evenings and Summer weather on its way please keep your eyes peeled and if you see anything suspicious report it to police BUT do not tackle anyone yourselves. The more instances that are reported, the easier it is for the police to build up a picture of what is happening and catch those responsible.



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.

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 562106 or 01483 566353.

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

Community Notice Board

The Garden Club Report

To celebrate the Garden Clubs 70th Anniversary, we were delighted to give Onslow Infant School a Cox's Orange Pippin Apple Tree. Two Club Committee members, with the help from some very enthusiastic and knowledgeable Year 2 pupils, planted the tree and its plaque at the end of March. We feel sure that current and future pupils will gain much from watching the tree grow and that it will inspire a variety of teaching and learning opportunities. The Garden Club will look forward to updates on the tree in the years to come.

The weather in March also contributed in providing just the right conditions for a record number of entries to the Spring Show.

We held the Clubs Table Top Sale in Onslow Village Hall on Saturday 6th May. There was a rich variety on the tables to tempt our visitors.....plants, homemade cakes, books, bric a brac, a raffle, jigsaws, cards, wood turning items, candles, knitted and crochet items and much more - and refreshments.

If you are keen on growing vegetables or are thinking of starting to grow vegetables then come along to our May meeting to enjoy Barry Newmans talk.

At our June meeting we will welcome Sally Wooding to talk about The Therapy Garden, Normandy. It will also be the Clubs Summer Show night.

To inspire us all to visit as many gardens as possible in the summer, our July talk will be on City of London Gardens.

Add to this our calendar of Garden Visits in early June and early July and you can see that the Club has so much to offer and interest everyone.

We welcome visitors and new members and we look forward to seeing you at one of our events. Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm (excluding August and December). Ring 01483 538996 for further details.

GUILDFORD EVENING DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY

The GEDFAS next monthly lecture at Onslow Village Hall on **14th June.**

Three Great Families and their Gardens: a history of the Astors, the Rothschilds and the Sackville Wests

Tea & Coffee from 7.30 pm. Lecture starts 8.00 pm Visitors welcome £10.

The Guildford Institute Historic Library has been in the same room since 1892.

They required **Volunteers.** Please email Vicky@guildford-institute.org.uk or library@guildford-institute.org.uk or call 01483 562142.



Saturday 8th July 10am - 12 noon

Park Barn Community Centre, Cabell Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 8JH

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

They are celebrating our 20th Anniversary this year. see <http://hsguildford.org.uk/>

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH History

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".

Neighbourhood Alert (aka 'In The Know') at

<https://www.intheknow.community/>

The Sussex and Surrey name for Neighbourhood Alert is there to inform everyone signed up to it about things they wish to know.

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/

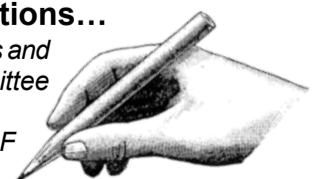
Your Onslow Ward Councillors are....
Councillor Adrian Chandler Conservative
Councillor David Goodwin Liberal Democrats
Councillor Tony Phillips Liberal Democrats

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



The COPY DATE for the Summer edition is 2nd August 2017.