

THE VILLAGE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We hope that you all had a great Summer and are ready for these Autumn events in **Onslow Village Hall**....



'FILM NIGHT'

With Bar & pre-performance Buffet

Saturday 12th October

Doors open 7:15 pm

Tickets from Williams Newsagents,
Georgie's Kitchen or Budds Electrical

£10 Members, £15 non-Members

Tuesday 26th November Christmas - A Celebratory History

with Andy Thomas who uncovers the long and intriguing background to the festive season. From the ancient celebration of light in the winter darkness, to the marking of the birth of a messiah. Yet history shows that Christmas has not been straightforward.

As it is our Christmas meeting there will be complimentary mulled wine and mince pies, as well as the usual tea and coffee which will be served from 7.15 pm.

Andy will be bringing some of his books which will be available to buy.

Entry is free to members. £3.00 to non members
Please remember to bring your membership cards



Time to start cooking the sprouts

.....or join the Onslow Village countdown with your window in the 'Living Advent Calendar'

Onslow Village Residents Association is exploring the possibility of setting up a 'living Advent Calendar' in Onslow Village in the run up to Christmas. The idea is that decorated windows are lit up one by one in turn daily from the 1st December (from 4-8 p.m.) until Christmas Eve, and then all remain lit between these hours until the New Year. Windows should be decorated to represent some aspect of Christmas (and may be secular or traditional) and should be visible from the footpath. By Christmas Eve the hope is that 24 decorated windows will be lit up. Maps identifying each window will be posted on the OVRA website and Village notice boards and it is anticipated that this will provide some brightness to evening walks as the nights draw in, as well as fun for children who are strongly encouraged to help with decorating!

If you would like to be part of this initiative please contact Judith Sands (01483 566244 email judesands@gmail.com) to find out how you could contribute.

Inspiration and ideas for window designs may be accessed on-line, search 'living advent windows'

As you are aware, this Association is a forum and focus for Village issues and, to strengthen our community identity, OVRA organises social events that are open to all in the Village and wider area. OVRA continues but your participation and patronage is essential to ensure its future. Currently we seem to be only on course to match last years membership of about one in four homes in the Village despite the derisory subscription of only £10 per annum per household. Please encourage others to join us.

See "How to Join" on back page

A little time capsule from 100 Years Ago delivered to us recently

We are indebted to Chris Screeve who has loaned us a folder of documents that had belonged to his Grandfather Charles William Screeve who was the Manager of Onslow Village Ltd. Among the contents is a copy of the 51 page booklet of the The Rules of Onslow Village Limited, Statements of Accounts for 1921 and 1922 and a Prospectus and Descriptive Booklet of the Village.

Under the heading 'Local Information' it contains some interesting early 1920s facts about Guildford such as...

DISTANCE from London by either road or rail is well under 30 miles, with express service on the main line of the London and South-Western Railway, while the electrified line (Waterloo to Claygate) also affords frequent and fast trains. The South-Eastern and Chatham Railway and the London, Brighton and South-Coast Railway also serve the town.

FARES. 3rd class 3s. 9d. ; 1st class, 7s. 6d. **SEASON TICKET RATES.** 3rd class, £5/10/5 ; 1st class, £7/10 per ann.

POPULATION about 26,000. **DEATH RATE** very low ; 10.8 per 1,000. **EARLY CLOSING DAY.** Wednesday. **LOCAL RATES.** 9s. 10d. in the £ ; Water Rate, 1/- in the £ **GAS.** Price 5s. 2d. per 1,000. **ELECTRICITY.** Price, 10d. per unit. **WATER SUPPLY** excellent (Corporation Works). **SUBSOIL.** Mostly chalk and gravel.

Have you seen our phonebox lately?

The Village Hall purchased the phonebox sometime ago, and Mike Gadsby had it repainted and spruced up a while after that...it then lay dormant, waiting for reincarnation.

Consensus in the Village was that it would be perfect for a library, but moving forward proved to be a slow process.

I decided to kit it out, to give something back to the Village that I've grown to love. Many of you have used Wilderness Preschool in the past, many of you are with me at the moment, what better way to say thank you?

My son owns Parkwood Designs, they specialise in bespoke oak furniture, this was his first phonebox! The shelving was built and painted off-site and installed in a morning, The Book Nook was born!

It filled up really quickly, and I received lots of pictures of my children choosing and swapping books, the response was amazing.

I hope you all enjoy visiting the Book Nook, there are no rules except if there's no room on the shelves please bring your donations back another day. And please only bring books that are in good condition, children especially are unlikely to choose battered books. Other than that have fun helping yourself!

I am keeping an eye on the book nook and keeping it clean and tidy, as most days I'm just across the road, if anyone would like to help with this please feel free to get in touch.

For those wondering the dedication is for our wonderful friend Pauline Falconi-Holland

Karen Hatton



Pauline's Book Nook



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.

Onslow Village 100th Anniversary

Onslow Village will be 100 years old next year and we want to celebrate this. We plan to hold a party around July time and we would like to involve as many residents in this as possible. We have already approached a number of village clubs and societies and there is a lot of interest in taking part. If you run a group in the village please get in touch. It would be a great opportunity to show off your club, society or group to your friends and neighbours. All welcome but we are particularly keen to hear from groups who might be able to offer performance events (bands, choirs, dance schools, drama societies). If you would like to take part please contact me, Ray Briggs, on ray_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk or call me on 07789 662887.

Children's Christmas Party

OVRA are trying to hold a Children's Christmas Party and looking for volunteers to help organise and run the event. We already have a number of volunteers but we could do with more. If you feel you could help please get in touch by emailing me on ray_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk or calling me on 07789 662887.



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

Diary Date

2019 Charity Fundraiser for Oakleaf
"CHRISTMAS FAYRE"

Saturday 16th November

Contact OnslowVillageWI@outlook.com for details



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/>

Check out our latest news and views on our facebook page:

www.facebook.com/theartssocietyguildford

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



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>



YOUR OVRA HOME CALENDAR

Saturday 12 October	Supper Film Night
Tuesday 26 Nov	Christmas - A Celebratory History by Andy Thomas
December	Living Advent Calendar - see article
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.



Onslow Village Lawn Tennis Club

Quiz Night Saturday 23rd November

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

WATTS GALLERY have on exhibition...

Fiona Grady's installation, A Glimpse of the East to complement John Frederick Lewis: Facing Fame run until
Sunday 3 November 2019

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

Meanderings of a grumpy old man

Whilst walking in the road with the traffic whizzing by (and that's another story) I thought that we really should have pavements – you know, a path for pedestrians (not cyclists, yet another story) alongside the road. I remember them well, before the beech hedges took over. Not only beech hedges, but the odd bramble as well to snag your cardy. Then I recall that there's probably a regulation about this, supposedly ensuring that we have access to our pavements. If I'm right, then it's being ignored (such insight is a rare gift) ... and that's not neighbourly, is it?

It's interesting (well, not really, but let's go along with it for now) that a well-cut hedge tapers towards a flat top. Here they often seem to do the opposite and we see our fellow citizens walking along and leaning outward as in a stiff gale. Amusing perhaps, but none of this promotes road safety.

There are those virtuous parts of Onslow Village where we actually can walk on what passes for the pavement (often a miniature alpine model – and that too is another story). Now we find we are not alone, having to dodge the odd 4x4 for example parked largely off-road – and that's definitely not on, nor legal (I know, they are off-road vehicles, but that's for destroying the Lake District, not blocking our progress - yet another story).

So come on, be good neighbours ... get your hedge cut!

Grumpy old man of Onslow

The Local Plan

The **Save Hogs Back** fundraising appeal to help support the **Compton Parish Council** challenge to the **Guildford Local Plan** in the High Court, and to remove the **Blackwell Farm** site allocation is organised through the online **Charity Aid Foundation** (CAF) appeal, which is hosted by the **Campaign to Protect Rural England**.

See more at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/10777#/DonationDetails>

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Those Crossways Railings

Have you noticed that path and cycle facilities are being upgraded at the A3 underpass BUT the Railings and Road Signs that were damaged 9 months ago at the Crossways that should be funded by insurance have still not been repaired. What's going on, we keep asking?

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

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or email esamgem@btinternet.com*

The COPY DATE for the Winter edition is 2nd January 2020.