



Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 50, Summer 2021

Celebrating our 50th Issue



Thanks to all who have contributed to this village newsletter over the past sixteen years, from the first issue in Autumn 2005 (after the inaugural meeting of the B.R.A.) to this Summer issue. The early issues were in limited colour and we moved to full colour later. We thank all our B.R.A. members over the years for their support in helping to fund this newsletter. We also thank Bisley Parish Council for funding one issue per year.

See page 3 for our picture gallery

B.R.A.

The Andy Gill Award 2021

The late – and sadly missed - Andy Gill was the first recipient of the 'Bisley Citizen of the Year Award'. Bisley Parish Council has now presented the Award in Andy's memory 'to a resident who has made an outstanding contribution to Bisley' (as nominated by residents).

The Award was presented to Cathy Corner. Cathy has been a tireless fundraiser (and raiser of our spirits!) and was the well-deserved winner of this Award. Congratulations and warm thanks to Cathy!



Andy's wife Chris, his son, grand-daughter Georgie, daughter Jodie, Award winner Cathy – and Elizabeth Ward.

Photo by Norman Holden.

Opening up - welcome back !

Brass on the Grass 2021.

On 11th July we saw the welcome re-appearance of the brilliant Almac Bisley Brass Band, reviving that lovely 'Bisley Brass on the Grass'. A record number of folk of all ages from Bisley (and beyond!) brought their picnics and had a super time listening to the Band and catching up with each other after the long lockdown period. The Bisley Residents' Association also welcomed many of you at our stand. *Norman Holden.*



Photos by Jim Clarke

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BRA Diary Dates 2021

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

The printing and distribution of this issue of 'Your Bisley' Newsletter to residents, in full colour was funded by B.R.A. Please see page 4 for new member / renewal form.

B.R.A.Events

Bisley Residents' Association's committee has met regularly via Zoom and two extraordinary meetings have met to confirm that the committee appointed in October 2019 should continue.

We were so glad to be back on the village green with a B.R.A. stand for 'Brass on the Grass' in July (see photo below and above). **On the 13th October we look forward to our first Open Forum since October 2019.** It will be the 29th in this popular series and, as usual, we've invited The Mayor of Surrey Heath, Parish, Borough and County Councillors, The Rector, representatives of Surrey Police and other organisations and groups. **The Open Forum will be followed (on the same evening) by our 16th Annual General Meeting.**



Welcome back to 'Teas-on-the-Rec'.

After an enforced absence since summer 2019, Teas on the Rec returned on Thursday 5th August for four Thursday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m. However, the last two have had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

The 5th August event was well attended in spite of the rain and raised an amazing £804 for the Bisley and West End Food Bank.



Jamie gave a cheery thumbs up at this event.

Photo by Norman Holden.

On Thursday 12th August a BBQ followed the teas at 5.30 pm and a total in excess of £2,000 was raised for Church funds.

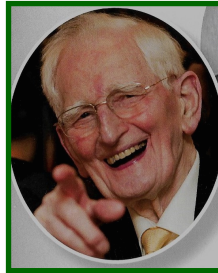
With thanks to the 'TOTR' team and all supporters and looking forward to summer 2022 and raising more money for charity.

The Royal British Legion

News from the Bisley, Knaphill & West End Branch of the Royal British Legion.

During the pandemic the local Branch of the Royal British Legion has been doing their best to continue our role of helping service men and women past and present. We managed to have abbreviated versions of Armed Forces Day events and marking the 100th anniversary of the Legion - and we gave full support to Cathy Corner during her marvellous sponsored 'Dunkirk to London' walk in April to raise funds for the RBL. **We are optimistic that the Remembrance Day Parade and Service will take place at Bisley War Memorial on 14th November this year.**

Roy Bishop 1925-2021. We wish to pay tribute to Roy who died at the age of 95 in June. He did not reside in our village but many Bisley people knew him for his tireless 'stints' at the Poppy Appeal stands at Sainsburys. Roy was one of our hardest-working members, having served with distinction in the Scots Guards. We will miss this lovely man. Our sincerest condolences to his family and thanks for the photograph.



Bisley Remembers

Gladys Atkins.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our good friend Gladys Atkins, devoted wife of that Bisley stalwart, the late Ken Atkins. We quote from our letter of condolence to Gladys' family:-

"The last time we spoke to Gladys, a few weeks ago, she was as bright and courageous as ever and we had the usual nice chat about what was going on in Bisley! We keep thinking how much affection and respect there has always been for Gladys - and dear old Ken - in Bisley and beyond. Their warm friendship and immense contributions to the life of this community will never be forgotten."

Once again, we offer our sincere condolences to Diane, David and the family and thanks for the family photograph.



Norman Holden

Bisley Consolidated & Henry Smith Charities.

We welcomed Reverend Fiona Simon, Rector of Bisley & West End Parish together with Elizabeth Ward, at a recent meeting, as new Trustees to the above Charities.

During the meeting it was noted that the next distribution of available grants was due in November this year.

A reminder that these Charities are for the needy, sick and elderly of the Parish of Bisley and that should anyone feel they fall within these parameters they should complete the application forms that will be available in Bisley Post Office. Please note that all information and enquiries are treated with the utmost respect and confidentiality.

Jim Evans on behalf of the Trustees

Bisley Women's Institute News

The Committee of Bisley W.I. have continued to keep in touch with members by email and phone calls. For the last two months around 30 members have met for an outside meeting on the Village Green, (see two photos on left). It was lovely to see everyone again, share news and have a good chat - something we are all great at!! In June we were very pleased to welcome Rev. Fiona Simon to the meeting and to introduce her to our members.

We are really looking forward to being in the Village Hall for our 'Welcome Back' meeting on Wednesday 8th September, 2 pm for 2.15 pm.

We are hoping our speaker will be Cathy Corner, this year's Bisley Citizen of the Year, who will tell us about her wonderful front garden charity projects and her walks between Bisley and West End war memorials. We have several prospective new members who hope to come on that day - please come along too if you are interested in joining our WI.

For more information please contact: Liz Colvin 01483 830020



Briefly in Bisley

Bisley Parish Council Office:

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Web: www.bisleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council does not usually meet in August. Please see the Parish Council web site for details of forthcoming meetings. To download the agenda, select 'meetings' and click on the calendar date of the meeting for links to the agenda and minutes.

Local Election Results May 2021:

Lightwater, West End and Bisley, Surrey County Councillor Rebecca Jennings-Evans.

Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner- Lisa Townsend.

Community Café at Bisley Village Hall



The Community Café has been up and running since May 17th 2021 under Covid regulations and with restricted numbers.

From 6th September we will again open to everyone, MEET UP MONDAYS 10 a.m. to 12 midday

We may be able to move back into the Jubilee Hall then. Watch out for information in the Parish News, on notice boards and Bisley Village Hall website www.bisleyvillagehall.org

Looking forward to seeing everyone again in September and anyone who hasn't been along to the café yet.

Sue, Barbara and the Community Café team.

Village Issues

WEBCare (West End & Bisley Care & Good Neighbour Group)

WEBCare is continuing to provide practical short-term help seven days a week for anyone needing a hand with transport and/or shopping, prescription collection & assistance with other small jobs - just call **07713 915393**. **Our phone line is open 10 - 12noon Monday - Friday**; messages can also be left via email (webcaregu24@gmail.com) which will be actioned by the next Duty Officer on duty (a minimum of 48 hours' notice please).

Our normal voluntary contributions apply but **where transport is requested in connection with a Covid vaccination appointment and/or assistance for those who are still having to shield no voluntary contributions are requested**. See our website (webcaregu24@org.uk) for a list of the voluntary contributions which cover volunteers' expenses, the DBS checks

we undertake on our drivers, insurance and the Covid cleaning equipment needed by our Duty Officers and volunteers.

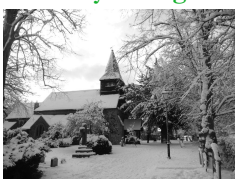
When transport is requested we ask that masks continue to be worn despite the lifting of recent restrictions. Some of our volunteers are now able to assist with transport for clients who need to use walking aids, e.g. rollators or walking frames that need to be put in the boot. (N.B. if we do not have a volunteer available, contact Surrey Heath Community Transport: 01276 707655 or NHS Transport: 0300 1239840).

Finally, we would welcome new members onto the WEBCare Committee, particularly a new Treasurer (our current treasurer is stepping down after many years of service) and someone who could manage our website and social media.

Sarah Wynter Bee - Secretary, WEBCare.

Looking back over the past 50 issues of 'Your Bisley' (pictures selected by Jim & Hester)

► Bisley through the Seasons



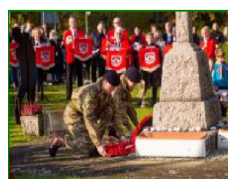
Snow in Winter



Strawberry Fayre in Summer



Bonfire Night



Remembrance Sunday



Our Christmas Tree

► Celebrations and Special Occasions



Bisley 'Youth Olympics' 2009/10 on the Recreation Ground



Royal visit by HRH the Countess of Wessex to open the Cooper Room at Bisley Church, May 2013



The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Village Family Picnic June 2012



The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrated by the W.I. (left) and 'Teas on the Rec.' (right) 2016



Bisley School 50th Birthday Party 2017



Bisley Village Hall 50th Anniversary project; improved access & front garden.



► The changing face of Bisley



Revd. Andy Armitt leaves Jan. 2020



Revd. Fiona Simon arrives Nov. 2020



New Gates for St. John the Baptist Church, Bisley 2020



The Bisley Village Hall Heritage project and the new Memorial Windows 2019



Bisley Roundabout under construction 2007



Bisley village shop changes from Londis to Sainsburys Local, Aug. 2014



New roundabout (2018) and playspace upgrade.



Defibrillator installed at the Pavilion



Bisley Book exchange



At last! B.P.C. get 30 mph limit on lower Church Lane. (2019)

► **Gone but not forgotten.** - The Butts, Bisley Centre closed July 2014 after 28 years of service to older residents. Bisley Pre School closed recently after many years of service to young children and their families.

► **Welcome to new businesses and organisations.**

Many thanks to all who shared their photos of village life with us over the years.

Jim & Hester

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Bisley and West End Food Bank



Bisley & West End Food Bank started work in January 2021 supported by generous donations of food & money for which its Trustees are most grateful. Set up to support local people in need during the pandemic it primarily covers residents of Bisley & West It is being set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charities Commission, and run by a Board of Trustees (Cllr Erica Agombar, Helen Francis, Simon Moore, Liz Noble, the Rev Fiona Simon & Sarah Wynter Bee).

To date it has received 23 referrals and supported 27 adults & 49 children with food parcels delivered twice a week for 3 weeks (the length of each referral). Included in the

parcels are details of local organisations & charities which can help with advice in many areas, including debt & budgeting, benefit reviews, parenting, CV review & career coaching and social & emotional support. A fantastic team of volunteers collects donations, stores & co-ordinates stock control, packs food parcels and delivers them. Having a local food bank is proving a very effective resource and we have established links with the Knaphill Community Fridge (whose aim is to prevent food waste) and this is proving a valuable source of fresh fruit, vegetables and other food for those in receipt of our food parcels, which currently are only able to contain tinned & dried food.

Thank you to everyone who has donated, whether food or money. More information, including locations of donation points and a complete list of our referral partners, can be found on our website: bisleywestendfoodbank.org. **If you would like more information please do not hesitate to email bisleywestendfoodbank@gmail.com and, if you would like to make a financial contribution please, visit the justgiving website and type in Bisley and West End Food Bank.**

Thank you, Sarah Wynter Bee



Almac Bisley Brass Band.

We are pleased that the days of socially-distanced rehearsals shown below are behind us and that everyone, players and supporters alike, are now able to enjoy our concerts with few restrictions.

These rehearsals, facilitated by the availability of the excellent space and facilities at Bisley Village Hall, enabled us to put on 'Brass on the Grass' on Sunday 11 July (see page 1). This was followed by a performance at Guildford

Castle Grounds at 2pm on Sunday 25 July.

Then - after months of not having been able to perform indoors we are really looking forward to our Celebration of the Last Night

of the Proms concert at Bisley Village Hall on Saturday 25 September and Christmas Concert 2021 on Saturday 11 December. Details of all

of our engagements can be found on our website <https://almacbisleybrassband.org/>.

We are lucky that we have a dedicated core Band, but we always welcome new players of all standards. If you are looking to get back into playing after a lay-off, are an active player looking to join a new band or have never played a brass instrument but would like to give it a go, please do get in touch.

You can do this via the contacts page on our website, our

Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/almacbisleybrassband/>)

or you can ring or text Graham Davey on 07753 672778



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 Phyllis Richardson - 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 2022, 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.