



Bisley Residents Association

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Bisley celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Teas on the Rec and Bisley's Platinum Jubilee party 2nd June 2022 was a stunning success. An estimated 400 people were there – Bisley Residents' Association would like to congratulate – and offer warm thanks – to the dozens of Bisley and West End folk who worked so hard, before, during and after the event to make it such a memorable and happy day for the village, and to all who came and enjoyed the event. An amazing amount, over £1,700, was raised for the week's chosen charity, the Disaster Emergency Fund for Ukraine. It was also a fitting tribute from us to H.M The Queen. *Norman Holden*



The beautiful Jubilee celebration cake was provided by Bisley Parish Council and cut by Mrs. Joan Clark. At 102 years of age she represented Bisley's older residents. She was accompanied by Niccii Gillett, the manager of Elmfield House.

A surprise visitor!

Other Jubilee Weekend Celebrations in Bisley

The usual stunning display from Bisley's Andy Gill Memorial Citizen of the Year 2021 Cathy Corner and husband Ian. Street parties were enjoyed and on the Sunday some residents enjoyed a picnic on the Green



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BRA Diary Dates 2022

- ▶ We'll be present to welcome picnickers at the Almac Bisley Brass Band concert 'Brass on the Grass' on 10th July.
- ▶ 17th AGM / Open Forum 14th October
- ▶ Quiz/Supper 18th Nov.

Afternoon Tea Party

A huge thank you to all of you who came and enjoyed afternoon tea with us in the Rectory Garden on 18th June. The team would like to thank all those who helped on the day by setting up and clearing away, serving tea, coffee (and hot chocolate), baking cakes and scones selling/ buying raffle tickets, playing hopscotch, badminton and croquet. Too many helpers to mention but you know who you are!

Most importantly thank you to everybody who came and supported us – we raised £980! Many thanks to the following local companies who supported the Silent Auction. Rosie Orr Flowers, Tenaker Plants and Gifts, Barons Pub Group (Inn at West End) and Chobham Golf Club. *(From an article by Sally Hounsham for the next Parish Magazine, with thanks)*

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.

Village Issues

Bisley Remembers

Peter Holt 1938-2022

We mourn the passing of Peter Holt. Bisley and West End have fond memories of Peter as an exceptional organist – but he was a musician, composer and musical director of tremendous and varied talents. Peter was born into a musical family and he was already an organist and choirmaster at the age of 15! He worked in the BBC for 24 years and was prominent in many musical spheres, including Guildford Philharmonic. Peter 'retired' in 2003 but it was no surprise to his family and his many friends that he remained in constant demand as a brilliant church organist, musician and advisor and guide on all things musical. We salute the memory of this marvellous man -he will be greatly missed and we offer to his family and friends our sincerest and fondest condolences.



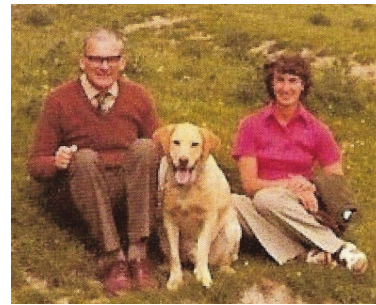
'Teas on the Rec' restarted on Thursday 26th May

The year's first Teas on the Rec was in aid of Shooting Star Chase – in memory of Jack Bruce. Jack's parents cut the first slice while the maker of this beautiful cake Ann Forrest looks on.

Tony Stone 1923-2022

The funeral has taken place at Bisley Parish Church of Tony Stone.

Tony was a Churchwarden for many years and edited, printed and distributed the Parish Magazine almost single-handedly in the early days! He and his late wife Eira were much-loved and highly respected members of the community, very well-known for their tireless help and support of many church and charity-related activities. Tony had served with distinction in the British Army in the Second World War,



notably in North Africa and Italy. Many Bisley people have warm memories of Tony being their first – and very welcoming - visitor when they first arrived in the village. Tony will be sadly missed and we offer to Joanna, Martin and the family our sincerest condolences.



Songs of Praise



Come and sing some of your favourite hymns at our 'Songs of Praise' Service on the second Tuesday of the month at Holy Trinity Church, West End, i.e. July 12th, August 9th and September 13th. Start time 2.30 p.m. Tea and cake are served afterwards, followed by a short communion service at 4 p.m. for those who wish to attend. 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.

Bisley Parish Council

BPC had its annual meeting on the 9th May 2022, in the Jubilee room at Bisley Village Hall, Cllr Steve Moore was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Amanda Price was re-elected as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Bisley Parish Council meets at 7.00 pm on the second Monday of every month in the Jubilee room at the Village Hall, this is a public meeting for anyone to attend.

All of the picnic tables/seats have had new hardwood slats fitted to both the table tops and seats, a job which was in need of repair for some time. This was carried out in time for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the start of the very popular Teas on the Rec and the Strawberry Fayre.

There has been much maintenance work carried out on the Parish Pavilion, moss removal of the roof, gutter removal / repairs and clearing, path and patio cleaning, defective manhole cover replaced to the path, re-commissioning and flushing through of water systems. There has also been a deep clean carried out through the entire building.

BPC would like to thank everyone who helped towards the joint efforts of the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, which were a great success.

Jon Ireland the handyman and bin emptying employee, after many years of service to BPC has sadly decided to retire from this duty soon. We would like to thank Jon for all his efforts and service over the past years.

BPC has successfully engaged with a revised contract with Larkstel, to include the emptying of our 12 blue litter bins sited around the village, along with their existing duties of dog poo bin emptying. This will ensure a seamless transition of service.

Cllr. Steve Moore - Chairman Bisley Parish Council

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Royal British Legion, Bisley, Knaphill & West End Branch

Our latest quarterly Branch Meeting was on 14th June. The guest speaker was WO1 David Hewlett Welfare Warrant Officer, Pirbright. Our very enjoyable Armed Forces & Platinum Jubilee Celebration Dinner was on 24th June. Our Poppy Appeal Organiser organised the Armed Forces Day Collection at Sainsbury's, Brookwood on Saturday, 25th June. We have booked a stand for our Branch at the Knaphill Village Show on Saturday, 16th July at Mizen's Railway, Barrs Lane, Knaphill. The 2022 Poppy Appeal starts in October and our Branch Dinner is on 21st October. We will as usual help to organise and participate in the Remembrance Sunday Services at Bisley, West End and Knaphill.

We need more members – you don't have to have served in the Forces, so why not join us?

Norman Holden, Vice Chairman, Bisley, Knaphill & West End Branch. 07949 333382

BISLEY VILLAGE HALL: NEARLY EVERYTHING IN THE GARDEN IS LOVELY

Summer! The garden looks great. The Hall is busy, the people who use it seem to be happy and we are still attracting new users. We have had a number of successful events – including a BRA Quiz Night, Bisley Band's Spring Concert and the visit of the Halow 250 charity bike ride. By the time you read this we hope that we will have run a successful Strawberry Fayre. The Community Café has continued to thrive. We have done more work inside, and outside trees near the entrance have just had a haircut. On the face of it everything seems lovely. However, inevitably, there are a few challenges to face.



Please help us to find a new Treasurer We have a wonderful Treasurer who has steered our charitable trust's finances through all of the challenges of the last few years. However, Cynthia Banton - who has been a Trustee and our Treasurer for the last 5 years - is standing down soon. We are looking for a new Treasurer.

Cynthia will be very much missed and we recognise that whoever takes her place will not necessarily want, or be able, to take on everything that she has done as both our Treasurer and as a member of the Hall's Management Committee of Trustees. In essence, we need someone who can manage receipts, payments and accounts using an online banking and accounts system. Please get in touch with me if you are interested or know of someone else who might be. (grahamdavey6@aol.com)

Dealing with damp

Our lovely Hall will be 150 years old in 2024. We have done much over the last few years to make the premises safer, more attractive and useable, but problems are bound to arise. Earlier this year, following the discovery of moisture near the edges of the Main Hall floor, we commissioned a comprehensive survey. The main (and mostly unsurprising) conclusions were that, over the years, damp has penetrated through external walls and surfaces. Those effects have been exacerbated by inadequate ventilation. We have a lot to do to put it right but once it has been done we hope to refurbish the Main Hall floor.

Bisley Village Hall is a wonderful place. We have a great team of Trustees who work brilliantly together and we are grateful to every one of our many supporters for their practical and financial support. If you would like to be involved or to know more about what we do, please get in touch. Graham Davey Chair, Bisley Village Hall Management Committee of Trustees grahamdavey6@aol.com

ALMAC BISLEY BRASS BAND: IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK AND TO BE BUSY

Thanks to everyone who joined us on Saturday 21 May for our first Spring Concert since 2019. With Covid restrictions eased and the Band – according to audience feedback – on excellent form, it was a great evening enhanced by beautiful performances from vocal soloist Chloe Elliott (see photo below), the band were pleased to be able to make a small tribute to Ukraine with a lovely piece called Prayer for Ukraine. The Alan Brown 'Player's Player' Trophy, as voted for by band members, was won by Gill Elliott and presented by our President, Kate Brown. Ironically, I missed it I had Covid!

By the time you read this our Band will have played at the Strawberry Fayre on June 26th and we will be getting ready for our next engagement - Brass on the Grass on the Village Green on Sunday the 10th of July at 4pm on the Village Green (by which time the BRA picnic, starting at 3pm, should be in full swing).

We are very grateful to everybody who supports us - band members, committee members, family and friends and members of other bands who join us when we need a bit of help (as some of us help them when they need it). Like many organisations, our resources are sometimes stretched and we can't always take on everything that



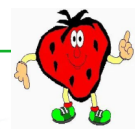
we are asked to do and/or that we would like to be able to do. We would welcome new players of any age and ability, including complete beginners. We'll help you to settle back in if you have played before and/or provide tuition if you are new to it all.

To find out more about our band and keep up-to-date, visit our website <https://almacbisleybrassband.org/> or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/almacbisleybrassband>. Or you might want to ring or text me on 07753 672778

Graham Davey For Almac Bisley Brass Band



Welcome back to a Bright and Breezy Strawberry Fayre, Sunday 26th June



The weather was on our side and everyone was completely overwhelmed by the crowds that attended this year's fayre. After the Covid Pandemic restrictions of the last two years it was amazing to be able to hold the Strawberry Fayre once again, on the Village Green. For people to be able to come out and enjoy themselves at a wonderful village event and see so many happy, smiling faces made all the hard work and preparation of the event very worthwhile. We anticipate that all records will have been broken this year with both attendance and funds raised.

A huge thank you to everyone involved, from the Strawberry Fayre Committee who organised the event. *Sue Smith*

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Bisley and West End Food Bank



This Food Bank continues to serve the villages of Bisley & West End and surrounding areas. With Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the need for donations for refugees, together with the rising cost of living, donations to the Food Bank have slowed. We do still need donations and regular updates are published on both

Bisley's and West End's facebook pages showing exactly what is needed. A full list of where donations can be made, together with the complete list of our referral partners, can be found on our web site; bisleywestendfoodbank.org.

Thank you to everyone who has donated, whether food or money – it is really making a difference

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

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

WEBCare is back to normal, providing practical help 7 days a week for anyone needing transport, shopping, prescription collection & assistance with other small jobs, eg, changing a light bulb. Just call 07713 915393 – 10am - 12noon Monday – Friday. Messages (but not bookings) can also be left via email webcaregu24@gmail.com to be actioned by the next Duty Officer on duty (minimum of 48 hours' notice please).

The new WhatsApp system we are using to communicate requests for help to individual volunteers is proving immensely practical & successful. Our thanks to Anne Motan for all her hard work in setting this up (also for the delicious home-made cakes and scones she provided for the WhatsApp training session).

It was a joy to be able to hold our AGM face to face in May and we were delighted to welcome two new volunteers to the WEBCare Committee - Saf Ismail and Jackie Soreman. We are most grateful to them for joining and hope that others will feel able to step forward – most of our officers have served for over 15 years (& some over 25 years as members of WEBCare). It is not onerous (the most efficient committee I have ever been part of – meetings

are short, practical and only take place 3 – 4 times/year!). Please call Angela Astall or Sarah Wynter Bee for more information.

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 current voluntary contributions which cover volunteers' expenses, the DBS checks we undertake on drivers, insurance and any Covid related expenses, eg, masks. It is hoped that the Government will increase the statutory mileage allowance.

Sarah Wynter Bee Secretary, WEBCare.



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 to be arranged.

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 2023, 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 []

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