

The Village Wide Edition - to every home

THE VILLAGE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

OVRA CONTINUES :

A new committee is formed after AGM dilemma.

Rejecting the proposal to suspend OVRA for a year until more volunteer Committee members could be found some of the longer serving members have agreed to 'hold the fort' organising events and keeping O.V.R.A. active through this – its 62nd year.

A plea for your support.

See "How to Join" on back page

OVRA continues but your participation and patronage is essential to ensure its future. Only one in four homes in the Village joined OVRA last year despite the derisory subscription of only £5 per annum per household. We can do better than that.

Please make your home a member of OVRA.

This Association is the only forum and focus for Village issues and to strengthen our community identity OVRA organises local social events open to all in the Village and wider area.

'Royal Honeymoon' Street Party organised for Sunday 20th May 2pm to 5pm.

Onslow Village Residents' Association are organising a "ROYAL HONEYMOON" street party in THE SQUARE and the VILLAGE HALLS on Sunday 20th May from 2pm to 5pm.

We hope that you are available on the day to come along and join your friends and neighbours in the Square and the Village Halls to celebrate with them and mark this National occasion. It is bound to be bright and sunny so bring along your sense of fun and a smile.

We have applied for a road closure as we did back in 2016 for that very successful and enjoyable community gathering. We have also booked the Village Halls.

A number of Village based groups and organisations are participating to make the afternoon memorable. If you or your group, club or organisation have any suggestions or can support 'your OVRA committee' in any way please let us know - we would be most grateful.

We intend to provide some tables and some chairs but we are asking those who can to please bring their own picnicking facilities.

More details to follow but please help us by promoting the event and spreading the word. Thank You.

Note : We are grateful to The Village Halls who have kindly offered their facilities free of charge.



We aim to use the Phone Box to advertise the May Street Party.

Do any of you creative youths want to show us how?

Talk to each other, cook up a plan and tell what you intend please.





YOUR OVRA HOME CALENDAR

- Tuesday 8 May "The Crop Circle Mystery"
- Saturday 20 May "The Royal Honeymoon Street Party" 2 to 5 pm
- Saturday 9 June All Saints' Church Pet Show. 2 to 4 pm showing the OVRA Village History Display Boards.
- Tuesday 12 June "In the Wake of the Hurricane"
- Tuesday 10 July Presentation to be notified
- Tuesday 11 Sept "A Stroll around Brooklands Museum"
- Saturday 20 Oct Autumn Social 18:00 to 22:30
- Tuesday 13 Nov Presentation to be notified

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- Tuesday 8 Jan Presentation to be notified
- Saturday 9 Feb Spring Social 18:00 to 22:30
- Tuesday 12 March AGM & Talk
- 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

Please see Notice Boards and the website for further details.



OVRA's meeting on the 10th April was...



An entertaining and interactive presentation by Gerry Tebbutt, Head of Musical Foundation at The Guildford School of Acting

The Village Halls

The Halls have been as busy and well used as usual through the frankly over hyped "beastly" winter weather. However, they have proved nervous times for the Management as one of the two boilers gave up. While each boiler was perfectly adequate on its own to heat the Halls, we have had to rely solely on the remaining working one for a considerable period. In a planned operation over Easter, the Halls 'went cold' and two new modern eco condensing boilers were installed and commissioned.

Addition work was done at this time to update and modernise the Ladies facilities off the Main Hall and to create a store room off the Johns' Hall.



Guildford Travel Club

50 years of travel for travel's sake

17th April AGM & "From Desert to Delta"

with Harry and Jean Wickens

Visit Namibia and Botswana on an overland truck camping safari with Harry and Jean, seeing enormous sand dunes, the Okavango Delta, rock paintings, and lots of wildlife.

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.



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.

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



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



OVGC The Garden Club Report

How about watching a flower arranging demonstration and then having a go yourself (April Meeting).

An important date for your diaries is.....

Saturday 12th May 9.30am-12.30pm.

We would like to see you at our popular Table Top Sale. This is a great opportunity to buy delicious homemade cakes, find a bargain on the Bric a Brac table, choose some plants for your garden at affordable prices plus much more. There will be a raffle, Jigsaws and Books, pre loved Jewellery and Toys. There will be a fantastic selection of other Tables offering so many reasonably priced items that you will just not be able to resist or miss this event! So why not bring family and friends along with you and when you are all "shopped out" you can enjoy the refreshments!

If you want to know more about growing vegetables then come along to our May Meeting when we will be welcoming back Barry Newman. At our June Meeting it will be our Summer Show and our Talk will be on Herbs-Growing and their Uses. Our July meeting will get us into summer Garden visiting mood with a return visit from Colin Jones with his talk "Blooming Britain".

As you can see we have a good variety of talks for the months ahead plus a Summer Outing, a visit to an RHS Garden and other events. Future Village Voice editions will feature our programme of events for the latter part of the year. We also have a web site. So why not consider joining Onslow Village Garden Club. Membership costs just £12.00. Members qualify for discounts at selected local businesses. We also welcome visitors to our meetings. So why not come and see us.

Our meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm (excluding August and December). So ring 01483 538996 for further details.

Onslow Village Lawn Tennis Club

Anyone for Tennis ?

The summer season at Onslow Village Tennis Club has just started, so everyone is more than welcome to pop along to the club on Saturday afternoons - bring your racket, have a game, meet the members and see what we have to offer, whether you're a beginner, a bit rusty or ultra-competitive....further details on our website at ...

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/onslowvillagelawntennisclub>

All Saints' Church Pet Show

Saturday 9 June 2 – 4pm.



THE ARTS SOCIETY GUILDFORD

9th May "A Golden Age : Medieval Gold and Goldsmiths"

Meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August). Evening lectures at the Village Hall begin promptly at 8pm, with the chance to catch up with friends and enjoy refreshments from 7.15pm.

Visitors welcome £10. Students £3

To all the Village

This edition of your Village Voice has been distributed to every home in the Village by a team of volunteers and you know them. They are your neighbours.

Spring is in the air
.....
but only because its
still too muddy on the
ground!



Your Onslow Ward Councillors are....

Councillor Adrian Chandler Conservative
Councillor David Goodwin Liberal Democrats
Councillor Tony Phillips Liberal Democrats
find them on the website

Making a Difference

We all see and experience problems in the Village such as the increase in through traffic, the difficulty of maintaining the roads and the access to services. Some of you have managed to get more specific problems addressed. One example involved the replacement of the railings along Litchfield Way that were falling down and have now been replaced.

If you want to report a problem and follow it up until it is resolved you might start with...

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-it-online> or <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/report> and other such local authority reporting facilities.

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.



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 June 2018.

Don't Forget - The OVRA "Royal Honeymoon" Street Party 20th May 2 pm to 5 pm in The Square, Onslow Village

Other OVRA News

An OVRA Night Out

Our Spring Social on Saturday 24th February with The Surrey Ukeaholics playing on stage was a great success and thoroughly enjoyable for the 70 or so party goers. The music was interrupted for the fish and chip supper and a deal of animated conversation before the band started up for their second session. Another blooming good evening in Onslow Village!

The OVRA AGM and Talk

We held our AGM on Tuesday 13th March and this was followed by a presentation by Kim Lowe on The Brookwood Cemetery, a fascinating and surprising popular subject.

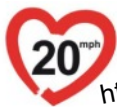
Our thanks to Angela Joule for arranging a replacement speaker at short notice when the 'Woofability' charity who had been booked closed down.

The Crossways Railing

Adrian Chandler has provided an update on the Crossways railings. If you have a good memory you may recall that they were demolished by a car. At long last the replacements have been obtained and the officers are waiting for contractors to quote a price to install them.

20s Plenty

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



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

David Goodwin

Unlike the majority, your Village relies not upon its isolation but upon its Character to define it. Although contiguous with the Market Town of Guildford it is a place apart. We, its current custodians, have a role in its promotion and preservation. The Onslow Village Residents' Association is part of that. Do you belong?

Will you visit your Arboretum this Spring?



****An announcement from Guildford Borough Council****

****Guildford chosen for first trial of new traffic signals****

Highways England has chosen Guildford for the first non-motorway trial of new traffic signals. The new 'smart' traffic signals are being installed at the A3 Dennis Interchange. They will monitor traffic flow and adjust their timings appropriately.

Guildford has been chosen as the first place in the country to trial these new traffic signals, which aim to bring benefits to all local residents and visitors who use the A3 Dennis Interchange. GBC is committed to working with partners to improve the borough's transport infrastructure and hope the new smart traffic signals will help improve traffic flow at this busy spot on our road network. Working with Highways England and Surrey County Council will help to improve journey times prior to the Roads Infrastructure Scheme A3 upgrade.

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.

HOW TO JOIN ? HERE'S HOW

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.

ONLY £5
For the whole year