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THE VILLAGE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

This Edition - Distribution and Delivery

Due to the current restrictions distribution of this edition may be via email only to those members who have provided their email address to OVRA. Hand delivery of printed copies may not be possible to all members.

Important Message

If during the Covid 19 Crisis you are self isolating and do not have the support of friends or family get in touch with Ray Briggs (07789 662887, ray_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk) and he will try to put you in touch with a volunteer near to you. If you are able to offer help please also get in touch. We have a number of reserves but, while we hope we have seen the worst of this crisis, if things do get worse again having a bank of reserve volunteers will be vital.

There are a number of people in the village offering help in getting donations to local food banks. These can be found on the Onslow Village Community Facebook page but if you cannot access this and you want to help please get in touch and we will do our best to connect you.

We hope that you had a very Happy Easter during these testing times

OVRA exists to safeguard the amenities of ONSLOW VILLAGE and to promote the welfare, interests and well-being of the residents. In our constant quest to sustain and improve the social cohesion of the Village we also look to the wider community; the immediate neighbourhoods around us, Guildford Borough and beyond. This current situation is definitely the most challenging local situation we have faced since OVRA was founded in 1956, and probably the most challenging since the creation of our Village 100 years ago.

Initially, we wrung our hands when we realised that we had to cancel so many plans we had in progress, including our Centenary Celebration. We bit that bullet and launched our appeal to the many groups of neighbours who were forming community support networks for those in need around them. We asked them to provide us with contacts and information to ensure help could be provided where necessary. The response was overwhelmingly positive and we were able to pass on the advice provided by Voluntary Action South West Surrey (VASWS) to these local contacts. We were able to confirm that representatives were available in every road in the Village and a number of other roads in the immediate vicinity. We hope and trust that through this surge of neighbourly concern, that nobody in the Village needing help or assistance has been left wanting and that those in need or learning of any in need know where to turn to get help. It has been hard but unfortunately it will get harder.

So far, through this supportive spirit we have weathered the immediate storm of essential supply and support and with the reserves of volunteers who have already come forward we hope to be able to continue to provide this help however hard it gets.

Located as we are, close to the Royal Surrey Hospital and the Town, we have many workers in the Village who have been at the cutting edge of this crisis in the organisations and institutions at the heart of the response. They need our thanks and support. This is hard to deliver, confined as we are, but at 8 p.m. every Thursday evening we are able to clap and hear the response across the Village from those on their doorsteps. We also have residents carrying the large burden of business and enterprise, strained and stressed by the financial impact of the lock-down. We need as a community to recognise this and inspired by our initial response to the crisis be mindful of the need to maintain the emotional support to our neighbours who will continue to suffer as a result of the crisis in the months ahead.

Please smile a lot and say hello even more often if it is over the phone or social media and if you have cause to be out and about, remember at all times to raise your voices to a pleasant level when acknowledging others to compensate for the 'social distancing'.

And when we come out the other side of this we will most certainly have a great big big party, both to celebrate the return to normality and enjoy each others' company again, as well as to celebrate the centenary of Onslow Village. We look forward to seeing you all there.

ON A BRIGHTER NOTE



Did you see the Easter rabbits in the Village?

In place of our planned Easter Egg Hunt, two of the most enterprising ladies of our community posted on social media cartoon rabbits on pictures of various locations in the Village. There were lots of these pictures over the 8 days leading up to Easter Sunday. If you saw them, could you guess where they were? They also collected pictures sent in by you of Rainbows, Eggs, Rabbits and 'all things Easter' that you had put in your window displays. Thank you. We have put a picture gallery on the website for you to see if you missed this 'live virtual event'.

A Request

Your ideas for October please. We are looking for suggestions for the October Social (assuming that circumstances will allow this) 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 on 07789 662887 or better yet email me on ray_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk.

Our New Website

Just search 'OVRA Guildford' for e-voice.org.uk/ovra-guildford/.

Thanks to two Villagers with exceptional skills who responded to the request in the last Village Voice, we have been able to create a replacement OVRA website, before the demise of our previous site. And what an improvement the new site is. There is still work to do to add elements, but there is much of interest on the new site. A large collection of the previous editions of the Village Voice can be accessed under the News section. A great deal of effort was involved in creating the Coming Events section linked as it is to the Calendar of events BUT the cancellation of these planned events and the Tuesday evening Talks that had been painstakingly arranged by Angela, caused even more work on this section to include their cancellation. The work on the Community section is still very relevant with its content including the Photo Galleries, the Arboretum and the Heritage subsection. For those new to the Village, 'The Story of Onslow Village' in this heritage subsection would prove enlightening and reading it would be a rewarding activity to undertake in the lock-down.

In many ways the website is the front window of OVRA. Please enjoy this new look site and let us know if you like it.



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.

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

Please Note : It is not possible to schedule training sessions during the COVID-19 restrictions.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ONSLow VILLAGE 1920 - 2020

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

AND SOME PAST SUCCESSES



Prince Henry's Moth force landed in fields behind Orchard Road 1932



Williams Window 2014

Membership

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. Before the social distancing restrictions we were on course to match last years membership of about one in four homes in the Village as the cost is only a derisory subscription of £10 per annum per household. However, we may now struggle to achieve this level of membership. Please encourage others to join us.

**Please see
"How to Join"
on page 4**



The Farmhouse

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OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Angela Richardson, our M.P. for Guildford.

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

New Neighbours?

If you know of anyone who has just moved into the Village, please let one of the committee know so we can give them a welcome letter and a copy of the VV.



Just a thought from Gill Mills.....
Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass,
It's about learning to dance in the rain!

For the Record in Years to come O.V. and the COVID 19 lock-down.

Like the rest of the country, since the 23rd March our normally vibrant community has been silenced. The Travel Club, Arts Society, WI and the Garden Club are just some of the organisations that are not meeting. The Village Hall, the play area in the Rec and Onslow Tennis Club courts are silent. All Saints Church and the Schools are closed for most with few exceptions. Apart from the parked cars Manor Way resembles the picture in our heritage postcards. Surprisingly, in many countries toilet rolls were initially in short supply so on the 2nd of April Williams Bros in The Square, who still open in the mornings, gave away a roll with each newspaper purchase, lightening the mood. All of the other shops have had to close for the duration of this lock-down which is likely to last into May.

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.

HOW TO JOIN - OVRA Membership Renewal for 2020

OVRA Membership renewal was due from 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, c/o 9 Orchard Road or (after the lock-down) fill in a form and pay at Georgie's Cafe, or pay us directly when you attend one of our events. 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. New memberships last to 31st March 2021.

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

Visit the website at..

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or email ovrasec@gmail.com

or phone 01483 562106 or 01483 566353.

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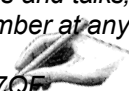
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if this Newsletter has been passed on to you please make your home a member of OVRA.

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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