



Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 38, Summer 2017

25 Years of Strawberry Fayres in Bisley



What an amazing day! The weather held out for our afternoon of traditional country fayre on Sunday 25th June. We had some welcome additions this year. The Silver Human Statue had children asking to have their photos taken with her (Pamela). The climbing wall sponsored by Redrow Homes was very popular and had a queue all day, but could take climbers 4 at a time up the wall.

The children of Bisley C. of E. Primary School were very involved this year, helping to run a stall for the school. Yr 2 and Yr 3 children took part in the Silver Foil Challenge to celebrate 25 years of Strawberry Fayres. They were given 1 metre of silver foil and 25 minutes to use their imaginations to come up with something. Representatives of the Strawberry Fayre Committee then judged the competition and were very impressed with the entries.

Each child who entered received a certificate and then 'goodie bags' were awarded as 1st prizes to Ava Price & Valerie Aguirre, 2nd prizes to Jon Lees & Conner Lawrence and 3rd prizes to Amelie Burnett & Jenny Hall.



We are the children of Bisley School!

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Children from the school choir sang beautifully to complete the entertainment for the afternoon. During the day entertainment was also enthusiastically performed by Leanne Edwards School of Theatre Arts, Almac Bisley Brass Band, Chobham St. Lawrence Morris Men & Professor Twist

Jewel Windows sponsored our special programme for this anniversary year and we are also grateful to our other sponsors Seymours Estate Agents, West End Garage, Almac House Developments, Wooldridge Group, Tenaker Farm Shop and Sainsbury's Local.

The Strawberry Fayre Committee are outstanding and work so hard beforehand and on the day itself trying to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Sadly, we have to say goodbye to 2 members of the committee Steve & Beth Barrett who are moving to Norfolk after this year's event. They have been involved since they moved to the village and been running the HOG ROAST for the past 4 years. There was a good variety of stalls this year with additional new stalls thanks to Thea Phillips who books all the stalls and her team who are responsible for the site planning. (Contd. On page 2)

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- ◆ 4th October Open Forum & AGM
- ◆ 24th November Hi Tech Quiz.



'Pamela'



Village Issues I

Teas on the Rec.

Our popular summer event commenced on Thursday 1st June from 2 pm to 5 pm and finishes on the 31st August this year,

A warm welcome to all to come and meet up for fun afternoons with tea and cake on Bisley Recreation Ground and to support a different charity each week. **From 13th**

July the following charities will be covered—West End Old Folks Social Club / Woking Sight; Church Fabric Fund barbeque ; Carriage Driving for the Disabled; Brain Tumor Research; Parkinsons UK; Wannabeamazin; Chilli Children / World Affairs Group and on 31st Aug, Woking and Sam Beare Hospice.

For more information please contact;

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Strawberry Fayre continued...

We had a surprise visit from local MP Michael Gove this year, so if you thought you saw him you probably did. He took part in many of the activities on offer such as the Human Fruit Machine. A huge thank you to all our many helpers before and during the event and for all who supported this event.

We are hoping to have raised funds this year to help with the replacement of the flat roof above the entrance hall of Bisley Village Hall which is leaking and also towards double glazing the chancel windows to their original design in keeping with the historical nature of the building. *Sue Smith (photos by Jim Clarke)*



Community Café at Bisley Village Hall



This new weekly initiative started by the Village Hall Trustees in Spring, will re-commence early September, after 'Teas on the Rec' ends.

Changing of the Guard.

In the May 2017 elections Surrey Heath Borough Councillor David Mansfield was elected as Lightwater, West End and Bisley's Surrey County Councillor.

We extend our congratulations to him, and thank Cllr. Adrian Page for serving our village well, whilst representing us.

We have exciting news - the popular local Wilson Brothers (Everly Brothers Tribute Event) are coming back to Bisley Village Hall on Saturday 18th November for a concert. Tickets for this event are expected to sell out very quickly. Phone Sue Smith 01483 487843, Barbara Rothwell 01483 828690 or Ray Colvin 01483830020, to reserve your tickets now.

Briefly in Bisley

Bisley Parish Council Office: Contact via the Clerk Mrs Jill Biden 194 Guildford Road, Bisley. GU24 9FP. Tel: 01483 480172. Email: clerk@bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk, web: www.bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk. Chairman: Cllr. Steve Moore. Council meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall (not August). Please see notice boards or web site for the agenda before meetings. All welcome.

Hiring of Bisley Parish Pavilion and the sports enclosure Please contact the Clerk to the Council. The forms and terms & conditions for hire can be accessed on the Parish Council's website.

Neighbourhood Watch. The last NHW Co-ordinators' Meeting included a very useful talk on computer security – but we have to report that attendance from Bisley NHWs was not as good as usual. Please do come to these meetings – the next ones are on Monday 11th September and Monday 20th November at Pine Ridge Golf Club. *Norman Holden*

NOTICE OF A 'CASUAL VACANCY'

Following the sad death of Cllr. Norman Fosteckew, the Parish Council is required to give notice under section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that a vacancy has occurred in the office of Councillor for Bisley Parish Council. During the period from the 22nd June until 12th July 2017, 10 electors of the Parish may call a Bye-Election to fill the vacancy by application to The Returning Officer, Surrey Heath Borough Council, Knoll Road, Camberley, GU15 3HD. The Bye-Election would be held by 14th September 2017. In the absence of any applications, the vacancy will be filled by co-option in due course. *(also displayed elsewhere).*

The Spring WebCare A.G.M. The committee remains unchanged and continues under the able leadership of their chairman Angela Astall.

West End and Bisley Care (WebCare)
The telephone number is 07713 915393 to ask for or to volunteer help. (Monday to Friday 10 am to 12 noon) except Bank Holidays.



Village Issues II



Almac Bisley Brass Band

■ Brass on the Grass

♪ The Band's **Brass on the Grass concert** is on Sunday 9th July at 4pm on Bisley Village Green. This year Hammond School Brass Band from Lightwater will be taking part. Bring your picnic and something to sit on. It's free but donations will be welcome.

The BRA supports this event and hopes to see many residents and friends coming along for a family picnic and to enjoy the music.

♪ **The Celebration of the Last Night of the Proms concert** is on Saturday 23 September at 7.30pm. To reserve tickets (£8. £6 for concessions) in advance contact Graham Davey: tel/text 07753672778/ grahamdavey6@aol.com.

■ Playing and Teaching

♪ From September, the band will be offering a 10-week taster tuition course for anyone who would like to learn to play a brass instrument or to revive skills learned in the past. The first 4 weeks will be free then £20 for the next 6 weeks. Contact Graham Davey (tel/text 07753672778/ grahamdavey6@aol.com) if you are interested.

■ West End Show

Show schedules are on sale at Brown's newsagent and Shivs in West End. **Show Day is Saturday 9th September 2pm**. Classes are open to members and non members. Barn Dance in the evening, book your tickets early. The Ploughing Match is on Sunday 3rd September, on land in Stoke d'Abernon. *Angela Astall*

Any further information please contact the show secretary on 01483 480342 or visit the web site. (Bisley W.I. will be taking part in the W.I. Competition).

■ Surrey Heath Electoral Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England was due to publish its final recommendations for Surrey Heath on 13th June. However, the Commission is carrying out consultation on further limited draft recommendations and has opened a new phase limited to areas of Town and Crawley Hill, Old Dean and St. Pauls which will close on 10th July.

The Commission is satisfied that it has received sufficient evidence to finalise its proposals for the rest of the borough. **The final recommendations for the whole of the borough are now due to be published on 29th August 2017.** *(info from Jill Biden, Bisley Parish Clerk)*

A reminder that the current recommendations are that Bisley and West End villages should combine, with three Surrey Heath Borough Councillors, instead of the present two per village. *(Editor)*

Surrey's Community Recycling Centres – Public Consultation

Surrey County Council is launching a consultation about possible changes to community recycling centres (CRCs).

The Council very much regrets having to make these proposals. Whilst they create efficiencies, which take into current account patterns of use, they are at the same time a reduction in service that I know is highly valued by our residents.

Continued cuts to funding, rising costs and increasing demand for key services means that the need to find savings has reached unprecedented levels. This year alone we need to make savings of more than £100m – that's about 10% of our overall budget.

The following changes are proposed:

- Permanent closure of four smaller CRCs – Bagshot, Cranleigh, Dorking and Warlingham.
- Ending the free daily allowance of non-household waste.
- Closing CRCs on two weekdays so all sites are open for five days a week.
- Restricting users of vans, trailers and pick-ups to larger CRCs only.
- Ensuring CRCs in Camberley and Farnham are only used by Surrey residents.

For more information, please visit the consultation webpage at www.surreycc.gov.uk/recyclingcentres. The questionnaire will be live from Friday 23 June.

Hard copies will also be available at CRCs and by calling 03456 009 009 or texting 07860 053 456. **The consultation closes on Monday 7th August.** We are encouraging consultation returns to be made via the above webpage where at all possible for ease of processing.

The consultation responses will be used to inform the final plans which will be agreed by SCC's cabinet this autumn. Your support in encouraging residents to take part in the consultation is appreciated.

Although I understand why these changes will not be welcomed I do firmly believe that they will allow a comprehensive and efficient CRC service to Surrey's residents to be maintained while delivering savings to the taxpayer to help protect essential services.

Materials to promote the consultation are being sent to CRCs, county council offices, district and borough councils and libraries. If you would like any, please email wasteconsultation@surreycc.gov.uk.

From Surrey County Councillor Mike Goodman, Cabinet Member for environment and transport.

The printing and distributing to residents of this special full colour six page issue of 'Your Bisley' Newsletter was funded by Bisley Residents Association (please see back page).

Village Issues III

Rights of Way maintenance funding reductions

Revenue funding has been reduced in recent years and will be reducing further this year, producing 'significant challenges in meeting statutory duties, ensuring public safety and keeping paths open.'

Categories and effects of reduced budget on maintenance work:

Vegetation clearance, signing, surface repairs to paths, tree safety work, general maintenance on e.g. gates / stiles and bridges .

From a briefing note from Steve Mitchell, Surrey County Council's Countryside Access Team May 2017

Residents of Bisley Village :-



♣ When you are out and about in the village and see any 'Rights of Way' problems, please let us know by contacting Jill Biden, the clerk to Bisley Parish Council on 01483 480172 or email clerk@bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk with the details.

♣ Should you be interested in the possibility of joining a group of volunteers willing to help maintain our local 'Rights of Way', please also contact the Clerk for further details.



Bisley C of E Primary School

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YEARS
1967 - 2017

Congratulations from the residents of Bisley to our village school. Hope you had a happy 'Party in the Park' to celebrate your Birthday on Friday 30th June, with your 'Picnic on the Rec' and your fun activities.

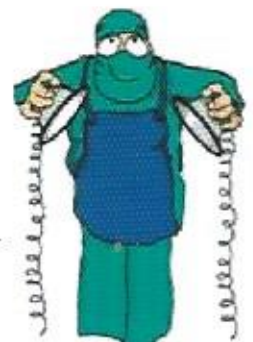
Clews Lane Public Telephone Box.



Bisley Parish Council has adopted the iconic red public telephone box in Clews Lane, to save it from removal from our village. It will no longer contain a functioning telephone. Ideas please for how this can now be used for the village e.g. a 'book exchange', with children's books on the lower shelves and books for adults on the upper shelves. *Ideas please to the Parish Clerk, Jill Biden.*

A defibrillator for Bisley Village?

The Trustees of the Village Hall are exploring acquiring one or two defibrillators accessible in the village. The implications of siting, funding and training of interested residents, are being considered.



BISLEY VILLAGE HOG ROAST



For the past 4 years the village has been very fortunate and grateful to have the Barrett/Porter family to run the HOG ROAST at the annual Strawberry Fayre. The family, however, are moving away this summer after the 2017 event.

Is there anyone locally with catering experience who would be able to organise the HOG ROAST for us in the future ?

Bisley Village Hall has it's own HOG ROAST machine so we just need someone or maybe a family or group who would be willing to take this on.

If you might be interested in this venture please contact
Steve Barrett 01483 474649 or Sue Smith 01483 487843

Village Issues IV



6th Bisley Village Annual Awards, initiated and organised by Parish Councillor Mick Raynor, were presented at the Strawberry Fayre by the Mayor of Surrey Heath Cllr. Valerie White.

Business of the year was awarded to Jewel Windows and received by sales manager Mike Farr. **Citizen of the year** was awarded to Sue Smith and the **Junior Citizen of the year** was awarded to Shenia Skipp (year 6 Bisley C.of E. school).

Many congratulations to all and thanks to the Mayor for enhancing this occasion and to Mick for his work on this.

(Photos by Jim Clarke)

Bisley Remembers

Norman S. Fostekew 1944-2017

With sadness we report the death of Parish Councillor Norman Fostekew on 31st May. After retirement, he served the village as a councillor for 6 years, working tirelessly for the village he cared about.

During his working life he was a prison officer and ran his own gardening business. For some years he was contracted by the Council to look after the village green, recreation ground and the playspace, which he did brilliantly. When he came onto the Council he brought his rich expertise and experience with him and was a constant source of advice and guidance to his fellow councillors, as well as being very involved practically.

As Jill Biden, our Parish Clerk, said in her moving tribute to Norman at his funeral service – he was ‘a gentleman and a friend, a loyal and supportive Parish Councillor, serving the



community of Bisley, wanting only what was best for the village.’ A celebration of Norman’s life at Bisley Parish Church on the 14th June was attended by a very large gathering. He will be sadly missed and we offer our sincere condolences to his beloved wife Margaret and family.

Hester Clarke, Jill Biden and Norman Holden.

Songs of Praise

Come and sing some of your favourite hymns on the **second Tuesday of each month in Holy Trinity Church, West End. Start time 2.30 p.m., tea and cake from 3.15 p.m., finishes 4.00 p.m.** If you wish to stay for communion there will be a short service from 4 to 4.30 p.m. Further details if needed from: Alison Clay 01483 481249 or Pauleene Hammett, 01483 487912 (Pastoral Assistants).

Dates: 11th July, 8th August, 12th September, 10th October etc



Bisley Womens Institute

Shared Craft Afternoon-

In response to the WI National Campaign, West End and Bisley WIs joined together for a craft afternoon in May, focussing specifically on Twiddlemuffs, Sensory Bands and Comfort Quilts for Dementia patients.

Maureen Hulme, coordinator of the Alzheimer’s Cafe - held at St Mary’s, Park Road, Camberley every third Monday of the month from 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. - explained that these sensory items are essential for keeping Dementia patients occu-



piated, whilst stimulating their brains. The photos show these easy and fun-to-make, colourful items which are distributed to individual patients when they visit the Frimley Park Hospital Dementia unit. *Ros Terry Photos by Ros & Angela*

For further information please contact Bisley W.I. who will be giving some of these useful items to our local residential homes.

Happy Birthday Bisley W.I.

In June, Bisley WI celebrated their 78th Birthday. Liz Colvin (President) and Marilyn Meller (the longest serving member) cut the delicious cake, baked by Fiona Jones and beautifully iced by Iris Murdoch. Our meetings are on the 2nd Wednesdays and Craft Group is on the 4th Wednesday, every month except August. On Wednesday July 12th our speaker is Jo Mabbutt whose talk is ‘The Thames -

Theatre of Pageantry & Pleasure’. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Liz Colvin. Photos by Rose Kneller



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Bisley Residents Association Committee for 2016/17

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Membership Secretary: Ray Colvin (membership@bisleyresidents.org.uk) and webmaster.
Committee members: Chris Bixley and Jean Hope.

B.R.A events in 2017....

Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper in April- what a night!

The Bisley Residents' Association Spring Quiz & Fish & Chip Supper was a very enjoyable evening. Winning team of the Quiz was "The Tenors" (appropriately on Table No. 10?) and the Suppers provided by Seafare were delicious, piping hot and right on time! Our thanks to Liz & Ray Colvin, Jim Clarke, Chris & Gerry Bixley, Jean Hope and Alex Summers and all other helpers.

Bisley Residents' Association 23rd Open Forum in March.

The main theme 'Things to get involved with in Bisley and beyond' was a joint event with the Annual Parish Assembly. The Jubilee Room was packed and we heard presentations from Webcare, Bisley Scouts, Songs of Praise, Mizens Railway, Basingstoke Canal group, Teas on the Rec etc. The Deputy Mayor Councillor Valerie White was there with County Cllr. Adrian Page and Borough Cllr. David Mansfield. Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Steve Moore chaired the second half of the meeting, ably assisted by Parish Clerk Jill Biden. So many topics were covered and we're grateful to



all those who contributed, not forgetting all those ladies and gents who attended and served our refreshments!

Our BRA stall at Strawberry Fayre this year, ably manned by Committee member Jean Hope and granddaughter Kaitlyn, had a surprise visit from our newly re-elected M.P. Michael Gove who had a go at the Treasure Hunt.



Photo by Jim Clarke

Looking ahead:

► Our 24th **Open Forum** followed by the 12th **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 4th October 2017 at 7pm in the Jubilee Room. **Please note the change of date.** The main theme of the Open Forum will be 'Countryside and Wildlife in Bisley' - with particular emphasis on the need to maintain public footpaths and 'Right of Way' paths etc in our community.

► **Hi-Tech Quiz & Ploughman's Supper** in the Village Hall - Friday 24th November 2017.

Norman Holden B.R.A. Chairman

To our loyal readers, if you reached this point, we hope you enjoyed our newsletter with information about our village. If so perhaps you would consider joining your Residents Association which only costs a maximum of £7 per person per year. We would really appreciate having more members (currently we have less than 10% of the village) as it gives us more weight when pressing for change and improvements to our village and it would help to fund the newsletters. As a member, you would also qualify for a reduction at our events and be entered into Prize Draws in each Newsletter and at our Forums.
Ray Colvin (BRA Membership Secretary)

The BRA would like to encourage all members to renew their membership and warmly welcomes new members. This enables us to work on your behalf on issues affecting our village and helps to provide the 'Your Bisley' Newsletter. We hold a prize draw for all paid-up members with each newsletter (or forum). If you would like to participate, please renew your subscription or join by filling in the form below.

Congratulations to Mrs. A. Fowler of Shaftesbury Road who won the Newsletter Prize Draw.

Bisley Residents Association. New Member / Renewal Application Form. (Please delete as appropriate)

Please accept my membership of the Bisley Residents Association, valid to 31st October 2018, for which I enclose my subscription of £..... Date: (Please tick boxes below)

Title(s): Name(s): Email:

Address: Telephone No:

Annual Subs: Individual £7.00 , Student / Senior Citizen £5.00 , Senior Couple £10 , Couple / Family £12.00

Method of Payment: Cash Cheque , Please tick if you require a receipt

Please send to: Membership Secretary, Ray Colvin, 20 Angelica Rd., Bisley, GU24 9EY or see website for form or email membership@bisleyresidents.org.uk

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