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THE VILLAGE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

OUR NEXT EVENT IS

*How do you eat crumbly cheese?
Caerphilly!*



*Why are a 'wise man' and a
'wise guy' opposites?*

OVRA's FAB FEB QUIZ

SATURDAY 9th February 2019

ONSLow VILLAGE HALL

Doors open 7.00 p.m. Start 7:30 p.m.

LIGHT BUFFET SUPPER + BAR + RAFFLE

Tickets £8 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 team)

Your Association and the A.G.M. on the 12th March 2019

January is the time of year when traditionally we consider what our new years resolutions should be. OVRA is very much the same and in January the Committee starts to consider the upcoming AGM and the activities for the coming year.

Last year went very well. We organised a number of talks, held a Royal Wedding Street Party and an Autumn Social that featured a really spectacular entertainment put on by the GSA. However we want to do more, to involve a wider cross section of our residents in our events, and to ensure that the residents of Onslow Village have a voice in the discussions of how Guildford is to change over the next few years. But to do this we need your help.

The committee is made up of a very active and committed bunch of people, but the reality is that we are all getting on a bit. OVRA needs a more representative mix of committee members to ensure that we have new ideas coming forward which are relevant to a wider cross section of our residents. We also need others who are able to help with specific events or specific tasks. This new blood is vital to ensure that OVRA continues to reflect the needs of its residents.

2019 is very much a critical year for the Village and one in which the Village faces many challenges. The proposed Blackwell Farm development will have an impact on the estate in many ways, and proposals for changes to the A3 may have a direct impact on many residents and an indirect impact on the rest of us. In addition the University continues to grow. While these changes may or may not be a good thing for the area in general there is no doubt that the pressures will be disproportionately felt in the Onslow Village area. A strong Residents Association is one way in which our concerns as Villagers can find a voice.

So can I urge you to come to the AGM in March and make your views known, and consider either joining the committee, helping at our events, and either renewing your membership or joining OVRA in 2019. If you want to discuss how you could help please contact me at ray.gwgc@gmail.com.

AGM resolutions. Increased Subs.

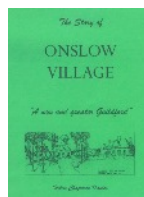
The Household Annual Subscription has been £5 since the last century. At the March AGM your Committee will propose an increase to £10 to be introduced for the April 2019 year. We are continually striving to introduce new activities that involve the whole community and while, ideally, these should pay their own way, it may be that some new ideas will not be successful. Having a slightly bigger financial buffer will allow us to take a few well calculated risks with these new types of event.

Further AGM resolutions should be submitted to the Committee via the website or to Committee members directly before the beginning of March. Thank you.



'The Story of Onslow Village'

Now available free on-line



This booklet was written and published by Helen Chapman Davies in 1999. Helen, who now lives in the West Country has kindly given her permission for OVRA to make it available on-line - see the link on our website.

With the 2020 centenary of the Village fast approaching, making this available for everyone to enjoy has an extra resonance.



Onslow Village Lawn Tennis Club

The OVLTC website shows the Spring events...
<https://premierennis.co.uk/venue/onslow-village-lawn-tennis-club>
or email onslowtennis@outlook.com



Onslow Village WI

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

The next meeting is on... February 6th when Karen Telfer will talk about 'Stress Management'

Contact OnslowVillageWI@outlook.com



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

————— How come abbreviated is such a long word? —————



OVGC The Garden Club Report

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. We look forward to welcoming you to our Club.

<https://sites.google.com/site/onslowvillagegardenclub/home>

Why do 'slow down' and 'slow up' mean the same thing?



Guildford Travel Club

50 years of travel for travel's sake

Tuesday 19th February

"A Journey through Southern Africa"

With Jenny Bowen

Journey with Jenny through Botswana, Namibia and the Kingdom of Swaziland as she weaves quirky tales and maybe even a few animal impersonations too!

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

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

**Wednesday 13th February
WHEN BRITAIN CLICKED:**

FAB PHOTOS OF THE SWINGING SIXTIES

British photography enjoyed a golden age in the 1960s

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

Does 'expecting the unexpected' make the unexpected expected?



YOUR OVRA HOME CALENDAR

Saturday 9 February

The Fab Feb Quiz 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 12 March AGM and "The Wey Navigation"

A historical and pictorial journey with Allan Williams, a National Trust volunteer at Dapdune Wharf.

Tuesday 9 April The Story of the RAF Biggin Hill
by Bob Ogley

Tuesday 14 May Art in the Lyons Tea Shops
by Neville Lyons

Tuesday 4 June Councillor's Presentation for OVRA

Tuesday 11 June Painshill Park. The Story of a
Landscape by Graham Dash

Tuesday 9 July Fast Women Fast Track by Tim Morris

Tuesday 10 Sept The Quakers and The Chocolate
Makers by Jean Anderson

Saturday TBD October Social To be Announced

Tuesday 16 Nov Christmas - A Celebratory
by 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.



Onslow Village heads towards 100 years, to be celebrated in 2020

On Tuesday 2nd March 1920 the Management Committee of Onslow Village Ltd. held its first meeting.



Highways England are proposing some safety changes to the A3 through Guildford during 2019. In addition to the yellow average speed cameras being installed from the Hogs Back A31 junction northbound to the

Wooden Bridge junction there is a proposal to extend and widen the northbound exit slip road at the university junction and to install an improved footpath along the slip road up to Egerton Road. At the Stoke interchange, the southbound exit slip will be widened and the markings improved.

See back page for A3 road closures.

Please send us
your ideas for
next years
celebrations

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
ONSLOW VILLAGE**

We have used the Phone Box to
advertise Village events but we must
utilise it more.

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

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



Back Page Notes to Note

"Time for Change"

A meeting entitled "Time for Change" was held at the Baptist Centre, Millmead, on the 15th Jan. to launch a group called Residents for Guildford and Villages which is calling for people to stand as candidates for Guildford Borough Council in the forthcoming Council Elections. The group is made up of a number of independent councillors, as well as a number of prospective councillors, and 6 of these talked at the meeting about their concerns regarding the way the council is currently run, and the reasons why Guildford would be better served by councillors who are not linked to the major political parties. A member of Ewell Council, which is controlled by independent councillors also talked about how this works in practice. There was a short question and answer session following the presentations. The meeting was generally well received by those present.

Installation of Average Speed Check Cameras

This will involve road closures and diversions on the A3 Northbound from Monday 21 January 2019 to Tuesday 5 March 2019 from 9pm until 6am (Monday to Friday only).

Will we run out?

Britain has less available water per person than most other European countries and statistics, from the Environment Agency, show that there are 58,000 gallons of water available for every person in south-east England per year, while in Syria the figure is 95,000 gallons and in Sudan - a country wracked by civil war - 269,000. In this dry winter I'm waiting to hear when the hose pipe ban takes effect!.

On Tuesday 4th June some of our local Councillors have offered to put on a presentation for OVRA at the Village Hall. This is an addition to our regular meetings

Safeguard Buses run their Route 5 service between the Town Centre and the Royal Surrey Hospital every 10 to 15 minutes. See the timetables at....

<https://www.guildfordbus.co.uk/going-royal-surrey-hospital/>

Why is 'phonetic' not spelled the way it sounds?

Your Onslow Ward Councillors are....

Councillor Adrian Chandler Conservative
Councillor David Goodwin Liberal Democrats
Councillor Tony Phillips Liberal Democrats

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 Spring edition is 2nd April 2019.

OVRA Membership

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.

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.

You can join even if you live outside the Village.

This newsletter is valuable and represents a significant investment by OVRA in time, effort and funding to produce and deliver. If you have read it please pass it on and....

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