



Bisley Residents Association

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Our Village in Winter

Thanks to Bisley Parish Council for the lovely Christmas Tree and new illuminations which cheered up the mid-winter darkness and were enjoyed by many, including passers by!



Seasonal Greetings from Bisley Village Hall

The Hall stands cold and empty in the snow ... But it does look rather beautiful. Carol Timpson, one of our fantastic team of Trustees, took this picture last month. Like everyone else, we are looking forward to warmer times and to the company of other people. We are doing our best to ensure that the Hall is ready to welcome you when the time comes. See page 3 for more details.



Hints of the coming Spring as Irises push through the snow at the war memorial.

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BRA Diary Dates 2021

- ▶ Open Forum 24th March
- ▶ Quiz / Supper 8th May
- ▶ Open Forum / AGM 13th Oct.
- ▶ Quiz/Supper 20th Nov.
- ▶ Three Newsletters p.a.

B.R.A.Events

Bisley Residents' Association's 15th Annual General Meeting in October 2020 was a 'virtual' meeting via Zoom as the rules restricting such events to six attendees indicated that we could not hold this AGM in the Village Hall as originally planned. In common with other organisations, we asked our members for permission for the present BRA Committee to continue 'in office' for



another six months. Members authorised us to do this (see above). The reports from our Chairman, Treasurer and Membership Secretary can be seen on B.R.A.'s website. Optimistically (!) Bisley Residents' Association's events for 2021 are (tentatively) set as in our 'Diary Dates' on the left.

Village matters. Throughout the Lockdowns and the severe restrictions placed on all our lives, Bisley Residents' Association's Committee is still active. We're always represented at Bisley Parish Council meetings (at present via Zoom) and our own Committee meetings continue, also via Zoom - so if there are any happenings around Bisley (planning, traffic, etc. etc.) that are concerning you, do contact B.R.A. and we'll try to take it up - if we can! (You can also see details of local Planning Applications on Surrey Heath Borough Council's website)- and if you're not yet a B.R.A. member, do join us; see page 4 for details.

Norman Holden
(Photo by Hester Clarke, AGM October 2019)

The printing and distribution of this issue of 'Your Bisley' Newsletter to residents, in full colour was funded by Bisley Parish Council, for which we warmly thank them.

Bisley Remembers

Barry Wells. 1933-2021

With sadness we report the death of Barry Wells. Barry was a very prominent and popular figure in Bisley for many years until he and his late wife Joan moved to France. We are indebted to Sue Smith for this tribute:-

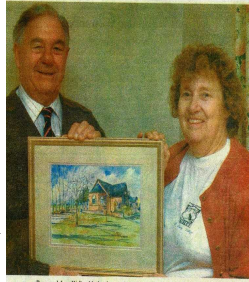
"He was Chairman of the Village Hall for 14 years and Joan was Treasurer. Below is a photo of Barry & Joan when he retired as Chairman of the hall. He was instrumental in starting/helping many village groups. Starting the Bowls Club, he helped out at the Eventide Club and The Butts where he often drove the minibus. He was Treasurer of the Day Centre while they were fund raising for the Minibus appeal. He cooked Christmas lunches for a main hall full of people for many years. He was Chairman of the Youth Club, helped get the Bingo on Fridays, in the Jubilee Hall, was involved with the Strawberry Fayre and was Father Christmas for the Playgroup, for many years. He and Joan also helped to organise many community events with Arthur & Jen Martin at the Village Hall. In addition to helping Barry with a lot of these activities, Joan was also W.I. member." We offer to Diane, Jane and the family our heartfelt condolences.



Len Tamplin 1932-2020

Sadly we report the passing of Len Tamplin, B.R.A.'s Honorary Member whose many contributions to Bisley life have made him almost irreplaceable. (Our Chairman was also honoured to represent the Royal British Legion at Len's funeral service).

Graham Davey has given us permission to quote from his tribute to Len on Almac Bisley Brass Band's Facebook page:- "Len made a tremendous contribution to our Band. a member of Bisley Brass Band and its predecessor the Bisley Office Equipment Band since the mid-1960s. He joined from Chobham Ex-Servicemens' Band and, in all, had played in brass bands for over 70 years. He was also loved and respected in Bisley having been a Trustee of the Village Hall – the Band's 'home' - for over 20 years. Len was a lovely man and he was a great friend. A donation page has been set up to support Woking Hospice <https://leonardtampin.muchloved.com>." We will miss him and we send sincerest condolences to Dorothy and the family.



Norman Holden.



Bisley Base The BASE as we often get referred to, opened in June 2003, offering after school care for Bisley school. Children were collected and walked from school to The BASE where they could explore our outside space, games and activities. The service we offered became very popular, so much so we offered

Holy Trinity children spaces. At first, we used a people carrier to transport the children, but it soon became apparent we needed to expand and bought a minibus to help. We have always put the needs of our families first, ensuring the service we provided catered for all and this meant we needed more space. Consequently we added more toilets and rooms to fulfil this.

During these first few years we grew into a valued and well supported service, enabling parents to go to work in the full knowledge their children were having fun and socialising with all their friends. In April 2018 with 12 hours notice we had our OFSTED inspection and achieved 'outstanding'! Over the past year things have been tricky with the lockdowns and limited income for some months. We struggled to ensure our service would still be viable for the reopening of schools. We miss our children and families, and The BASE does not seem the same when its so quiet.

Bisley Base Preschool was due to open April 2020 but this was delayed and opened in September. We have had so many lovely comments about the preschool and it is growing each term. We have stayed open this lock down for our families who understand

we are doing our utmost to ensure all our children are safe. We feel happy that we can support all the children and parents that come to us during these uncertain times, giving the children a sense of normality and opportunity to engage with others.

Bisley Base Ltd (The BASE) is now a family affair with myself Lynda, my husband Ant and my daughter Melanie all playing a huge role in the everyday running of a business that has become part of our community.

We are confident that there are brighter days ahead and can't wait for our garden and building to be filled with children laughing and having fun. Role on the summer. *Lynda Faithfull*

Royal British Legion, Bisley, Knaphill & West End Branch

On behalf of the Royal British Legion branch, we thank everyone in Bisley and West End for the generous response to the 2020 Poppy Appeal. The results were impressive, considering the restrictions on all of us by the pandemic. The work of the Legion goes on, so if you wish to contribute – or indeed become a member – do get in touch with us.

We were honoured to attend the funeral service of our dear friend and distinguished member of the Legion, Len Tamplin. We will miss him and we send deepest condolences to Dorothy and the family. As reported elsewhere, Barry Wells, a stalwart member of the Royal British Legion, passed away at the age of 87. He will be greatly missed and we offer our condolences to Barry's family. *Norman Holden, Vice Chairman, Royal British Legion local branch.*

Briefly in Bisley

Bisley Parish Council Office:

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Web: www.bisleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Chairman: Councillor Malcolm Vaughan

The Parish Council continues to meet as usual on the second Monday of the month. It is at the usual time of 7:00pm and is being held remotely on Zoom due to current Coronavirus regulations. Please see the Parish Council web site for details of forthcoming meetings and to download the agenda. You are most welcome to attend. Please contact the clerk by email or phone for details.

New Parish Councillor.

Bisley Parish Council welcomes Erica Agombar as a new Councillor. Erica has lived in Bisley for 15 years. She wants to

ensure the village of Bisley stays connected on all matters. Erica is active in the community as a volunteer, starting the Bisley Village Facebook page in 2017, heavily involved in Surrey Heath Prepared and most recently co-founded the Bisley and West End Foodbank. Erica has recently set up the Parish Council's Facebook page.

Bisley Award in Memory of Andy Gill

Andy Gill was the first recipient of the Bisley Citizen of the Year award. Bisley Parish Council would like to present an award in Andy's memory to a resident who has made an outstanding contribution to Bisley. **The deadline for nominations has been extended to 31st May 2021. Please visit the Parish Council's website to make your nomination.**

Village Issues

SAVING HEALTH SERVICE

Everyone is doing their best during this pandemic. We applauded the NHS last year, but of course there are many others too who are going the extra mile. Some of you reading this will be helping at our food bank, checking on neighbours and phoning up the vulnerable and lonely. And the internet has never been so busy. Our current situation of lockdown has prompted a different sort of busyness – online.



But what about prayer? How do we pray, at such a time as this? What should we pray about?

The Christian belief is that this is God's world, that God shares our concern for all that happens here and calls us to pray for the world: its leaders and its people; its poor and its vulnerable; its needs and its healing. Quite simply, we are those who are asked by Jesus to pray 'your kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven'.

There are many calls to prayer from religious leaders at the moment. Why? Because this is the one distinctive and vital 'saving health service' that we as Christians can offer the world. Everyone will need strength and inspiration from God to get through the coming months.

But how should we pray? There is no special formulae and no special place, prayer is simply talking to God. So, whether alone in our room, taking our daily walk, or with friends over the internet, let us lift up our fearful and hurting world to God.

You don't need lots of words or lengthy liturgies. You don't even need more than a mustard seed of faith. You simply need one heartfelt cry for help on your lips to our Father, who promises through Christ to answer our prayers.

If you are finding it hard to pray, or if you don't have the faith to pray right now, please know that the churches in the parish and the people who make up that congregation, are here to pray with you and for you. If you would like prayer either for yourself or a situation or person you are concerned about please do get in touch and let us know. You can call or email a member of the clergy in confidence or contact us via the office (01483 473377) or via our Pastoral Assistants using the contact details in this magazine.

Rev Richard Abbott

Almac Bisley Brass Band.

This week we received our first summer booking – for a performance on the Bandstand in the Castle Grounds, Guildford on Sunday 25 July. We hope it will happen and that there will be more dates for you to put in your diaries. Keep a lookout on our website <https://almacbisleybrassband.org/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/almacbisleybrassband/> for updates.



The band's AGM in January was Brenda Cox's last meeting as chairman of the band after 60 years of involvement as a player, committee member, secretary and chairman. We are very grateful for everything she has done for us.

We are keeping in touch with band members on Zoom and trying to keep in practice. We welcome our new chairman Vanessa Philips, who has been in our band playing tenor horn since 1993.

We are all looking forward to the time when we can all get back together again and play an active role in the community of Bisley. *Graham Davey for Almac Bisley Brass Band.*

Census 2021

The census is coming on Sunday 21 March 2021.

By taking part, you can help to inform decisions on services that shape your community, such as healthcare, education and transport. It is important that you fill in your census questionnaire online. It's easy to take part, but if you need a little extra help there are a wide range of support services.

There's language support and accessible census guidance and lots of helpful documents on our website. You can also get help from census staff in the contact centre by phone, in a web chat or on social media. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) will send you a letter in the post with an access code and instructions. You can then complete your census online. Paper questionnaires will be available for those who need them.

If your household circumstances change on Census Day, you can let the ONS know. Remember, if you or anyone you know needs help, there's plenty available. You can contact Emma Albery, Census Engagement Manager for North Surrey by email emma.albery23@field.census.gov.uk.

For more information, visit www.census.gov.uk

Bisley Village Hall Update. I am delighted our Management Committee has been strengthened by the addition of Sophie Ince and Victoria Mitchell, who joined us at our AGM in January (held on Zoom) to represent Springbox/Springtots (children's' gymnastics). Leanne Edwards remains as a Trustee, though most of her School of Theatre Arts (LESTA) classes have moved to a new purpose-built venue. We wish her well. LESTA's departure leaves some gaps in our hiring calendar, particularly on Saturday afternoons/evenings for parties/celebrations (when the world allows). Please get in touch if you would like to know more about what the Hall has to offer.

We have been far from idle during lockdown. Russ Hayes (Trustee) has been project-managing extensive work by Michael (Mickey) Hazell to improve the fire safety of the old two-storey part of the building. Russ and Mickey have done a fantastic job. During the course of the fire-safety work – of which there is a bit more to do - we have discovered damp. So that will probably be the next challenge, along with some electrical work.

With restricted income and lots more to do we have been very grateful for the help of Michael Wand – known to us as St Michael - who has continued to carry out painting and many other jobs. It's practical support from people like Michael, Rose Kneller, (who donates proceeds from sales of face masks) and others who enable us continue to take good care of our Hall. If you too would like to get involved please get in touch. You might also want to consider purchasing Surrey Heath Lottery tickets: www.surreyheathlottery.co.uk/support/bisley-village-hall or registering at www.smile.amazon.co.uk/ and nominating Bisley Village Hall to receive a donation from Amazon every time you make a purchase. Or you can simply make a donation.

There has been one very sad note over the last few months. Len Tamplin - who was a Trustee of the Hall for over twenty years, a stalwart of the village and member of Almac Bisley Brass Band – passed away. He was a lovely man and a friend to us all and we miss him greatly. There is a tribute to him elsewhere in this edition.

Well that's a surprising amount of news for a closed Village Hall! We are doing our very best and we look forward to seeing you again, in person, soon. *Graham Davey*

Chair, Bisley Village Hall Management Committee of Trustees

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Bisley and West End Food Bank



During the first lockdown it became apparent that some people in the villages of Bisley & West End were in need of support from food banks. This need has not gone away and may increase.

The nearest food bank is not very close by (Woking, based in Sheerwater) and residents in West End & Bisley do not qualify for the Surrey Heath Food Bank operated by the Besom in Camberley. A Bisley and West End Foodbank has therefore been set up to ensure local needs are catered for as easily as possible.

How does it work? A site base has been provided by the Church to store food and prepare parcels for delivery and a team of 35+ local volunteers is already helping prepare the site, collecting and donating food, fundraising and preparing parcels for delivery.

It is being set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with its own bank account, proper accounting records, a Board of Trustees and a website: www.bisleywestendfoodbank.org

Professionals identify and refer people in need

People in need are identified by key local care professionals such as GPs, Schools, Churches, Health Visitors, Social workers, Councillors, CAB Your Sanctuary and WEBCare. They identify people in crisis and can then refer them to access emergency food by completing a referral form and sending it to referralbisleywestendfoodbank@gmail.com. Access to the food bank is only by referral – there is no self-referral.

Delivery is made from the food bank to doorsteps for three days' emergency food and for a limited period of 3 weeks. Referrals can be renewed thereafter as needed. The food bank cannot make donations of money but can advise on organisations to contact for financial help, including debt advice, eg: Frontline, Emmaus Rd, the Lighthouse and local charities which can provide a speedy response.

Food and money are donated

Schools, churches, businesses and individuals donate non-perishable, in-date food (at least 3 months shelf life) to the food bank. There are food drop off points around both villages, including the Rectory (see the website for full details). Grants are also applied for from local bodies to support the food bank and there is a Just Giving page:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bisleyandwestend-foodbank

West End & Bisley Care and Good Neighbourhood Group. WEBCare telephone number is 07713915393 to ask for or to volunteer help. (Monday to Friday 10am to 12noon) except bank holidays.



Need help to get to your vaccination appointment?

Please contact WEBCare for transport to essential medical appointments. This includes help to get to a vaccination centre. Covid protocols are in place to protect drivers - you must wear a mask and be able to get in and out of a vehicle unaided (walking sticks are fine, but no zimmer frames or wheel chairs which need loading into the car's boot).

WEBCare email: webcaregu24@gmail.com will be picked up by the next duty officer, (for enquiries not bookings).

For those who use walking aids, try NHS Transport: 0300 1239840 or Surrey Heath Community Transport: 01276 707655.

Sarah Wynter Bee

The BRA would like to encourage all members to renew their membership for the year 2020/21 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. **(Data will be held and used only by B.R.A.)** The Prize Draw winner for this Newsletter is Tim Price - congratulations.

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 2021, 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

Please make cheques payable to Bisley Residents Association.