



YOUR OVRA HOME CALENDAR

OVRA Tuesday Talks - to be held at the Village Hall

Tuesday 14 November **The North Guildford Food Bank**
During the evening there will be a presentation by Ann Mather on the work of the organisation. Complimentary tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies on the evening.

Please donate an item (or two) for the Food Bank on the night. It will be great if everyone brings something such as Cereal, Drinking Chocolate, Flour, Tinned Fruit, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Pasta, Sugar and Toilet Rolls.

Operating from St Clare's Park Barn, the New Hope Centre, Bellfields and Bushey Hill Community Centre in Merrow, the organisation has been set up to provide temporary help for individuals and families in the Guildford area who are in need, the goal is to ensure no one goes hungry. The food bank receives donations of non perishable items from schools, churches, businesses and individuals which are then made up into food parcels. The food parcels are then given out in exchange for a food voucher issued by various agencies such as Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Services and the Council to those people experiencing short term financial difficulties, in addition the food bank operates a free cafe, the volunteer staff are always there for people to talk to.

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

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

SPRING SOCIAL Saturday 24th February 2018 7:30 p.m.

OVRA is pleased to present this amazing six piece ukulele ensemble



The Surrey Ukeaholics



at our Spring Social.

Tickets for the evening will go on sale after Christmas and the evening will include a fish and chip supper, a bar as well as tea, coffee and soft drinks.

So Please put the date on your next years calendar.



Recent OVRA activities

As reported in the Summer edition we have had presentations from a number of speakers through the year.

Sadly we did not recover quickly enough from our various summer vacations and other activities to arrange an Autumn Social

Our first evening after the summer break was held on Tuesday 12th September

A presentation evening with "Silent Pool Distiller's".



Fifty Issues of the Village Voice at four issues a year - that takes us back to ????

You do the maths!

Andrew Morgan, Bill Bellerby and others.

We have lost good people from the Village this year, none more so than Andy and Bill. They will be missed by their families and friends.

A memorial service for Bill Bellerby, "Mr Guildford", was held at Holy Trinity Church on the 30th October.

ONSLOW VILLAGE HALL AED



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



We would like our local residents and Hall users to be familiar with the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). 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.

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

Onslow Village Lawn Tennis Club - Date for your Diary

Saturday 11th November 7:30 Quiz Night
to be held at Onslow Village Hall Cost is £10 per person and includes a supper. There will be a cash bar and raffle. This is a public event and welcome to all, teams of up to eight but there is plenty of opportunity to mix in. Please contact Carole for more information Telephone : 01252 511037 Email any1-4tennis@outlook.com

The new chairs in the Village Hall Main Hall and their lightweight trolleys are proving to be a great success. 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. Sadly, this is another project that stalled through the busy summer vacation season that we must revitalise.



News from the Recreation Ground and Arboretum

The leaves have created spectacular splashes of colour though this long trailing drift into Autumn. The play area is still well used (weather permitting) and continues to be a great success. Our GBC Parks & Leisure Services has increased the size of the hard standing at the basket ball facility and marked out the playing area. They have sited two more rubbish bins in the area - much needed. Our thanks to them.

The gate to the arboretum from the 'Rec' has been missing for some years now and it looks like it will never be replaced.

Our congratulations to

All Saints' Church - still in its 50th Year

Remember David Goodwin's Message

This 3D illusion is one idea.
But can you spot the flaw?



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



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



Our Annual Show on the 2nd September was a great success with many entries in 57 classes and it was especially encouraging to have three children enter the "Garden on a Plate" classes. The miniature gardens were so creative and a pleasure to look atand made many of us think back to when we had been children and been encouraged to "make a garden" on a plate or in my case an old wooden seed box! It was good to welcome so many visitors in the afternoon when we opened the hall for the viewing of the many entries.....flowers, fruit, vegetables, handicrafts and cooking and for the prize giving.

At this years Annual Show there was a new award, The Bellerby Trophy Plate. Doreen and Bill Bellerby had had a long friendship with our Club and Doreen was one of our past Presidents. Earlier this year we were very happy to fulfil Bills wish and for him to generously fund this Trophy. The inscription on the Trophy reads "In recognition of past President Doreen Bellerby M.B.E. and to celebrate husband Bill Bellerby M.B.E. 100th birthday March 2017.

The Trophy Plate was awarded to the winner of the class "A Vase of Mixed Garden Flowers". The first recipient of the award was both surprised and honoured.

Sadly, as many of you will know, Bill Bellerby died in the middle of September. Our Club, like so many others in Guildford, recognise that we were all so fortunate to have known Doreen and Bill.

We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Lesley Chamberlain this October as our speaker with her talk entitled "The History of the Tulip". In November it is our AGM. We then have a December break and then in January our Talk will be on "Ground Cover Plants" by Antony Powell.

Our speakers are now all booked for 2018 with a very varied programme of talks from excellent speakers and we hope we can tempt you to come to one of our Club nights.

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm (excluding August and December) in Onslow Village Hall. We give a warm welcome to visitors and new members.....it would be lovely to have your company.

Ring 01483 538996 for further details.

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?

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 Village Halls and Phone Box

Your Village Halls are thriving. Those of you who pass through the Square will have been aware that the Halls are very busy; the venue for a great many different groups in the area who hold their events there regularly. Other private events use the Halls and this year they have of course acted as our Polling Station - twice. The Halls have about 100 hirers in the year and many of these are regular users. Unthinkable now to think that GBC were going to be demolished the Halls back in 1984.

The new chairs provided in the Main Hall and their lightweight trolleys are proving to be a great success. They are more comfortable to use and easy to handle than the previous seats for those putting on events. These chairs and the AED installation are the latest in the long list of improvements to the Village Hall facilities.

To gain an idea of how active your friends, neighbours and others in the local community are, take a moment as you pass to read the notices in the notice board. The limited space is normally packed with announcements.

The hall management has also been instrumental in retaining and refurbishing the Village Telephone Box. Sadly for OVRA this is a project that stalled through the busy summer vacation season that we must revitalise. 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'.



The Arts Society Guildford

8th November - The next monthly lecture at Onslow Village Hall
 'THE BORGAS - THE MOST INFAMOUS FAMILY IN HISTORY?'
 An illustrated lecture by Sarah Dunant
 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.

Repair Café Guildford Saturday 11th November 10am - 12 noon
 Park Barn Community Centre, Cabell Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 8JH
 Throw it away? No Way!

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

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

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 or email esamgem@btinternet.com

