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THE VILLAGE VOICE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ONSLOW VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Lord and Lady Onslow celebrate with Onslow Village



After the cancellation of planned events last year to mark the 100th year of Onslow Village, the commemoration of this landmark event was celebrated in style on Sunday 19th September. At the conclusion of a project to refurbish the Jubilee Garden, a reception was held in the Village Hall prior to the formal re-opening of the Garden and celebrate the centenary of the village. Lord and Lady Onslow, the Countess Onslow and Dennis and Mary Booth, the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford joined many of the residents in the Village Hall. Adrian Chandler welcomed the visitors on behalf of O.V.R.A.

Lord Onslow gave an informative outline of his family's long association with Surrey including amusing references to the 'Red Fox of Surrey' and Cromwell's opinion of his ancestor and the origin of the Village

project in the drive to provide 'homes fit for heroes' following the First World War. He concluded by expressing his interest in the garden project that was inspired and led by Angela Joule, a local resident of long standing.



The garden was created in 1977 to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee and was in need of some TLC as Angela explained. She suggested that O.V.R.A. adopt it as a project and belated commemoration of the centenary of the village. The undertaking was much more involved and extensive than she ever imagined but with the willing help of many local businesses, council representatives and of course the time and effort of village volunteers the garden refurbishment is now complete.

The Deputy Mayor was then invited to cut the splendid cake that was emblazoned with the village emblem. The OVRA Chairman's wife, Kim Briggs, made this impressive cake which was greatly admired. This, together with a glass of champagne was enjoyed by all present. A display in the hall showed the work on the Jubilee Garden refurbishment. Another display showed many of the activities and facilities in the village that make it such a vibrant community and an archive display showed the history of the village from its' initial construction in 1920.

The assembly then joined the many other villagers outside where Lord Onslow cut the ribbon to formally re-open the garden. The event concluded with those attending admiring the garden and retiring to review the displays in the Hall.



OVRA's OTHER RECENT ACTIVITIES

Our much delayed 2021 AGM was held on the Tuesday 14th September at the Village Hall, where residents were able to gather and enjoy a sociable drink together before the proceedings. In addition to the usual business, the Chairman thanked the Committee for their work and for agreeing to remain in post until the next AGM in March 2022. He added a special vote of thanks to Mike Joule, who is not on the Committee but has given a great deal of support in numerous ways to the work of OVRA, especially through this difficult period.

The AGM was followed by a presentation “**CLIMATE CHANGE. WHAT WE CAN DO**” Graham Brown explained the emergence and history of the international response to the climate emergency before handing over to Chris Shaw who presented a range of the practical measures that can be adopted

On Saturday 18th September All Saints' Church held their 'Autumn Fayre'. OVRA were there with the Heritage Display boards and membership information. 'Cycling Without Age' were also there - see opposite.

OVRA's CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday 16th October - OVRA's Jolly Autumn Quiz

(NOTE - Venue is All Saints' Church Hall.)

Get your team prepared and come to The Quiz in All Saints' Church Hall. 7pm entry for a 7.30 pm start. We will have a bar and there will be half time nibbles as usual. We are 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 £72 and of 8 for £96. 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. Contact Ray Briggs ray_gwgc@hotmail.co.uk 07789 662887



Tuesday 9th November - Life on a Harp String

Harpist Margaret Watson promises a light-hearted informal and very varied programme of music interspersed with stories and information about the harp. Margaret's repertoire covers jazz, Glenn Miller, music from the shows as well as Christmas themed music, proving that it's not all just "Green sleeves".



Complimentary tea and coffee and mince pies will be served from 7.15 p.m.

Entry is free to OVRA members. £5.00 to non-members.

Please remember to bring your membership cards

Tuesday 11th January - Ada, Countess of Lovelace

Roger Price will host this presentation about Ada Lovelace the English mathematician and writer, chiefly known for her work on Charles Babbage's proposed mechanical general-purpose computer, the Analytical Engine and as the world's first computer programmer.

Complimentary tea and coffee will be served from 7.15 pm.

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AND ELSEWHERE

Saturday 20th November - Onslow Village W.I. Christmas Gift Market

Onslow Village Hall 11am – 2pm £1 entrance fee (children free)

Gifts and crafts, Christmas decorations and cards, embroidered & textile art , jewellery , beauty products and more. Refreshments, Hot Snacks and Raffle

This event is in aid of Grace and the Samson Centre. Both are fantastic local charities - Grace, based in Guildford supports research, treatment and recovery for women with gynaecological cancer and The Samson Centre, also based in Guildford offers support for people with MS in and around Surrey.

Our Belated Centenary in Pictures

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
ONSLOW

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

BEFORE

AFTER



Cycling Without Age - Guildford

This local charity operates a battery assisted trishaw for rides, taking local OAPs and care home residents out on comfortable, slow, fun and free rides to 'feel the wind in their hair'. They can arrange transport to and from locations if necessary, with passengers sharing their ride with a friend, relative, carer or a friendly CWA volunteer companion.

Contact : 07950 193352 or email : cwaguildford@yahoo.com

S.C.C. proposed Pilot following Survey on Traffic Flow in and out of The Drive

Subject to funding in the next financial year, Surrey County Council propose to run a six month pilot. This will take the form of signs and hatch markings and, if improvements are evidenced, a more permanent physical enhancement will be looked at. The pilot will introduce a no left turn in to The Drive as you come down the Hogs Bank (A31) towards Guildford town but you will still be able to turn left or right as you exit The Drive. The indicative timing of this pilot will be July to September (Q2/2022). A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will advertise the changes and consultation.

Other works – such as cutting back the vegetation and refreshing the SLOW words on the road surface leading up to the junction – will also be followed through. The cutting back of vegetation – particularly along the stretch of Farnham Road from High View Road to Friars Gate - will involve Surrey Highways & Guildford Borough Council working with residents who own stretches of land in this location. More on this over the coming weeks.

Back Page Notes to Note

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.

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

Angela Goodwin Surrey County Councillor for Guildford South West division.

Find them on the OVRA website

Neighbourhood Problem

If you want to report a problem and follow it up until it is resolved you might start with...

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-it-online>
or <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/report> and other such local authority reporting facilities.

A thought on our current shortages and distribution problems.

What about Water ?

It's easy to assume that Britain has more water than it knows what to do with, but we have less available water per person than most other European countries. In fact, even back in 2004 the South East England has less water available per person than the Sudan or Syria.

Reducing the amount of water we use in the home helps safeguard wildlife in rivers and wetlands, while at the same time reducing the energy required to treat and pump water. And as the population increases, it becomes increasingly important to build a defence against future

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.

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 and now 2021.

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. 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 judesands@gmail.com

or phone 01483 566353.

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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 Winter edition is 2nd January 2022.