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THE VILLAGE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



The Crossways railings are once again protecting the Daffs - reflecting the nation's renewed lighter mood this Spring. After the January 2019 road traffic accident demolished the railing and road sign we thank those who arranged the repairs.



TLC for Jubilee Gardens

The existing plaque in Jubilee states that G.B.C. leased the land to the village in 1977. Enquiries involving our Councillors and GBC indicate that this lease has lapsed so the residents are no longer responsible for the maintenance of the Garden.

The Jubilee Garden (the area with benches along from the phone box in The Square) has become rather shabby over the last few years. OVRA with the support of the Garden Club and local councillors are intent on refurbishing this area. The renovation involves cleaning the benches and hard surfaces and introducing new planting behind the seating as it has now become completely overgrown. If possible, we would like to complete this by the summer, as we would need to do re-planting during this Spring. OVRA plans to install a new plaque marking last years Village Centenary, the celebration of which was completely curtailed by the Covid Lockdown.

Ideally, a hard boundary of some form should be created around the site to demarcate the formal area from the surrounding trees and hedges.

A commemoration ceremony with, possibly, the Mayor officiating is envisaged when the work is completed in the autumn. Anyone who can offer special or specific assistance would be welcome to join us, and should contact Ray Briggs (ray_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk or text 07789 662887).



Allie looks forward to seeing you!

More of those Sunlit Uplands please

Do you fancy a day out? Safeguard Day Trips are back for Summer 2021.

5 August	Brighton	£ 16.50
12 August	Bournemouth	£ 19.50
17 August	Salisbury	£ 16.50
26 August	Eastbourne	£ 19.50

Book a seat today

Nearest pick up point to Onslow Village is at Dray Court, opposite the One Stop convenience store.

For every ticket sold as a result of this advert, £1 will be donated to OVRA.

Call Sue on 01483 561103

"Our buses are professionally cleaned during the day and night and we're working hard to keep you safe.
Andrew Halliday, Managing Director

OVRA's Continuing Programme

OVRA's continuing series of on-line ZOOM Meetings



Tuesday 11 May at 7.30pm 'Knowing Two British Eccentrics'
Susan Howe will present amusing anecdotes about working as John Betjeman's P.A. and knowing James Herriot's partner Siegfried, played by Robert Hardy in the original TV series – also another great eccentric.

AND



Tuesday 8 June at 7.30pm 'A Sign of the Times'
Chris Shaw will tell us how our traffic signs provide information to all types of road users, be they pedestrians, cyclists or motorists.

For your invitation to the Zoom talks please provide your contact details to Ray Briggs, 07789 662887, ray_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk
We recognise and regret that some members do not have access to the facilities necessary to participate in these Zoom presentations. However, it is felt that the lesser of two evils is to hold the meetings despite this rather than have OVRA not meet at all.

AND

OVRA's Planned Village Hall Events

Contingent of course on the UK Gov Roadmap out of Lockdown

Saturday 10 July Jolly July Quiz

As the Lockdown eases we wanted to try to re-establish our social events. As a first toe in the water we will be holding our Jolly July Quiz on the 10th July in the Village Hall. 7pm entry for a 7.30 pm start. We will have a bar and there will be half time nibbles as usual. We will be selling tables for the event. OVRA members can book a 6 seat table for £60 or an 8 place table for £80, and are free to bring non member guests. Non members may book a table of 6 for £75 and of 8 for £100. To book please drop a note through my door at 9 Orchard Road letting me know your name and address, your team name (if known), the table size you require and a cheque made payable to Onslow Village Residents Association for the required amount. If you want to attend as individuals we do our best to allocate you to a team so please get in touch Please book early as these quizzes are popular and we will be allocating tables on a first come first served basis. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Ray Briggs OVRA Chair 07789 662887, ray_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk

Tuesday 13 July OVRA AGM 7pm for a 7.30 start

As you all know, this was delayed from its usual March date because of Covid considerations. Subject to the Lockdown easing on schedule we plan to hold our AGM at Onslow Village Hall. We have not arranged a formal Talk to follow the AGM as the time can be used for neighbours to enjoy a socially distanced complimentary glass of wine (or tea or coffee) with others.

We are once again asking for people to volunteer to join the committee. We had two new volunteers last year, which has helped us greatly but we really need more. Its not an overly onerous thing to be involved in and new blood will enable us to widen our range of activities. So please give some serious thought to joining us - we hardly ever bite!

If interested please call me on 07789 662887. Ray Briggs OVRA Chair

Saturday 16 October October Social

Details to be announced on the Notice Boards, Website and of course in the Summer edition of your Village Voice.

AND

OVRA's Autumn Presentations in the Village Hall

Hopefully our return to social norms will allow us to provide our customary complimentary tea and coffee, served from 7.15 pm. Entry is free to members. £5.00 to non members and please remember to bring your membership cards

Tuesday 14 September **Climate Change: What Can We Do?**
Presentation by Graham Brown and Chris Shaw

Tuesday 9 November **Life on a Harp String**
with Margaret Watson, one of the busiest professional harpists in the South East.

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Tuesday 11 January **Ada, Countess of Lovelace** A presentation by Roger Price on the life of the world's first computer programmer.





An aerial view over Onslow Village 1948 - Outlined are Henley Fort, Curling Vale and the A3 Cathedral roundabout.

S.O.L.D. at Henley Fort - featured in the photograph above

Most parents will know of Henley Fort, one of the 'Surrey Outdoor Learning and Development' centres. Like many organisations SOLD is re-awakening after the Lockdown. Our local SOLD centre is set around the Victorian Fort which was built during the late 19th Century to protect London from invasion by the French. It was later used by the Home Guard in World War 2 as a re-supply depot. The outdoor education facility offers groups a chance to take part in challenging activities or a living historical experience in this stunning and authentic setting.

For kids of all ages - Make your own Biodegradable Bird Feeder to hang in your garden

Based upon a feeder created by Tom Newton from Henley Fort

Make the most of all the birds that are around this spring and encourage them into your garden or outside space by making this simple bird feeder. Fun to make and the perfect activity to identify the different birds that come to visit.

Suitable for: pre-schoolers and upwards Curriculum areas covered: science and literacy

Duration: 30 minutes plus time for observation See notes on Bird Feed below.

Safety: adults to help alongside where necessary (use the scissors for the participant if needed)

Materials: Cardboard tube i.e. toilet roll or kitchen roll. (alternative flat piece of cardboard and masking tape). Suitable food (see below). Spoon or spatula (alternative a spreading implement) and plate or dish optional scissors, string and stick.

How to make: Start by taking a flat piece of cardboard (about the size of an A5 piece of paper). Roll this into a cylinder with the edges overlapping by about 1 cm and stick this with masking tape. (Alternatively use a premade cardboard tube from a toilet or kitchen roll).

Optional, attach a hanging loop and perch. Use the scissors to cut a 10 to 15 cm piece of string and attach it using masking tape or thread it through opposite sides at the top end of the cardboard tube. Poke a stick through tube towards the bottom end for the birds to perch on.

Place the cardboard tube onto the plate, take a tablespoon of sticky food and spread it over the outside of the cardboard tube using the spoon or spatula. Holding the inside of the tube over the plate. Sprinkle the loose food (birdseed etc) over the tube (occasionally patting it down if needs be). Finally, either slide the cardboard tube over a branch in your garden or hang somewhere outside using the string. Keep it away from the squirrels!

Bird Feed : Salt free peanut butter or similar i.e. butter, biscotti spread (alternative edible paste that can be used as a glue i.e. mixture of lard and grated cheese). Birdseed or similar (alternative mixed seeds, nuts or dried fruit). There are several peanut butters with no salt, you just have to check the ingredients. You can do a similar thing with fir cones using suet that has been softened by warming. Allow to cool before putting out - do not feed soft fats to birds as it gets on their feathers and is hard for them to remove and the insulation of the feathers is impaired.

Recognise the birds that visit your garden feeders.

Find out about the ones you see. There may be books of British Garden Song Birds in the Telephone Box Library in the Square



You may live in an unknown small village, but if you have big ideas, the world will come and find you!
Mehmet Murat Ildan

Back Page Notes to Note

If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?

Election Day - Thursday 6th May 2021.

How do you eat crumbly cheese?
Caerphilly!

Charity Car Wash

Saturday 22nd May 2 to 4 p.m.
Onslow Village Hall Car Park.

All Saints Church are organising this sponsored Car Wash in support of Christian Aid.

OUR REPRESENTATIVES

Angela Richardson, our M.P. for Guildford.

Your Onslow Ward Councillors are....

Councillor Jon Askew Liberal Democrats
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.

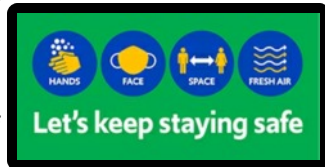
Village Heritage Postcards



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.

Historical note : For readers of our archives in years to come..... This was a common set of public notice signs we all got used to seeing during the Covid-19 pandemic of that started in the autumn of 2019.



HOW TO JOIN - OVRA Membership Renewal for 2021

OVRA Membership renewal is due from 1st April each year. Joining OVRA or renewing your membership is easy.

Many fees are usually collected at the annual AGM, normally held in March, or at subsequent events. This has necessarily been different this year as events have had to be cancelled or have taken place in a different format. Consequently many memberships are lapsed. OVRA took the decision to continue to include lapsed membership on the mailing list for Village Voice for 2020.

The issuing of 2021 membership cards (although intended) is still difficult to arrange at present so membership will be confirmed by email - please make sure we have the correct email contact for your household. If you would like to renew your membership for 2021 and continue to support OVRA, this may be done by either completing the form accessed from the website and send it with a cheque or cash to The Membership Secretary, c/o 9 Orchard Road or (the Lockdown allowing) 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 ensure that the payment amount is £10. New memberships last to 31st March each year. setting up a Standing Order through your bank using the form on the website or by completing the form at Georgie's Café and leaving it there for collection along with the subscription. Thank you. For any questions regarding individual membership please contact judesands@gmail.com

You can join even if you live outside the Village.

Free entry to our Tuesday talks (Zoom or Hall)

Visit the website at..

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or email ovrasec@gmail.com

or phone 01483 562106 or 01483 566353.

Only £10 per year for the whole household
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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*



The COPY DATE for the Summer edition is 2nd July 2021.