

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
ONSLow VILLAGE  
1920 - 2020**

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

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## Welcome to this, our village wide distribution of the V. V. Winter edition

A Happy New Year to you all and may 2020 be kind to you and yours.

If you are new to O.V. this may be the first you will have heard of OVRA and we hope that you will find the information on the many events and facilities in the Village and local area in here and on our website of interest.

We hope that you all had a great Christmas and are ready for the many forthcoming events in **Onslow Village** ....

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**The  
OVRA  
Fab  
Fun  
Feb  
Quiz**



Our Fun Fab Feb Quiz is back. As before we will have a bar and there will be a sumptuous buffet supper in the Village Main Hall. The Quiz will be a challenging one as you would expect and is for teams of 6 to 8 players. Don't worry if you don't have a team, you can join one on the night.

Tickets are available from Budds, Williams and the Cafe on the Square.  
Get them quick as numbers are limited and they will be popular.

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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

## Other OVRA dates for your diary

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April Easter Egg Hunt

OVRA will be running an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Details to follow as we get closer to the day. We are looking for people to help run this. If you have some time you can give to help run a fun event please get in touch. Call Ray on 07789 662887 or better yet email me on [ray\\_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ray_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk).

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### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July Onslow Village Centenary Celebrations

Onslow Village is 100 years old this year. To mark this momentous event OVRA will be holding a Street Party on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July in the Square. We plan to have a band, Georgie's Kitchen will be offering Hot Dogs and Burgers, and we hope to have games and entertainments through the afternoon. We will be joined by the OV Garden Club, OV Lawn Tennis Club, All Saints Church and other local organisations in holding this so we anticipate it being a great day. Put it on your calendars and we hope to see you there.

If you run a local group and want to take part, please get in touch. We would be particularly keen to hear from local bands or choirs who want to promote themselves. Call Ray on 07789 662887 or better yet email me on [ray\\_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ray_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk). We also plan to plant new trees at the arboretum to mark the occasion. Details to follow.

**And... Your ideas for October please.** We are looking for suggestions for the October Social and we really want your ideas on what you think would be a popular event catering for a wide cross section of Onslow Village Residents. There is no such thing as a bad idea so please send suggestions to Ray by phone or email.

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## Closure of our Website in March

SurreyCommunity.info is closing. They have been providing easy-to-use and free websites for voluntary, community and not-for-profit groups since 2006, but have regretfully decided that it is now time to close the service. Sadly, this includes the OVRA website which will close on 31 March 2020.

This is a serious loss for OVRA. The website is a significant window into our activities for members and for the general public. It is our portal to information including coming events, links to other groups and activities, sources of information about the Village and even the OVRA rules. Without it, access to a great deal of the Associations current business and its history will not be available on-line.

There are other free website providers but it would require a substantial effort to migrate the content of our current website to one of these. This situation could be resolved if volunteers can be found to instigate and maintain a new OVRA website but we have been seeking help to run the existing website and Village Voice production for some time without success.

If you can assist, please contact us through any of the addresses in this newsletter.

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## Looking at your Village

Back in 2011 Angela Joule suggested that many people living in Onslow Village may not have been aware of Wilderness Farmhouse. I suspect that this is just as true today of many who now live in the Village. Back then, this observation prompted Angela to research the history of the site and its current building and publish her findings in serialised form in the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> edition of the Village Voice. You can now access these articles in the copies of the 2011 Village Voice newsletters hosted on the OVRA website – that is, until the website closes on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Go to....

<https://www.surreycommunity.info/ovra/assets/documents/issue-25-vv-summer-2011>

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March AGM followed by "The Foundling Hospital Museum"

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Onslow Village Hall at 7.30. Come along, have a drink with fellow villagers, hear what we have been up to in this year just gone, and what we have planned for the forthcoming year.

The committee proposes to raise the guest fee at talks to £5, bringing this in line with the rise in subscriptions approved at our last AGM, so please come and support this or object if you feel it is unwarranted.

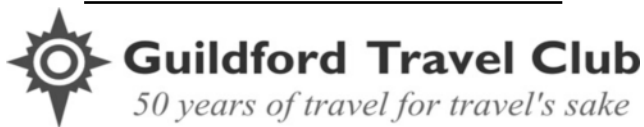
We need fresh ideas on how the Residents Association can best serve the community so feel free to come with your ideas. We also need fresh faces on the committee. If you are interested in this and would like more information please give me, Ray Briggs, a call on 07789 662887. If I am not there leave your name, number, and why you are calling and I will get back to you. Alternatively drop me a line on [ray\\_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ray_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk).

The talk by the experienced London Tour Guide Anne Marie Craven will follow the OVRA AGM and a complimentary drink of wine, soft drink, tea or coffee. Anne's presentation will cover the Foundlings and their rescue in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century.



The farmhouse as drawn by Mary Butts in 1992 for a survey conducted by the Domestic Buildings Research Group (Surrey). Reproduced by kind permission of the DBRG.

Contact [OnslowVillageWI@outlook.com](mailto: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 at .....[www.guildfordtravelclub.org.uk](http://www.guildfordtravelclub.org.uk)

## THE ARTS SOCIETY GUILDFORD

[http://theartsocietyguildford.org.uk/](http://theartsocietyguildford.org.uk)

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

[www.facebook.com/theartsocietyguildford](http://www.facebook.com/theartsocietyguildford)

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>



## Onslow Village Lawn Tennis Club

The OVLTC websites shows their events...  
[premiertennis.co.uk/venue/onslow-village-lawn-tennis-club](http://premiertennis.co.uk/venue/onslow-village-lawn-tennis-club)  
and/or [clubspark.lta.org.uk/onslowvillagelawntennisclub](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/onslowvillagelawntennisclub)  
or email [onslowtennis@outlook.com](mailto:onslowtennis@outlook.com)

## Watts Gallery

Just over the hill in Compton - when did you last visit? See their website for events and tours.



## YOUR OVRA

## HOME CALENDAR

Sat 22	FebFab Fun Feb Quiz Social
Tue 10 March	AGM and The Foundling Hospital Museum Anne Marie Craven
Sun 12 April	Easter Egg Hunt
Tue 14 April	The Gates of Guildford Colin Rumary
Tue 12 May	The Great Barn at Wanborough and its connections through history Stephen Callender
Tue 9 June	A Sign of the Times Chris Shaw
Sun 5 July	Onslow Village Centenary Celebrations
Tue 14 July	The Story of Forces Broadcasting and Family Favourites Alan Grace
Wed 5 Aug	Trip to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst
Tue 8 Sept October	Life on a Harp String Margaret Watson Social - (date and event to be announced).
Tue 10 Nov	The History of Christmas at Polesden Lacey and Margaret Greville's Background Anne Cattermole
Tue 1 Dec	Living Advent Window's start

### and in 2021.....

Tue 12 Jan	Knowing Two British Eccentrics - John Betjeman and James Herriot's Partner Susan Howe
Tue 9 March	AGM and Presentation

### 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 the Village Notice Boards, the Shops and the website for other events and for further details or programme changes. venues



## 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](mailto:onslowvillageaed@virginmedia.com) or call: 01483 829707



The view down Manor Way from The Crossways

## Marking the Christmas Season in Onslow Village with the Living Advent Calendar around our village and the Christmas Tree in the Square

OVRA and the Village Hall Management Committee combined to fund and provide a Christmas Tree and festive lights for those passing through and visiting The Square. Many compliments have been received and our thanks go to those involved. In addition, this Christmas we ran an Advent Window Event in the Village. 24 Volunteers decorated a window in their homes which were lit consecutively between December 1<sup>st</sup> and Christmas Eve. This joyous event was organised by Judith Sands, who single handedly drummed up the necessary volunteers. All the windows were lovely, and some were spectacular. The whole event was a treat. A big well done and thank you to all those who took part, and I hope that Judith can be persuaded to run this event next year. Pictures of this years windows may be viewed on our OVRA website.

### Back Page Notes to Note

#### Our M.P.

May we thank Anne Milton for her long service to the community as our M.P. from 2005 until the December 2019 election and welcome Angela Richardson, our new M.P. for Guildford.

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

Councillor Jon Askew    Liberal Democrat  
Councillor David Goodwin    Liberal Democrats  
Councillor Will Salmon    Liberal Democrats

#### 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 Renewal for 2020

OVRA Membership renewal is due 1st April 2020. Joining OVRA or renewing your membership is easy. Either complete the form from the website and send it with a cheque or cash to The Membership Secretary at 9 Orchard Road, Onslow Village, or fill in a form and pay at Georgie's Cafe, or come along to the AGM in March and pay us directly. Membership is £10 per household. If you have an existing standing order please amend the payment amount to £10 as our subscriptions went up last year. Any new memberships received between now and 1<sup>st</sup> April will have membership to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

You can join even if you live outside the Village.  
Free entry to our Tuesday talks

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.

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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](mailto:esamgem@btinternet.com)

The COPY DATE for the Spring edition is 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020.