THE VILLAGE VOICE

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ONSLOW VILLAGE **RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

YOUR OVRA HOME CALENDAR

OVRA Tuesday Talks - to be held at the Village Hall

Tuesday 12 September	"Silent	Pool Distillers'' දි Don't forget your walletද
Saturday 7 October	The Autumn Social - to be announced.	
Tuesday 14 November	The North Guildford Food Bank	
Tuesday 16 January 2018	y 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		

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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

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

and other OVRA Social 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. The main event will be at our meeting in November.

Recent OVRA activities

As reported in the Spring edition we have had presentations from a number of speakers through the year. Our final evening before the summer break was held in June with a presentation of "London's Lost Route to the Sea" given by the Wey and Arun Canal Trust (WACT).

The Picnic on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 9th July

The weather was kind to all who came and enjoyed the afternoon on the Rec and in the Arboretum. OVRA would like to thank the Scouts, the W.I., Richard Musgrove (our Community Warden who organised a children's trail in the arboretum) and the Tennis Club for their support.

We took some pictures while we were setting up when there were still cakes on the W.I. stand and we were putting out some of



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Thanks to the inspiration of a local resident and WI Member who started the process, a successful application to the + BHF by the Village Hall Management Committee Chairman, Mike Gadsby, and ongoing support by Onslow Village WI, co-ordinated by Pat Radcliffe, the village has its own INSPIRING WOMEN Automated External Defibrillator (AED).



PRICELESS

This is now installed and ready for use on the external wall of the Village Hall. Future care of the unit will be the responsibility of Onslow Village WI with financial support from the Village Hall Management.

We would like as many local residents to be familiar with the device. Safe use is aided by reassuring and easy to follow programmed audible instructions. Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is part of this procedure and a valuable potentially life-saving skill. If you are interested in small-group training sessions individually or as a member of a local group, business or organisation, please email or call the contact details below.

Let's make Onslow Village heart health aware.



Thank you, Pat Radcliffe, on behalf of Onslow Village WI.

REMEMBER - CALL 999 BEFORE USING THE AED

To report use of the AED, request training or have any queries answered

Please email: onslowvillageaed@virginmedia.com or call: 01483 829707

Our Village AED box shown in position alongside the Main Doors to the Village Hall with its external sensor light and level / ramp access to the car park and road.

Onslow Village W. I. - Date for your Diary

Friday 13th October 7:30 Charity Quiz Night in aid of the Guildford Street Angels to be held at Onslow Village Hall Supper and Licensed Bar

The W.I. meet at the Village Hall the first Wednesday of each Month at 7:30 pm.

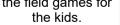
The Village Hall have bought new chairs for use in the Main Hall. Enough chairs for most meetings are stored in the room off the Main Hall by the kitchen but additional chairs are available for the larger events. Two lightweight trolleys are available to move stacks of the chairs around the hall. This and the AED installation are the latest in the long list of improvements to the Village Hall facilities. The hall management has also been instrumental in retaining and refurbishing the Village Telephone Box.

News from the Recreation Ground and Arboretum

As we go to distribution the football pitch has been marked out, a sure sign of the change of season. The play area is well used (weather permitting) and has been a great success. Sadly we have had to take steps to protect our 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.

It seems that the hard standing at the basket ball facility was not large enough so this is being extended. Unfortunately this has meant that for the duration of summer school holidays the court has been restricted by the works fence.

The gate to the arboretum from the 'Rec' has been missing for some years now and





Many enjoyed studying our Heritage Boards



it looks like it will never be replaced.



DAFFODIL PLANTING

Details are awaited.

If you wish to also get involved please watch out for future notes in the next issues of the Village Voice and Website.

Our congratulations to All Saints' Church - 50 this Year

Remember David Goodwin's Message

My priority is to try and introduce 20 mph speed restrictions throughout my divisions on residential roads."



Your Village Phone Box

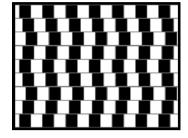


The Telephone Box has been saved and now belongs to the Village. The Hall Management have had it restored. OVRA intend to fit it out for a number of different uses. It now falls to us as residents and members to fulfill our commitment to continue with its upkeep and utilise it for community use. There 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.

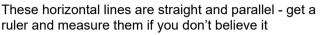
If you have any other ideas for using it please 'contact us". ?

Is the British Summer an illusion?

Here are a couple School Holidays pictures to keep you amused.



Have you got a favourite picture to share? If so send it



Developments in Guildford with access to the "National Park City".

Guildford Borough Council's latest Local Plan consultation closed on the 24th July 2017 with its major housing development proposals reliant upon utilising some of the borough's green fields that are bounded by our most congested roads. But it seems that this route to the supply of affordable housing for the borough may be fully utilised by commuters. This is because, just 40 minutes away in London, the Mayor launched his £9m plan to make London the world's first "national park city" by 2019 stating that "..funding will help make more than 50% of the capital's area green by 2050".

It seems that London has a vision....!

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/

Your Association, OVRA 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 OVRA to serve 'you and yours' and be there for your family we need your influence. Bring your skills to bear by serving on the OVRA 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 180 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.

Please offer your assistance!

Could you use your I.T. skills to managing our website or producing the V. V.?

We would love to encourage our talented members, so please get in touch. Maybe a team of our younger members could apply their design skills to our newsletter?

Community Notice Board

The Garden Club Report



After a busy, interesting and hot summer the Garden Club has enjoyed its summer break and its members have taken advantage of glorious days in gardens near and far.

On Saturday 2nd September it is the Club's Annual Show. Our members will be entering classes for flowers, fruit, vegetables, cooking and handicrafts. The Club wants this show to be bigger than ever as a way to celebrate the commitment, hard work, enthusiasm, encouragement and friendship given by our Show Secretary Terry Flack who sadly died in July. We will be supporting the charity Halow at this event. Do come and visit Onslow Village Hall when visitors are welcome at 3.00pm to come and see the exhibits and prize giving.

Come Autumn have you ever been a little concerned as to whether you are pruning your garden shrubs, trees and plants correctly? If so, then why not come to our September meeting and let our speaker Mark Saunders explain Pruning, A General Guide.

For our October meeting we are looking forward to a talk entitled The History of the Tulip by Mrs Lesley Chamberlain. This talk will no doubt inspire us to plant tulips in anticipation of Spring 2018!

Our final meeting of the year is our November AGM.

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm (excluding August and December) in Onslow Village Hall. We welcome visitors and new members. Ring 01483 538996 for further details.

THE ARTS SOCIETY GUILDFORD

13th September - The next monthly lecture at Onslow Village Hall 'Walter Sickert and The Camden Town Group'

An illustrated lecture by Nicola Moorby

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



Saturday 9th September 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

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



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.

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 find them on the website 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 Autumn edition is 2nd October 2017.