

YOUR OVRA HOME CALENDAR

OVRA Tuesday Talks - to be held at the Village Hall

Tuesday 13 March 2018 The OVRA AGM

followed by "Training Assistance Dogs"

Woofability are a locally based organisation training assistance dogs for disabled people in Dorset, Hampshire, Wiltshire, Berkshire and Surrey. About 3,500 people in this area could benefit from using an assistance dog. Woofability's aim is to train 20 dogs per year so we will eventually have 200 dogs in the community. Come along and hear Andy Clark explain how this difficult task is achieved. See you there.



More on the AGM - see below

Future schedule of Presentations and Talks

Tuesday 10 April - note date may be changed due to Easter
 Tuesday 8 May
 Tuesday 12 June
 Tuesday 10 July
 Tuesday 11 September
 Tuesday 13 November
 Tuesday 8 January 2019
 Tuesday 12 March 2019 AGM & Talk

Cheer Up!
Spring is
just around
the corner



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

Saturday 24th February The Surrey Ukeaholics (See details above right)

Future schedule of Socials

Saturday 14 October 2018

Saturday February 2019 - date to be confirmed

Saturday 5 October 2019



Recent OVRA activities

As reported in the Autumn edition we have had presentations from a number of speakers throughout the year. The latest talks were....

....on Tuesday 14th November 2017 Ann Mather gave us an emotional presentation on the creation and operation of the **The North Guildford Food Bank**. I hesitate to report that those attending enjoyed our traditional offering of Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. OVRA were pleased to make a donation of a significant 'shopping bag' and the Hall Management Committee also contributed a donation.

...and on Tuesday 16th January Neil Sadler visited us again to tell us all about New York including some lesser known facts in "**A small slice of the Big Apple**".

YOUR AGM on Tuesday 13th March 2018

At the AGM some BIG decisions need to be made. Enthusiastic, energetic members are needed to take over many of the committee roles of the Association and frankly also....

...to inject new life into the Village community.

If you can volunteer let us know as soon as possible and please spread the word to neighbours who may not currently support THEIR Association.

If we cannot form a vibrant new Committee things will have to change in a most radical way. However, on a brighter note we can hope that it does not come to that.

The subscription has remained at £5 per household per annum for so long none of us can remember when it was less. As many pay by Standing Order we need a year to implement any change to the subscription rate. We need to decide at this AGM if an increase is favoured for the 2019 season.

You are invited to the OVRA
Spring Social for an evening of music at the
ONSLOW VILLAGE HALL on

Saturday 24th February

The Surrey Ukeaholics



Fish and Chip Supper & Bar

Doors open 7.00 p.m.

Tickets : £15

Tickets available from Jo at 01483 575505

ONSLOW VILLAGE COMMUNITY 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.



Members of the W.I. and Hall Committee caught admiring the AED installation

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 if you have any queries to be answeredPlease email: onslowvillageaed@virginmedia.com
or call: 01483 829707

Your Village Phone Box

Sadly we have not had the volunteers necessary to take advantage of the potential uses of the Telephone Box. There are plenty of suggested uses - a mini library, umbrella borrow and return, battery and ink cartridge recycle, distribution point for the Village Voice, and additional community notice boards. 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'.



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

Remember David Goodwin's Message

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

The Guildford Time Bank

Surrey County Council has teamed up with the national charity Timebanking UK to support the creation of a network of 'time banks' across Surrey. The Guildford Time Bank is about local people helping and supporting each other in all kinds of different ways - through practical help, skills sharing, personal support or tutoring. Anyone can join, as everyone has something to offer and there is no regular commitment - you can offer as little as an hour! It could be helping someone to do their gardening, shopping or DIY or maybe you need help with things like these yourself?

Give an hour, get one back - members 'deposit' their time in the Time Bank by giving practical help and support to others, and are able to 'withdraw' their time when they need help for something themselves.

If you would like more information about becoming a member of the Guildford Time Bank, or to be part of the team that helps to run it, then please contact.

The Guildford Time Bank Team c/o Voluntary Action South West Surrey,
39 Castle Street, Guildford GU1 3UQ or Tel: 01483 504626 or
Email: guildfordtimebank@gmail.com

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/

Talking of Crime - as of the 5th Feb nothing has been posted concerning crime in our immediate area on the Next Door website or on police crime map at <https://www.police.uk/surrey/GDGT/crime/> However, we are sorry to inform you that Richard Musgrove the Onslow Community Warden has moved to pastures new and we wish him well in his new work. Our contact is now Jo Packman, Community Warden on 01483 444137 or 07901 513652.

Talking of Safety - Surrey Police are one of the pilot forces to adopt the Herbert Protocol to help us in the search for people with Dementia who go missing. A family member, carer or close friend can fill in the form detailing essential information that could lead to them returning home safe, sooner.

More details can be found at <https://www.intheknow.community/da/196717>

Have your say !



View of the proposed development alongside 'The Chase' between 'St Johns Close' and the Cathedral Roundabout. A development of 25 student bedrooms arranged in two 2 storey blocks with a single storey link, with bike and bin Stores. Planning Application Number: 17/P/02561

The latest on the Local Plan

The process is entering its fifth year and end is finally in sight. The public examination of the Local Plan (Regulation 24) is estimated to take place in April. Prior to that there will be a pre-examination meeting in February. (The pre-examination meeting is not open to the public). Jonathan Bore, the Planning Inspector who presided over Waverley's Local Plan, has been appointed to Guildford.

Your Village Halls

If you pass the Halls on the Square you may not notice how many groups and events depend upon them as a venue. Recent improvements at the Halls include the installation of automatic blinds in the Main Hall and replacement manual blinds in the Johns' Hall. 'The Facilities' in the Johns' Hall (don't snigger!) have also been upgraded. Railings have been installed along the entrance paths and the external security lighting is in the process of being improved. A new Oven has been installed in the kitchen. The Halls and the Wilderness Pre-School have recently made donations to the Onslow Village Community AED project in support of the work the Onslow W.I. are doing on this project.

Please offer your assistance!

Could you use your I.T. skills 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

OVGC The Garden Club Report



In this New Year we are all eagerly looking at our gardens for the small indications of the Spring to come. Bulbs are pushing through the cold soil and early flowering shrubs are treating us to their blooms and perfumes.

We are hoping that the Club might be able to entice you to come to one or more of our talks in the early part of this year. In January we had Antony Powell making a return visit to the Club presenting his talk on Ground Cover Plants. In February Ray Broughton talks to us about Ponds and Water Gardens. March means that it is our Spring Show evening when all the exhibits fill Johns Hall full of daffodils and spring colours and arrangements. Whilst the judging takes place our speaker will be Darren Everest on Sweet Peas and we are hoping that he will bring some pots of seedlings along for us to buy. Some of us might then be able to enter some sweet pea blooms into the June Summer Show!

In April Kimberley Shaw will be giving a flower arranging demonstration and we will all be able to participate and make our own arrangements. This will be a very popular evening.

Further into the year we have some more excellent speakers with a wide variety of relevant talks and we will be working towards our popular May Table Top Sale.

The Garden Club wishes all readers of The Village Voice a very Happy New Year and we look forward to meeting you as a visitor or new member.

The Club meets at the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm (excluding August and December). Do please ring 01483 538996 for further details.

The Arts Society Guildford

..next Lecture is on the 14th February on "Tamara de Lempika" Mistress of Art Deco
Lecturer: Clare Walsh at the Village Hall

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.

Guildford Travel Club

is the leading travel club in SE England and now in its 52nd Season

About a 100 members and visitors attend each of our regular fortnightly meetings between October and April at the Village Hall. Doors open at 7:30pm
20th February Colorado – The Great Unknown Dominic Faulkner



Saturday 10th March 10am - 12 noon
Park Barn Community Centre, Cabell Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 8JH

Please enjoy your Half Term but

For families on-line be 'Share Aware' see www.nspcc.org.uk/

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

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/

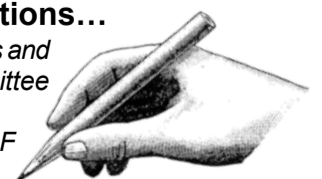
Your Onslow Ward Councillors are....
Councillor Adrian Chandler Conservative
Councillor David Goodwin Liberal Democrats
Councillor Tony Phillips Liberal Democrats
find them on the website

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

The Village Voice, c/o 2 The Drive, Guildford, GU2 7QF
or email esamgem@btinternet.com



The COPY DATE for the Spring edition is 2nd March 2018.