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# THE VILLAGE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

**OUR NEXT EVENT IS  
AN EVENING OF  
MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT  
CELEBRATING  
THREE CENTENARIES IN ONE !**



**THE CENTENARIES OF  
THE END OF THE GREAT WAR, THE RAF &  
THE SUFFRAGETTES, CELEBRATED IN MUSIC  
BY  
THE GUILDFORD SCHOOL of ACTING  
FOUNDATION STUDENTS  
SUPPER, BAR AND RAFFLE**

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

**ONSLow VILLAGE HALL**

**Doors open : 7.15 p.m.**

**TICKETS : £17.50 each**

**AVAILABLE FROM WILLIAMS BROS.,  
WILDERNESS CAFÉ, D.S BUDD & SON.  
THE SQUARE, ONSLOW VILLAGE.**

**or phone 01483 571807 or 01483 566353**

**MAKE UP YOUR OWN TABLES (max 8 PER TABLE)**

Welcome to all our new members and those who have rejoined. It is certainly encouraging to know that so many of you value our organisation and its contribution to the activities and amenities of our Garden Village. With the coming of Autumn our thoughts turn to 2019. The Village should use next year to plan for its Centenary celebrations in 2020, so with this in mind please encourage your neighbours and friends to join in and actively support OVRA and the other Village organisations.



## YOUR OVRA HOME CALENDAR

Saturday 20 Oct A Musical Review. 19:15 to 22:00  
AN EVENING OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT  
CELEBRATING THREE CENTENARIES IN ONE  
(See front page)

Tuesday 13 Nov "West Horsley Place".  
Bamber Gascoigne's house presented by June Davey  
And in 2019

Tuesday 8 Jan "A History of Star & Garter Homes."

Saturday 9 Feb Spring Social 18:00 to 22:30

Tuesday 12 March AGM and "The Wey Navigation"  
a historical and pictorial journey  
with the National Trust

And to demonstrate our forward planning....

Tuesday 26 November 2019  
Christmas Traditions with Andy Thomas

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 watch the Notice Boards and the website for further  
details.



## 'The Story of Onslow Village'



This booklet was written and published by Helen Chapman Davies in 1999. Helen, who now in the West Country has kindly given her permission for OVRA to make it available on-line. With the 2020 centenary of the Village fast approaching, making this available for everyone to enjoy has an extra resonance.

In the meantime it is worth noting the village sign when you next pass through The Square. The original sign was stolen from its site at the Village Hall many years ago. The sign is based on the history of the area and incorporates its past with a depiction of the Royal hunt and its development, by the representation of housing. Years ago the Village Hall Management Committee, with the active support of the Residents' Association, commissioned a new sign, to the original design, but executed in beaten copper and pewter. It can be seen on the outer wall of the hall as the official symbol of the village.



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

### Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> November Quiz Night 2018 Fundraiser for The Halow Project

at Onslow Village Hall 7.30 pm

Licensed Bar • Great Raffle Prizes

**PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER**

(Cheese or Pâté options)

Tickets £15

Phone 01483 566353



## ONSLow VILLAGE COMMUNITY AED

### Do you know what to do ?



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



## OVGC The Garden Club Report

Despite a long and freezing Spring and weeks of a heatwave Summer our members were still able to enter brilliant displays of flowers, fruit and vegetables, plus a few Horticultural hiccups, at the Club's Annual Show at the beginning of September.

The Cookery Show Classes had a high number of delicious entries and the handicrafts were all so imaginative and creative. It was lovely to have an entry for the children's "Garden on a Plate" class. The Club is eager to encourage children to become involved with gardening.

This summer we have enjoyed two Chairman's Cream Teas and our annual outing was to West Dean Garden and Fittleworth House Garden.

Can we encourage you to come to one of our meetings this autumn? Our September speaker was Stephen Austin and his talk was on "Planning and Planting for the Year Ahead". Next in October Rosy Hardy, winner of numerous RHS Gold Medals, will be talking about "Autumn Flowering Perennials" and she will be selling plants that have all been grown on her nursery. We will also be having the Pumpkin Competition. Our November meeting is our AGM.

So why not come along to one of our meetings which are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except for August and December) starting at 7.30pm. at Onslow Village Hall.

Ring 01483 538996 for further details. We look forward to welcoming you to our Club.



## Onslow Village Lawn Tennis Club Annual Quiz Night

All welcome on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
at the Onslow Village Hall Starts 7pm

Further details from Carole Lee at [any14tennis@outlook.com](mailto:any14tennis@outlook.com)  
or Neil Bowker at [neilbowker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:neilbowker@hotmail.co.uk)

The OVLTC website is ...

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

## THE ARTS SOCIETY GUILDFORD

<http://theartsocietyguildford.org.uk/>

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Art and the Suffragettes**  
**Caroline Shenton**

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



**Guildford Travel Club**  
*50 years of travel for travel's sake*

## 16th October "Cycling the Six Continents"

With Stephen Fabes

Over six years, A&E doctor Stephen cycled 54,000 miles through 75 countries and six continents visiting remote medical projects en route.

Guildford Travel Club was founded in 1966 and is the leading travel club in SE England. 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.

## The Day Royalty Dropped In

Prince Henry, The Duke of Gloucester, was the youngest son of King George V and the brother of two future Kings, Edward VIII and George VI when he made an emergency landing on the edge of Onslow Village in the early 1930s. Before Ellis Avenue was built his aircraft put down safely amongst the green trees in the fields behind Orchard Road. Pam Gotham knew the story and contacted OVRA from her home in Plymouth. She was keen to locate her grandparents home and investigate the story of the unscheduled royal visitation that explained the aircraft and the royal Rolls Royce captured in her family photographs of a house in Onslow Village. Pam's grandparents Albert Leslie and Flora Elizabeth Oubridge had moved into 6 Wilderness Road in 1922 and they moved again into their new home named "Laburnums" at 10 Orchard Road in 1932 before they left the Village in 1935. Pam was unsure which of these Onslow Village homes the Duke had landed near, a question we have now answered.



Pam's photo of  
10 Orchard Road  
in the early 1930s

The Duke's aircraft, G-ABDB was a DH.60M, the metal-fuselage version of the Gipsy Moth. It was delivered in the autumn of 1930 to Flt Lt Edward "Mouse" Fielden, the nominee for The Duke of Gloucester and the aircraft was sold in June 1933, so it must have been in Onslow Village in 1932 or 1933. Open cockpit biplanes were still front line aircraft at this time, so it would not have been considered old or out of date or even small.

The royal aircraft were lovingly maintained. As an example of the type of machine the villagers saw, the Prince of Wales' Moth aircraft was described in 1930 as dark red and dark blue in the colours of the Household Brigade. The red registration letters were outlined in white on the blue fuselage and in plain red on the aluminium wings. A streamline head rest was installed behind the rear cockpit which the Prince used. Both cockpits were instrumented, the upholstery was red leather and the luggage locker was made especially deep. The machine was kept at Windsor Great Park.



The Prince of Wales' Moth

The Rolls-Royce Phantom V car with the number plate XH8888 that is pictured in Pat's family album was built for Prince Henry who was in the 10th Royal Hussars, hence the registration. The car is still in the Royal Collection.

Our neighbours at 6 Wilderness and 10 Orchard now know a little more about their homes but I wonder if there is anyone else with information or pictures of this incident in the Village? It was not good taste in those days to publicise such events so we must thank Pam for her family's story. Pam is now one of our latest OVRA members,

## Back Page Notes to Note

Have the Highways England new 'smart' traffic signals at the A3 Dennis Interchange made a dramatic difference or hasn't their trial started yet?

PAINSHILL PARK have a number of special events are taking place this year as follows:

September 8th – Heritage open day

October 21st – Autumn tree festival

November 28 – 30 – Festive walk

All these events can be booked in advance on their website [www.painshill.co.uk](http://www.painshill.co.uk)

### **Your Onslow Ward Councillors are....**

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

WATTS GALLERY have exhibitions on

'Mary Watts: Pioneering Suffragist' and  
James Henry Pullen: Inmate - Inventor - Genius  
Full details on:

<https://www.wattsgallery.org.uk/about-us/contact/>

Surrey Property Lawyers Ltd are now located in the offices next to the Village Hall.

The All Saints Library - Online Catalogue is now available to download at the link on....

<https://www.allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/welcome.htm>

## **Local Plan**

### **This crucial consultation closes at 12 noon on 23 October 2018.**

The Inspector's consultation on his proposed changes can be found at...

<https://www.guildford.gov.uk/newlocalplan/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=28523&p=0>

Or from the link on the home page of the OVRA Website

The Map on Page 55 refers to Blackwell Farm and the new access road off the Hogsback.

### **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](mailto:esamgem@btinternet.com)

The COPY DATE for the Winter edition is 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018.

## **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/](http://www.surreycommunity.info/ovra/join-the-association/)

or email [onslowresidents@gmail.com](mailto: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*

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**if this Newsletter has been passed on to you please make your home a member of OVRA.**