



Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 54, Autumn 2022

King Charles III proclaimed in Bisley

The summer issue of this newsletter celebrated H.R.H. Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in early June in Bisley. Sadly, she died on Thursday 8th September at Balmoral at 96 years of age, with close family beside her. The churches in Bisley and West End provided space for us to go to during the mourning period that followed to express our condolences. We thank them for doing this and holding services of thanksgiving and remembrance for her life and reign on 10th September in both village churches.

Then on the 11th September Bisley Parish Council chairman Cllr. Steve Moore read out the Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III in front of Bisley Old School.

Some information from the October Parish Magazine. (Photo by Jim Clarke)



Remembrance Sunday

The Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service will take place at Bisley War Memorial from 10:45 a.m. on Sunday 13th November 2022, conducted by Chris Tew, with laying of poppy wreaths and crosses. Almac Bisley Brass Band, Scouts, Guides, Beavers and Cubs and serving soldiers from Pirbright will be involved.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service. The Parish Council warmly invites everyone back to the Village Hall after the service for refreshments, to be kindly provided by the ladies of Bisley W.I., Bisley Parish Council and local sponsors. Please note: Church Lane will be closed to all vehicular traffic (except for access), 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 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of the Remembrance Day parade.

Nicki Rapley, Clerk to the Parish Council and Norman Holden, Vice Chairman, Bisley, Knaphill and West End RBL.



Hooray for the Teas on the Rec team!

Their remarkable record-breaking season came to an end on 25th August, with tremendous amounts fund-raised for 14 different charities! This year they raised over £14,400 – and the astonishing total since TOTR began in 2011 is more than £108,000! **Congratulations and thanks to Chris and Team, Norman Holden.**



Bisley Residents' Association Open Forum and Annual General Meeting

Our 16th AGM on 14th October was attended by the Mayor of Surrey Heath Cllr Helen Whitcroft, together with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of our Parish Council, Cllr Steve Moore and Cllr Manda Price, and residents.

In the preceding Forum we were given an excellent talk on 'Staying Safe Online' by Surrey Police specialist of Cyber-Crime, Catherine Brabander, supported by PC Ben Howard.

Our A.G.M. included reports from the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Election of the new Committee resulted in the following members being chosen: Chairman, Norman Holden: Vice Chairman & Newsletter Editor, Jim Clarke: Treasurer, Alex Summers: Secretary, Liz Colvin: Membership Secretary & Website Manager, Ray Colvin: Chris Bixley, Nicki Rapley and Paul Hollylee, Committee Members.

Congratulations to the winner of the Forum Prize Draw, Angela Stagg. *Norman Holden*

Thanks again to everyone who supported us this year. We held our first 'out of season' coffee morning in October, the next date will be Thursday 3rd November at 10am – 12 noon in the pavilion on the rec. **Our Christmas Special will be on 1st December in Bisley Village Hall.** Coffee from 11.30 am and soup, mince pies, etc. from 12.30 pm. There will be a tombola, raffle and other Christmas goodies. *Chris & Team*

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BRA Diary Dates 2022/23

- ▶ Quiz / Supper 18th Nov '22
- ▶ Forum 24th March '23
- ▶ Quiz / Supper 13th May '23
- ▶ Forum / AGM 13th Oct '23
- ▶ Quiz / Supper 17th Nov '23

The cost of this issue of 'Your Bisley' Newsletter was funded by B.R.A. **Please see page 4 for new member / renewal forms**

SAD News! Another Closure

Sadly, Tringham Day Centre in West End closed at the end of July 2022 after 30+ years of serving our older people. Surrey Heath Borough Council withdrew their financial support as Tringham had struggled to recover their numbers after the past two and a half years of the Covid Pandemic and lockdowns.

Our thanks to Linda Lovelock the leader at Tringhams and her deputy Ruth Cliffe for all their care, kindness and leadership. Also- many thanks to the amazing group of volunteers and drivers who made all this possible, over many years.

This brought back sad memories about the closure of 'The Butts' in Bisley a few years ago after also serving our older people for 30+ years. For a while I was Chair there and continued afterwards as a volunteer in a happy, friendly place.

With winter coming, the rising heating costs of homes and other economic challenges, we should be thinking of how we as the Ward of Bisley and West End can bridge these gaps in care for older people- by providing 'warmth hubs.'

Our Community Cafe, run by our Village Hall folk over winter is a lovely example of providing a warm, welcoming, friendly place to gather for a couple of hours on Monday mornings. Chris and her team also run a cosy coffee morning in the Pavilion once a month over winter on Thursday morning. We need more, particularly at this time!

Hester Clarke (ex volunteer at The Butts and ex Bisley Parish Councillor 2015-19)

Village Issues

Bisley Remembers

Rev. Richard Abbott 1943-2022



We were all saddened to hear of the passing of the much-loved Richard Abbott after a courageous fight against cancer.

Doreen and I first met Richard at Christmas 1985, at Bisley Church. We had just moved to Bisley from Vienna and it was typical of Richard that he was among the first people – (along with his beloved Gill) – to warmly welcome us to the community.

I joined the Church choir and, again, Richard, with the other choir members, made me welcome. Of

course, one of our abiding memories of Richard will be of his magnificent singing voice which, like the man himself, was full of warmth and sincerity.

In his former business career, Richard was as liked and respected as he was in the church.; and in the community, everyone was delighted - but not surprised - when he was voted Bisley Citizen of the Year in 2015.

You could sometimes hear that familiar warm chuckle coming from the bar at the Hen & Chickens – and there was Richard, nursing the occasional pint. He had a dry, whimsical sense of humour. There were TV show catch-phrases that tickled Richard and he would arrive in the vestry for Sunday morning service with the greeting “Good moaning” (from “Allo,allo”). If I made one of my ancient, corny jokes he would look at me and say “Stupid Boy” (from Dad’s Army). When Richard was ordained in 2007, we all rejoiced with him, knowing that he had come to his true spiritual home; many benefitted richly from the way he conducted baptisms, family weddings and funerals.

Richard’s warmth, kindness and immense strength of character – and the incalculable comfort he gave through his deeply sincere ministry - touched the lives of so many in our community and beyond. We will miss him.

We offer to Gill and the family our most heartfelt condolences.

Norman Holden

Michael Hearn 1929-2022.



We mourn the passing of Mike Hearn, our good friend and long-time member, with his late wife Cathy, of B.R.A.

Mike was very highly regarded by his friends and neighbours.

In his quiet, undemonstrative way he commanded the respect and affection of all who knew him, for his wise, balanced view of life and his dry sense of humour. We all grieved with him when Cathy died in 2019 but we admired him for his

courage – especially when fighting his final illness. We offer to Mike’s daughters Alix and Leonie and the family our deepest condolences.

Norman Holden





**A time to remember
loved ones
who are no longer here**



**Parish
Memorial Service**

Saturday 5th November at 3pm
John the Baptist Church, Bisley
All Welcome

The Rector Writes, November 2022

November is the month of Remembering;

‘Remember remember the 5th of November, gunpowder treason and plot’ Happily the Bisley village green firework display is back again this year to help us with that!

It is the month where we commemorate armistice day and remember those who gave their lives in their countries service. The British legion, Parish council, uniformed organisations and Church are working together to ensure this is a meaningful and dignified occasion in both our communities once again this year.

It is the month of All Souls Day in the churches calendar, a time where we are reminded of those we have loved and are no longer here with us. This year the church will be hosting a special parish memorial service for any who want to remember loved ones or who are seeking a place to help process their ongoing grief.

This November I’m sure many of us in this parish will be remembering Reverend Richard Abbott who passed away last month (& whose obituary is included in this magazine).

Remembering is important.

When someone dies, a funeral gives space to look back at their life, often remembering them with fondness and gratitude for what they have done. Each of our memories of the deceased will be different, some will be clearer than others, but we look back and give thanks. At a funeral, we mark a specific, and important event in each of our lives, and especially those of the recently bereaved, the passing of a human life which was highly valued.

At a funeral we also look to the future as we commit the deceased to God, sure of a certain hope in the eternal future God has for each one of us.

Remembrance Sunday and the Parish memorial service will give the opportunity to do similar things but on a much broader canvas. To honour the lives that have shaped our history through their sacrifice and be thankful for them. To seek assurance from God that the fragility of our peace both within us and between nations can be restored through following the ways of the prince of peace, Jesus. How comforting it is, in this uncertain & troubled world to remember his words to us

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27 *Rev. Fiona Simon*

VILLAGE ISSUES



All hall users & members of the public are invited to our

BISLEY VILLAGE HALL

A.G.M.

Monday 7th November 2022
7.30 p.m.

We are looking for extra help on our Committee so if you would like to help your local community please come along and support us.

Light refreshments will be available afterwards

The Community Café

Bisley Village Hall



Open from September 5th
2022

MAIN HALL 10.a.m.to 12 noon

Monday mornings - open to everyone

A friendly village café

Tea & Coffee £1 and toasted tea cakes /
fruit loaf £1

Squash 50p Packs of biscuits 50p

Sue, Barbara and the Community Café Team

BISLEY VILLAGE CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

EVERYONE WELCOME!!
1.30-4.30pm

Sunday 11th December
in the Village Hall

Tea and Cake
(Cake donations very welcome)

Carols, Tombola
Children's activities and Lucky
Dip

Please come, have fun and meet
friends
Happy Christmas

ALMAC BISLEY BRASS BAND: REFLECTIONS ON A GOOD YEAR AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

It's been a pretty good year so far! since the last BRA Newsletter the Band has enjoyed the fun and community spirit of the Village Hall's Strawberry Fayre in June; had the pleasure of performing Brass on the Grass on the Village Green in July; entertained a sizeable audience at the Bandstand in Woking Park on a very hot day in August and, in September, had the honour of playing the National Anthem in Woking Town Square for the Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III.

Early autumn saw practice for and performance of our Celebration of the Last Night of the Proms on 24 September at Bisley Village Hall. A large and enthusiastic audience sang, clapped, party-poppered, flag-waved and cheered along with the traditional elements of the 'real' Proms towards the end of a performance which some said was our "best ever".

Our next autumn engagement is the Remembrance Sunday service at the Memorial on the Village Green on 13th November in which it is always a privilege to participate.



Now, as winter approaches, we are getting ready for the festive season. The

Christmas Concert on Saturday 10 December in the Village Hall is our next big event. We will also be playing carols and other festive music at quite a few local events and services in the run-up to Christmas. Look out for further information on our website: <https://almacbisleybrassband.org/> or Facebook page: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/almacbisleybrassband/>. Your local brass band needs you!

A brass band has been based in Bisley for 56 years. We love contributing to the community (as well as taking part in events further afield); we appreciate the support we get and we want to continue to play our part in the community well into the future. We are always looking to welcome new players and if you play or have ever played a brass instrument we would be delighted to hear from you. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Graham or Vanessa at enquiries@almacbisleybrassband.org or via our contact form on the website.

Bus Shelters in Bisley.

The first known buses in Bisley were in 1924 when services were extended from the Garibaldi on the then Bisley/Knaphill boundary. In recent years we have had five bus stops in each direction along the Guildford Road.

Surrey County Council announced they were upgrading bus shelters and providing real time bus service information on small screens. Some of our bus stops already had this facility. Woking Borough Council published the information.

Suddenly, one day in the Spring, the bus shelter opposite Kingsbury Court was demolished and replaced by a new urban style black painted metal structure. This shelter is one owned by Bisley Parish Council, as are those situated at Clews Lane and Arethusa Way/Wilcot Close, who were unaware of what was to happen to their property. Enquiries revealed that a notification sent by S.C.C. to the Council had not been received, as the Council was not operational at that time. Further enquiries revealed that it was S.C.C.'s intention to 'upgrade' others in the Parish. Since then two new metal bus shelters have been erected at stops where none existed previously and a further one next to the B.P.C.'s Wilcot Close brick built structure.

Bisley Parish Council has asked S.C.C. to leave other existing bus shelters as they are! This is the current situation. *Gerry Bixley*

Bisley Parish Council

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Chairman: Councillor Steve Moore.

RFO to the Council: Jill Biden (Responsible Financial Officer)

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.

Please see notice boards or web site for the agenda before
meetings. All welcome.

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. November 8th, and December 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.

Information from October Parish Magazine.



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Bisley and West End Food Bank

The Food Bank continues to serve residents of Bisley & West End who are experiencing difficulties with twice weekly deliveries of food, cleaning stuff, toiletries and pet food, as needed.



As we did in 2021 we will be organising Christmas hampers for households in need. To this end we are currently contacting local schools, charities and community groups

and asking them to let us know how many parcels they will need with details of numbers in households and any dietary requirements, etc. These details will be shared with us anonymously and the parcels will be delivered to the organisations concerned for them to organise the distribution. In this way no one need feel embarrassed or worried about being identified as needing help from the Food Bank. More information can be found on our website:

bisleywestendfoodbank.org, which gives details of donation points for tinned/dried food (in date please) and other products. If you would like to make a financial contribution we have a JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bisleyandwestend-foodbank.

WEBCare – West End & Bisley Care and Good Neighbour Group.

We are operating normally since all covid restrictions have been lifted. We are pleased to say we are now using WhatsApp in addition to calling volunteers to fill job requests. The group is operating very successfully with over half our volunteers having joined.

We thank our treasurer, Anne Mortan who has brought WEBCare into the 21st century putting a lot of work into setting up the WattsApp group. Our AGM in May saw two new WEBCare volunteers joining the committee, bringing new and exciting ideas to move WEBCare forward in this digital age.

WEBCare provides transport for all Bisley and West End residents when friends and relatives are unable to help. We can help with shopping and small household tasks. *Just Ask*. New drivers are always welcome. There is no big commitment so if you have some spare time during the week please ring WEBCare, your petrol costs are reimbursed and you will enjoy being useful in your community, and meeting and helping others in your village.

If you have recently retired and want to give back to your neighbourhood you may like to be a duty officer, answering requests on the web telephone from your home and finding a suitable volunteer.

For more information telephone WEBCare 07713915393 (10am to noon, Monday to Fridays)

Angela Astall (Chairman)



1st Bisley Scouts



Bonfire and Fireworks

Saturday 5th November

on Bisley Village Green from 6pm

Bonfire lit at 6:30pm
Fireworks at 7:00pm

Hot Food, Drinks, Sweets & Glow sticks on sale

Entry prices are:
£5 per Adult (16+) & £2.50 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)



1st Bisley Scout Group

We have 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 section Explorer Scouts (For 14-18 year olds). After a gap of several years, we once again have 2 Cub groups, a warm welcome to our 2 new Akelas: Stuart and Rachel. 21st Century Scouting uses the maxim preparing young people with 'Skills for Life'.

You may know that Bear Grylls is Chief Scout of UK and overseas territories, and so you can guess Scouting will never be dull. These are just examples of the exciting programme offered to our young people.

Our Beavers, have recently joined other colonies from around Surrey for 'Go Wild'- a one night camp at Bentley Copse near Shere. Our Cubs have visited The Planetarium at the W.C. School, and our Scouts, visited the Longridge Centre, a water activities centre, near Marlow. These are just examples of the exciting programme offered to our young people.

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 Jess Rogers

The BRA would like to encourage all members to renew their membership for the year 2022/23 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.)**

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 []

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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