



# Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 51, Autumn 2021

## Bisley Parish Council By-Election

**This will be taking place on Thursday 4th November 2021 to elect two councillors for Bisley Parish Council.**

**The polling station is in Bisley Village Hall which will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

Please wear a face covering inside the polling station, make use of the hand sanitiser provided and maintain social distancing. Bring your own pen or pencil to mark your ballot paper, if possible.

There are six candidates standing for this election. For further details see village notice boards or the S.H.B.C. web site.

The two newly elected councillors will join the current five Parish councillors to serve our village until the next local elections in May 2023.

**PLEASE VOTE !!**

*Hester Clarke (B.P.C. Councillor 2015-2019)*

## Remembrance Sunday

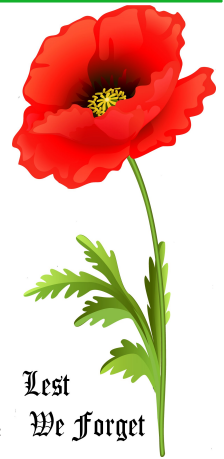
We are pleased to say that arrangements are proceeding for the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service at Bisley War Memorial on Sunday 14th November 2021 from 10.45 a.m. with the participation of Bisley Parish Church, the Scouts and Guides and serving soldiers.

You are invited back to the Village Hall after the service for refreshments, to be kindly provided by the ladies of Bisley W.I. and the B.R.A.

Please note: Church Lane will be closed to all vehicular traffic between the grassed triangle at the junction with School Close and the junction with the A322 Guildford Road at the Hen and Chickens roundabout, between 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of the Remembrance Day parade.

There may be certain modifications to the usual form of the event, due to current restrictions.

*Norman Holden 07949 333382*



**Come and warm yourselves at the Scouts Bonfire & Fireworks night (see page 4)**

## B.R.A. Events

### 29th Open Forum.

We were delighted to be able to stage our Open Forum for the first time since October 2019. We were very pleased to welcome The Mayor of Surrey Heath, Cllr Sarah Jane Croke, our County Councillor Rebecca Jennings-Evans and Surrey Heath Borough Councillor David Mansfield, as well as PC Paul Finnigan and his colleague PCSO Vanessa Knight. Our visitors made valuable and useful contributions to the evening's discussions and offered B.R.A. members helpful advice and support. The sheer pleasure of being able to meet face-to-face again was underlined by the amount of informal 'networking' that went on while we enjoyed a cup of tea after the Forum!

### Our 16th Annual General Meeting

After our 29th Open Forum, we went straight into the 16th Annual General Meeting. The Chairman reported that, despite the restrictions imposed on us by the pandemic, the Association had continued to be as active as possible, with regular Committee meetings on Zoom and frequent intervention in matters concerning Bisley residents.

The Treasurer, Alex Summers presented B.R.A.'s accounts for the year, showing that we're still financially healthy!

The Membership Secretary Ray Colvin summarised our membership position, again urging members to attract further friends and neighbours to join.

**The Election of a Committee for 2021/22 then took place** – the 'new' committee includes Norman Holden (Chairman), Jim Clarke (Vice Chairman), Alex Summers (Treasurer), Liz Colvin (Secretary), Ray Colvin (Membership Secretary) and Erica Agombar, Chris Bixley, Paul Hollylee and Nicky Rapley.

**The Prize Draw** was won by Mr and Mrs. Bapek, (see photo below right)

The section on **'Any other business'** included an enquiry from members about aircraft over-flying Bisley landing at Farnborough Airport. We briefly reviewed the interventions B.R.A. has made over the years in the discussions about limitations on the numbers and frequency of flights and some useful suggestions arose regarding checking on possible infringements.

**The date of next year's Annual General Meeting is 12th October 2022.**

*Norman Holden*

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BRA Diary Dates 2021/22

- ▶ 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.



*Photos by Jim Clarke*



## Village Issues

### Songs of Praise



Come and sing some of your favourite hymns at our 'Songs of Praise' Service on Tuesday 9th November and Tuesday 14th December at Holy Trinity Church, West End. Start time 2.30 p.m., followed by tea and cake. All welcome.

Further details if needed from: Alison Clay 01483 481249 or Pauleene Hammett, 01483 487912 (Pastoral Assistants). WebCare can help with transport for those who need a lift.

### Sadly in Bisley

It has come to our notice that our sports enclosure on the Recreation Ground has been the target of sustained and repeated deliberate acts of vandalism, depriving residents of this facility. The gate has been removed and the goal posts destroyed. The electricity to the lighting has been repeatedly wrecked. We need our Parish Council up to full strength to make the decisions necessary to protect and maintain this and other important facilities in the village.

*Photo's by Jim Clarke.*



### Briefly in Bisley

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Please see the Parish Council web site for details of forthcoming meetings.

Mrs. Jill Biden has resigned from her post as Parish Clerk to Bisley Parish Council, so this vacancy will need to be filled.

#### Farewell and thank you Jill.

Since our first issue of the B.R.A. newsletter in 2005 we have liaised with Bisley Parish Council for their contribution. Jim and I have had the pleasure of working with Jill as Parish Clerk on this. Then, as a Parish Councillor for four years, I came to appreciate her amazing abilities at close quarters and my admiration grew. Thank you Jill - you seemed to be our Council's heartbeat - you gathered up our, often impassioned contributions, and order would appear. You carried out our proposed actions calmly, methodically and diligently.

You were so much part of our Parish team - the friendly, approachable and dependable face for Bisley residents.

Bless you and thank you for all your encouragement and support for our village. As I walk around now I can still see the positive evidence of our teamwork visible in this village and feel we all did a good job together. Wishing you all the very best for the future, you will not be forgotten.

Warm regards, Hester & Jim

### Bisley Remembers



#### Jamie Dickinson.

Our long-serving and much-loved Postman Jamie lost his courageous battle against cancer on 31st August. We mourn the passing of a good friend – at least we'd had the honour of making a presentation to Jamie at a BRA Forum three years ago. A Celebration of his Life took place at Chobham Club on 9th October. We again offered Maria and the family our sincerest condolences – and she wishes to thank all the Bisley people who wrote to her or phoned her after Jamie's passing.



#### Len Tamplin

It was our sad duty to record the passing of our good friend and an immensely valuable contributor to the life of Bisley, Len Tamplin last December. There was a Burial of Ashes Service for him at Bisley Church on 9th October and Len's life was Celebrated by family and friends later that day at Bisley Village Hall.



*Norman Holden*

### Bisley Women's Institute News

At last, Bisley WI has been able to meet again in the Village Hall and we are very pleased to have welcomed several new members. In September, Cathy Corner told us what inspired her to create the wonderful displays in her Clews Lane front garden (look out for more in the coming months!) and her walks between the Bisley and West End War Memorials, which represented the miles from Dunkirk to London.

In October, we had a very interesting talk about the Kent, Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance.

We took part in the WI Competition at the West End Show – the theme was 'Celebrating Key Workers'. Congratulations to Sue Mabbutt who won the cup for the best floral display.

We are back to enjoying walks, lunches out and our craft sessions. Our meetings are on 2nd Wednesdays and 4th Wednesdays for Craft at 2pm in the Village Hall. Visitors and new members are always welcome.



*Liz Colvin (President),  
Photo by Liz*

### Almac Bisley Brass Band plays on.

Twenty months after its last public performance in December 2019 the Band presented Brass on the Grass on Bisley Village Green in July. Then – in September – we were able to perform indoors at Bisley Village Hall. Audience numbers were restricted and other Covid-protective measures were in place ... but our Autumn Concert was a truly joyful occasion!



**Next up: our Christmas Concert in Bisley Village Hall on Saturday 11 December.** Look out for details on the Band's website or Facebook page and on the Village Hall and Bisley Village Community pages.

*Graham Davey*

for Almac Bisley Brass Band





## Village Issues

### Cathy's Story.

In May 2020 Bisley village had great plans for VE Day celebrations and then lockdown happened.

We were encouraged to celebrate on our driveways, so I asked my husband if we could paint a big VE in Union Flag colours on the front lawn. He agreed as long as we used grass friendly paint, which it absolutely was until I ran out and used gloss. So, it was there for about three months.



Then came the news that due to Covid restrictions everyone was being told not to go to the

Remembrance service at the War memorial.

There was no way I was going to let Covid take away Remembrance Sunday, so I decided to have my own. I decided to do a display on my front lawn where I could pay my respects to all those who gave so much and would allow others to do the same.

One day I was on my drive and I spoke to a man who told me his father had been rescued from Dunkirk, but his uncle couldn't be brought back because he had been killed and never got to come home. So I decided to walk with a poppy wreath between the War Memorial in West End and the War Memorial in Bisley in April until I had covered 133 miles which is the distance from Dunkirk to the Cenotaph in London, as a way to feel like we have brought back all the brave souls who gave their lives.

The walk also helped to raise money for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal to help towards the vital work they do taking care of the members of our armed forces and their families, looking after the people who look after us.

Everyone was so kind and generous. The total raised was just under £3500. The incredible support I felt from everyone who beeped and waved when they spotted me was like being in a

poppy version of 'Where's Wally?', and to all the people who joined me on the walk even though it quickly became obvious that they were a lot fitter than I was.

I do feel that Rose Jeffery and Malcolm Vaughan were trying to kill me, even if I did manage to achieve a personal best on my times when they joined me.

It wasn't without its challenges, from getting snowed on and sunburnt in the same week, to getting stopped twice in the same day, once by the police and once by a villager and asked if I had just stolen a poppy wreath. I calmly explained what I was doing and refrained from saying "wasn't it lucky I had also been able to steal a Royal British Legion hat, T-shirt and pin badges as well and wouldn't I be the world's worst thief, as I had my name in large letters on my back".

On one of the days I suddenly spotted a sign showing where the nearest defibrillator was, and I hoped the sign had always been there and someone hadn't thought they had better put it out when they saw me walking about.

Lastly, I want to say a huge personal thank you to Norman Holden who supported me every step of the way, coming out nearly every day. Carrying the Royal British Legion Standard when some days it was so windy, I thought we both might end up in another county. All his help and advice when I realised, I didn't



have the first clue about fund raising. Keeping me entertained with his incredible life stories and for becoming a great friend.

So preparations are now underway for this year's remembrance display and I will be selling poppies on my driveway on Saturday 13th November. *Cathy Corner*

*Editor's Note: Cathy was awarded the 'Andy Gill Bisley Citizen of the Year Award', see issue 50.*

## BISLEY VILLAGE HALL GETS BUSY AGAIN

It's all happening again at our Hall ... thank goodness! We have been open again since May but from September the place has got busier. There are now around 20 groups with a great variety of activities including Almac Brass Band, Exercise, Yoga, Pilates, Craft, Gymnastics, Mother & Baby Group, Bisley WI, U3A Ukulele and U3A Science and Technology. After all the uncertainty of recent months the Trustees are reassured to see all the activity; users seem to be pleased with what they get; and the Hall is, once again, playing a central role in the village community. We do have some sessions available in both halls for hire.

You can get an idea of what's happening by visiting the Hall's website or Facebook page or the Bisley Village Community Facebook page but some of the highlights are:

🟢 We have been able to accommodate, with appropriate Covid-protective measures, Almac Bisley Brass Band's Autumn Concert in September (see photos in the Band's article); the BRA's Annual General Meeting in October and a diverse range of parties and celebrations;

🟢 In October St John the Baptist Church started holding monthly 'Messy Church' services in the Main Hall.

🟢 **The Community Café on Monday mornings, from 10 – 11.30 am continues to provide a much valued meeting place for a drink and a chat.**

We continue to work on the Hall's structure and appearance. During the last few months, a leaking roof at the back of the premises was repaired and a lot of work has been carried out inside the Hall – most of it by (Saint) Michael Wand who devotes a great deal of his time to caring for the Hall. We have also improved indoor signage, renaming some of the rooms after people who have made valued contributions to Hall and village life, including Len Tamplin, Jim Henbest and Barry Wells.

**Hear more at our AGM on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. We are hoping that it will be possible to hold this meeting at the Hall (like the BRA's AGM) rather than on Zoom. Further details will be published soon.**

It looks like we could be even busier in the next few months. We're very happy about that!

*Graham Davey*

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Committee Members: Chris Bixley, Nicki Rapley and Paul Hollylee, Erica Agombar

## Bisley and West End Food Bank



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](http://bisleywestendfoodbank.org). **If you would like more information please do not hesitate to email [bisleywestendfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:bisleywestendfoodbank@gmail.com) and, if you would like to make a financial contribution please, visit the [justgiving](http://justgiving.com) website and type in Bisley and West End Food Bank.**

*Thank you, Sarah Wynter Bee*

## 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](mailto:webcaregu24@gmail.com)) which will be actioned by the next Duty Officer on duty (a minimum of 48 hours' notice please).

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).

*Sarah Wynter Bee - Secretary, WEBCare.*

## 1st Bisley Scout Group

Huge congratulations to Graham Dykes, our Group Scout Leader who has been selected to be an Assistant Unit Leader with Surrey Unit at the upcoming World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023, well done Graham we are proud of you!

Scouting in Bisley has now returned to near normal (fingers crossed) after the pandemic, we have the three well established sections, Beavers (For 6-8 year olds), Cubs (For 8-10 1/2 year olds), Scouts (For 10 1/2 -14 year olds) and a new section Explorer Scouts (For 14-18 year olds). 21st Century Scouting uses the maxim 'Skills for Life'.

The Scout and Guide HQ building is available for third party hire (Non-Commercial Organisations). Anyone who wishes to register their interest may do so now via the following e-mail address: [hqbookings.bisley@gmail.com](mailto:hqbookings.bisley@gmail.com)

Once again, this year we are holding our main fundraising event -The Bonfire and Fireworks on the village green on Saturday 6th November at 6:30pm.

We thank Kingswood Pallets for once again supplying the pallets for our

bonfire, and to the parents of current and former Group Members for their help in holding this event, undertaking such diverse roles from planning and purchasing the fireworks, to preparing hot dogs.

This year, for the first time, we are accepting payment by card, please bear with us if the process is initially slow, but we are excited about using this 'new' technology. For people who prefer to pay in cash, you are of course still very welcome.

The success of the event is weather dependent, and we thank you in advance for supporting the Scout Group again this year by attending the event.

*Andrew Scott and Jess Roger*



### 1<sup>st</sup> Bisley Scouts



## Bonfire and Fireworks

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November

on Bisley Village Green

### Bonfire lit at 6:30pm

### Fireworks at 7:00pm

Hot Dogs, Sweets, Hot Chocolate & Glow sticks on sale

Entry prices are:  
£5 per Adult (16+) & £2 per Child (Pre-schoolers free)  
(Cash & Card accepted)

Your attendance and purchases help to fund Bisley Scout Group activities

### No Sparklers please

(Reg. Charity 267694)



**The BRA would like to encourage all members to renew their membership for the year 2021/22 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 are Mr. & Mrs. Joly - 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](mailto:membership@bisleyresidents.org.uk)

**Please make cheques payable to Bisley Residents Association.**