



A NEW YEAR – A NEW LOOK VILLAGE VOICE !



FUN FEB QUIZ!



OVRA will be running their popular Fun Feb Quiz

at Onslow Village Hall on the 11th Feb 2023. Doors open at 7pm.

The quiz will start as soon after 7.30pm as possible. A bar will be available selling beer, wine and soft drinks. Refreshments will be provided at half time. Teams will consist of 4 people. Individual bookings are very welcome and will be accepted on the night. Tickets are £12 per person, available from **Eventbrite**. Details available on our website including a link to the Eventbrite booking page.

CANCELLED



See inside for more photographs of our popular Advent window displays from around the Village



At a Planning meeting at Guildford Borough Council on 11 January 2023, it was decided by 8 votes to 7 to refuse the latest application for the redevelopment and regeneration of the North Street area. The application was refused on a number of grounds, including provision of bus services, over development and lack of affordable housing. **See more local issues on back page**

JUBILEE GARDEN UPDATE – WINTER 2023

Who would have thought that back in the heatwave of July 2022, we were desperately trying to keep the newly planted shrubs in the Jubilee Garden alive. But it's certainly not the case this winter, as nature has done the job for summer. I visited the garden a few days ago and took this photograph. Certainly, it has its winter covering of leaves, so it is hard to see some of the shrubs, hunkered down against the cold, so it is difficult to know what is surviving and what we might lose. So, it remains to be seen what we may have to replace in the Spring. The paved area is now moss-covered and looking like a lawn! This will need a pressure wash as well in the spring. Likewise, the benches will have to have a good clean up.

When the better weather eventually arrives, it is hoped to have a small working party to clean up and refresh the garden, ready for summer. So, as always – volunteers please!

Angela Joule



Again, a big Thank You to everyone who took part in the Advent window displays over Christmas. This is just a selection of the colourful and imaginative artworks created around the Village

THE HOGS BACK BREWERY COMES TO THE VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 10th January started OVRA's year with a cracking presentation on the Hog's Back Brewery. Mel Rees distributed well appreciated samples of some of the Hog's Back Brewery's extensive range of beers while recounting the history, brewing process, current projects and the future plans of the Brewery, combined with light-hearted anecdotes from his 20 years as a guide at the brewery. Mel spoke of his pride in the achievements of the brewery, especially its ability to adjust to the changing circumstances and grow over the years together with its success in its recycling and sustainability projects. Gift packs and beers were raffled bringing this well attended, lively and entertaining first 2023 OVRA evening in the Village Hall to a close.

For many years these OVRA presentations have been organised by Angela Joule, who said she had found this work an enriching experience but that now it was time to hand the baton to others. On behalf of OVRA, Ray Briggs thanked Angela for the years of dedication to organising these talks and for the pleasure these presentations had provided to many of the Villagers, especially those less able to attend events further afield.

Dear OVRA members and other Onslow residents

I hope you had a healthy and happy Christmas and are starting the New Year refreshed after a relaxing break.

OVRA's Fun February Quiz on Saturday, 11th February

Unfortunately, just at the time of going to print, we have had to cancel this year's Quiz Evening, due to 'circumstances beyond our control'



Coronation of King Charles III

OVRA are planning to hold a street party on Sunday, 7th May to celebrate the event. If the same number of attendees come as last year for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this will be quite a party.

It would be lovely if all the village organisations, associations and societies undertook to provide a stall, display, or exhibition in the village hall. It's a great way to show the rest of the village what you do and recruit new members. Please let me know if you want to be involved. So, put the date in your diaries now (it is the day after the Coronation itself).

2023 looks set to challenge OVRA in many ways. We want to keep you all in the loop about various developments which may affect our way of life in the village. As Chair, I am conscious that often we are the last to do so and that we cannot move as fast as events. For instance, the latest Cathedral development plan was in consultation with no notice over the Christmas period. Although I am assured you can still post comments the official consultation has closed. We still seek someone to help with communications – especially on social media and our website. We are also struggling to keep the Village Voice going in either print or digital format. Is this something you could help us with?

Rebecca Brown. OVRA Chair.



THE OVRA ARCHIVES



Prior to Covid the committee gathered together the archive material that we had been storing relating to OVRA with the intention of asking Woking History Centre to accept it. Covid struck and the project was shelved until recently. Later, the History Centre was contacted, who agreed to take it. This material contained a unique story of the village in the intervening years since the formation of OVRA in 1956. All this material has now been submitted to the History Centre which in the process of assessing and cataloguing it. Catalogue reference number 10439.

In addition, when Onslow Village Ltd was wound up in 1984, all surviving documents, minute books etc., were also handed to the Woking History Centre and subsequently achieved by them. This material is available to access via their website (below). Catalogue reference is 1807

To view the archive material now held at Woking, visit :[Surrey History Centre - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/history-centre) or www.surreycc.gov.uk/culture-and-leisure/history-centre and search for 'Onslow Village - Surrey Archives'.

Please note that when visiting the website you will see which documents are currently available, but we are advised

New members always welcome. Just come along to one of our meetings!



As well as our monthly meetings we have regular coffee mornings, tea afternoons, lunches and pub evening events as well as monthly outings. Recent outings have included a trip to DSI to see how the costumes for 'Strictly Come Dancing' are made; The Poppy Factory and the Frameless interactive art show in London. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to drop us an email onslowvillagewi@outlook.com.

Our programme for 2023 is as follows :

February 1st - Millinery - a demonstration on the art of hat making by Beverley Edmondson

March 1st - Gin: The Spirit of Westminster, Dr Helen Naylor, London Historian

April 5th - Pub Games Evening

May 3rd - How I became a published author - Gill Thompson

See our website for the remaining events for 2023

Local Matters Compiled by Ray Briggs

Partly as a result of views expressed at the open meeting on the proposed changes to Wodeland Surgery, OVRA has committed to keep members updated on ongoing issues in the area. As views on these matters will vary amongst residents, we do not have a view on any of the matters reported here. We only wish to keep residents informed of developments.

NW Guildford GP Estates Development

Nothing has really changed on this since Surrey Heartland was forced to pull out of the planned open meetings last year. As you will recall Surrey Heartlands is looking at ways to redevelop the surgeries currently under the Guildown and Woodbridge Hill practices. While no decision has been taken as yet, proposals have included consolidating the surgeries at larger premises in Park Barn and at the Jarvis Centre. These proposals may result in the closure of the Wodeland Avenue surgery. Development of these proposal has been effected by budget restrictions in the NHS and Surrey Heartlands is working with partners explore a route to fund options and solutions. As a result, engagement with interested parties and consultation has been delayed and will not take place as planned in early 2023. We do not have information on when this will take place, but will continue to engage with Surrey Heartlands and keep you all informed.

Cathedral housing 21/P/02333

An email sent before Christmas from Friends of Stag Hill (FOSH) announced a modified application with a fresh set of documents produced (some 1200 pages). FOSH commentary suggested that not much had changed and they intend to continue to oppose this development.

32 Queen Eleanors Road 21/P/01411

This application to divide the property has been refused. Main reasons cited are cramped living space, overdevelopment and the proposal not being in keeping with the area. The applicant has lodged an appeal which awaits a decision from the planning inspector.

Guildford Park Road Development.

The OVRA AGM will be held on 14 March in the Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30 pm. Following the meeting there will be a presentation by Ross Kelway, Public Engagement Manager at the University of Surrey on some of the exciting projects being undertaken there. Refreshments will be served before the AGM



WE ARE PLANNING ANOTHER EASTER EGG HUNT ON APRIL 9th 2023

10:00 – 12:00 for children aged 0-5 & 6-12 years. The 'search' will be for appropriate 'age related' tokens hidden in the Arboretum/Recreation Ground to exchange for chocolate eggs. Cost £5.00 - Sales end 6th April - Paying now guarantees your child's place & egg in the completion. The accompanying responsible adult should register with OVRA volunteers stationed at the playground on arrival. This will be the second time we have run this event & we're hoping it will become a 'traditional' OVRA event. Again, we will be using 'Eventbrite' to book tickets on-line. Just search OVRA + Easter Egg hunt on their website from mid March. We are not offering refunds so if you need to cancel (or we do because of awful weather) we will do our best to get your eggs to you. Contact us through website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/ovra-guildford/contact/ovra/>

OUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

Angela Richardson MP for Guildford

Our Onslow Ward Councillors

Councillor Jon Askew. Liberal Democrats

Councillor David Goodwin. Liberal Democrats

Councillor Will Salmon. Liberal Democrats

Angela Goodwin. Surrey County Councillor
Guildford SW Division

HOW TO JOIN - OVRA Membership Renewal for 2023

OVRA Membership renewal is due from 1st April each year. Fees are usually collected at the annual AGM, normally held in March, or at subsequent events. If you would like to renew your membership for 2023 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 21 Bannisters Road or 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.