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THE VILLAGE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to all our new members and those who are rejoining. 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. The Village is using this 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. But.....

OVRA Needs Your Help

In the last issue of the Village Voice I wrote about the need to get new blood onto the committee. New members of the committee would allow us to do more, and would widen the pool of ideas for new activities and social events. Sadly no one has come forward, which means that I am the only new committee member to have joined in the last two years. Worse than that a number of long serving members of the committee are looking to stand down after many years of hard work.

Unfortunately this means that rather than expanding our activities we will probably have to limit them to those that we can reasonably manage. We will have to reduce the number of talks we are planning for next year unless people come forward to drive this, and our ability to run social events will also be limited. We have already had to shelve plans for a Barbecue and Band event in September.

It is your Residents Association. If you want to see it do more please consider how you can help. Ideally it would be great to have a few more committee members. However people volunteering to join teams, to run a social event or two, or organise a talk for us at the hall, or indeed any other activity you feel might be of interest to the residents, would all be welcome.

As a result of recently canvassing people for ideas we would like to run two additional family events. A Children's Christmas Party in December and an Easter Egg Hunt in the Arboretum. These can only happen if volunteers step forward to help organise and run these events so please let me know if you can help.

We will continue to do what we can but if you think you might like to help please contact me, Ray Briggs, either by email on ray_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk or call me for a chat on 01483 563120 or 07789 662887.

TUESDAY 10th September The next Residents Association presentation is on....

“The Quakers and The Chocolate Makers”

Come along to Jean Anderson's presentation on the origins of the three companies Cadburys, Frys and Rowntrees and how their choice of chocolate production came about.



OVRA's 14th
May Meeting

ART IN THE
LYONS
TEASHOPS



For the evening, to add a reminder of the heyday of the Lyons teashop era, three members of OVRA donned the signature uniforms of the Lyons waitresses, known affectionally at the time as “Nippies”. Angela Joule, Sally Sparham and Frances Parker entered into the spirit of the occasion by serving fancy cakes, tea and coffee and soft drinks to the near capacity audience. In addition, Malcolm Sinclair, a guest for the evening, brought along a framed copy of one of the final series of lithographs to add a touch of authenticity to the evening.

Photos by Mike Joule

OVRA's "Meet the Councillors" Meeting

On the 4th June this year OVRA held a Meet the Councillors meeting to allow residents to put their concerns to our elected representatives. The new Leader of Guildford Borough Council, Caroline Reeves, and the leader of the newly established Residents for Guildford and Villages Party (R4GV), Mr Josh Bigmore. Onslow Wards newest Councillors , Will Salmon and Jon Askew also attended, and OVRA invited Mr Ken Miller, Chair of Compton Speeding Committee.

The speakers all introduced themselves and then Mr Miller gave a short but interesting description of Compton's continuing fight to control the worst impacts of heavy traffic on the B3000. This has become an extremely busy thoroughfare over the last 40 or so years and Ken described Compton's successes (most notably with noise reducing surfaces, speed monitoring signs, and pollution monitoring) while acknowledging that police and County Council priorities to keep the traffic moving had limited their ability to effectively address the growing problem in the long term. While Onslow Villages traffic problems are of a very different nature there was a great deal of good advice on offer.

The meeting was then opened up to the floor and questions from the audience were put to the Councillors. Great concern was expressed about the local plan in general and Blackwell Farm in particular. Cllr Reeves explained that without a local plan development within the borough would be uncontrolled. While one or two of the audience were in favour of greater building in the borough many were concerned by the way the plan was pushed through just ahead of the election, by the loss of green belt land, and by the impact this will have on traffic congestion. In particular great concern was expressed about the proposed Blackwell farm development. Cllr Reeves explained that this could not go forward until the infrastructure concerns had been satisfied but could not be more specific on what the infrastructure solutions might be. All the panellists agreed that consultation on these matters needs to be better going forward.



A number of questions were asked about potential 'improvements' to the A3 but because this is a matter for the County Council no answers were available. A plan will have to be developed for traffic management in the borough but that is not yet in place. Discussions ranged around what was happening to monitor and control traffic pollution, to increase the use of public transport, and to encourage cycling in the borough but there did not seem to be a coordinated plan for any of these things.

At the ward level concerns were expressed about the traffic chaos around the schools at drop off and pick times, the problems posed by hedges growing out of control, and issues around parking in the borough. Our two new councillors agreed to look into these matters, and promised to set up regular surgeries to allow residents to express their concerns more directly.

All in all it was a very helpful and informative evening. While there are many issues for the borough in general and the ward in the particular to address, and not many clear answers at this time, it is a new administration and it is to be hoped that they will be able to address these issues over time. I am grateful to all the speakers for their time, and for their willingness to answer the questions put to them, some of which were pretty robust at times. I am particularly grateful to our new councillors, who listened intently to the concerns raised and seemed determined to do their best to address them.

Finally my thanks to all who attended. We had over 70 people in the audience, and many of them took an active part in the discussions. While questions were direct and forthright the debates never became aggressive or acrimonious. Not only did that make my life easier, I believe it also allowed us to cover more ground. With so much still to work out we hope to have another of these meetings either later this year or early next year to follow up on some of the matters raised.



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

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.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ONSLOW VILLAGE 2020

Please send us your ideas for next years celebrations



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.

Watch their website for publication of the coming seasons talks atwww.guildfordtravelclub.org.uk

THE ARTS SOCIETY GUILDFORD

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

Wednesday 11th September THE MAGIC OF PRAGUE: CZECH ART AND CULTURE

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



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

The next meeting is on... September 4th
Quilts - a talk and display of handmade quilts
by Doreen Plumridge

Contact OnslowVillageWI@outlook.com



Onslow Village Lawn Tennis Club

The OVLTC websites shows their events...
premier.tennis.co.uk/venue/onslow-village-lawn-tennis-club
and/or clubspark.lta.org.uk/onslowvillagelawntennisclub
or email onslowtennis@outlook.com



YOUR OVRA HOME CALENDAR

- Tuesday 10 Sept The Quakers and The Chocolate Makers by Jean Anderson
- Saturday 12 October Supper Film Night
- Tuesday 26 Nov Christmas - A Celebratory History by Andy Thomas
- 2020**
- Tuesday 14th Jan Sandhurst Military Academy
- Saturday 22nd Feb Spring Quiz
- Tuesday 10th March AGM and The Foundling Hospital Museum

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 or programme changes.



OVGC The Garden Club

Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (with the exception of August and December), starting at 7:30pm at Onslow Village Hall

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

STOP PRESS - NEW LIBRARY

Just as we were going to print we have to report on our brand new Village Telephone Box Library. Superbly appointed with smart red shelving this will I'm sure be a very popular and well used addition to our community.



GEORGIES KITCHEN



We have the good fortune to live in or near Onslow Village with good schools, a wonderful park and arboretum, an active village hall, green wooded surroundings and our local parade of shops which includes Georgies Kitchen.

The cafe has become a social centre for many, a good place to meet friends, have a coffee, buy the children ice creams or like me, have a full meal and entertain friends or family. I recently organised an important birthday lunch for one daughter and her husband and the food and service were excellent. Georgie bakes the cakes she sells and they are of high quality. The menu is wide ranging and the cafe is often used by customers to meet up with friends or to wait for visitors who are attending functions in the village hall or are at the local schools.

Over the years the shop unit has been a butchers run by Colin Sparrow and it was a good place to buy quality meat and "Sparrow Pie". Later it became a cafe when the "Green Tangerine" team equipped the venue for that role and gave us a good period of service. Sophie and Anthony then took over and gave us more years of friendly service. A member of their team, Helen, has been retained and provides a familiar smile and service.

We are now fortunate to have a family team led by a young and experienced entrepreneur, Georgie, supported by her partner Paul who run the cafe. Georgie is a fully qualified Chef from Puttenham Golf Club. She led a modernisation programme of the unit and was assisted by her mother and father and other members of the new team. The cafe continues to be super venue to have coffee meet friends/family and/or have a full meal.

If you have not tried it, I recommend you give it a go.

Dennis Hurkett OVRA

Back Page Notes to Note

WATTS GALLERY have exhibitions on...

Greenwich Printmakers at 40

5 July - 1 September - Watts Contemporary Gallery

Free admission | All works for sale

www.wattsgallery.org.uk/about-us/contact/

Your Onslow Ward Councillors are....

Councillor Jon Askew Liberal Democrat

Councillor David Goodwin Liberal Democrats

Councillor Will Salmon Liberal Democrats

find them on the OVRA website

Village



Heritage



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

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 **GEORGIES KITCHEN** in The Square.

You can join even if you live outside the Village.

Only £10 year for the whole household

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.

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

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