



Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 55, Spring 2023

Bisley Village Celebrates the Coronation

CORONATION CELEBRATION

Tea and Cake Bring your own picnic
Childrens craft and games

Monday 8th May 2023

2pm – 5pm

The Pavilion, Shaftesbury Road, Bisley



With thanks to Heath Wellden (12 yrs) for the eye-catching poster above.

The 'Teas on the Rec.' team will be serving Tea and Cake at the coronation celebration in May (above). The official 'Teas on the Rec.' will be starting on Thursday the first of June and run through summer. More volunteers always welcome!

'Coffee on the Rec' will continue from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on the first Thursday morning of each month, finishing in April.

Chris & Pauleene

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BRA Diary Dates 2023

- ▶ Open Forum/Assembly 24th March
- ▶ Coronation Celebration 8th May
- ▶ Quiz / Supper 13th May
- ▶ Strawberry Fayre Stall 25th June
- ▶ Brass on the Grass/Picnic July
- ▶ Forum / AGM 13th Oct
- ▶ Quiz / Supper 17th Nov

Bisley Parish Council update

The council have co-opted two new parish councillors, Jonathan Pegg and John Hutchinson. Both have previously served as councillors. This brings B.P.C. up to full strength, i.e. seven councillors.

Bisley Local Elections will be held on Thursday 4th May for the election of Parish and Borough councillors for the village for the next 4 year term.

Reminder: Photo ID is now required for all local and national elections. The Polling station is Bisley Village Hall, open between 06:15 to 22:30.

Bisley Parish Council Office: Contact via the Clerk Nicki Rapley, 194 Guildford Road, Bisley. GU24 9EP. Tel: 01483 480172.

Email: Parish Clerk clerk@bisleyparishcouncil.gov.uk, website: www.bisleyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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.

Bisley Parish Council Office is relocating in early April as the current site is to be sold.

You are invited to a joint Bisley Annual Parish Assembly and B.R.A. Open Forum on Friday 24th March at 7 p.m. in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall.



The main theme will be 'What BISLEY can do for you and what YOU can do for Bisley - a review of clubs, societies, groups and gatherings'.

Guests will include the Mayor of Surrey Heath, Cllr. Helen Whitcroft.

Wine and light refreshments will be served.

B.R.A. Events

Bisley Residents' Association B.R.A Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper.

This event was enjoyed by about 80 people in November 2022. Overall winners were 'The Old Chuffers' and close runners-up were 'Bisley Bandits'.

Christmas in Bisley Once again, Bisley was beautifully decorated for Yuletide, with not only a lovely tree by the War Memorial from the Parish Council, surrounded by decorated smaller trees from residents, but also many houses and gardens were also lit up.



This display was at Cathy and Ian Corner's house.
Norman Holden



Congrats & thanks to the Teas on the Rec team for their winter fundraiser at the Village Hall!

Village Issues

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, start time 2.30 p.m. on March 14th, April 11th and May 9th. 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.

STRAWBERRY FAYRE

Date for your diaries
Sunday 25th June 2023

Further information: [Bisley Village Hall website: www.bisleyvillagehall.org](http://www.bisleyvillagehall.org)

Bisley Strawberry Fayre Committee




Many thanks to Bisley Parish Council for help in funding this issue of 'Your Bisley' Newsletter.

Please see page 4 for new member / renewal forms

Bisley Remembers

Doreen Holden 1932-2022.



We were all so sorry to hear of the passing of Doreen Holden. On January 31st John the Baptist Church, Bisley was packed - full of her family and so many friends who had come to remember and celebrate her life.

Doreen and Norman met at a friend's wedding in England and had only known each other a few weeks before Norman had to return to his work in Nigeria. Norman asked her to go with him. She agreed and

soon after they were married in Nigeria. Their marriage lasted a wonderful 62 years. After working abroad, they came to live in Bisley just under 40 years ago.

At the service there were representatives from The Royal British Legion, Woking Town Twinning, Bisley Residents Association, Bisley WI, Bisley Village Hall and the Teas on the Rec Team – just some of the many organisations Doreen supported.

Doreen always greeted everyone with such a friendly smile. She showed a genuine interest in people, always ready to listen, chat and laugh. She will be sadly missed by all her friends and we send our sincere condolences to Norman, Stephen, Caroline and the family.

Liz Colvin.

"Stephen and Caroline and I would like to offer heartfelt thanks to everyone in Bisley and beyond who have offered condolences - Doreen would have been overwhelmed by this great kindness - and by the great number of people, friends and family who came to support us at Doreen's funeral service." Norman

BISLEY VILLAGE HALL: A LOVELY, WARM AND WELCOMING PLACE TO BE



It's been a long time since the autumn leaves turned colour and spring still seems some way off. But, whatever the weather, you will always get a warm welcome at our Hall.

Bisley Village Hall is a busy place – and is becoming increasingly busy with a steady stream of enquiries and new users. And, of course, there is the day-to-day business of keeping a lovely, but old, building in good shape.

The past few months...

Let's start with our Annual General Meeting last November – the 60th AGM since the Hall opened in 1961. This was a relaxed occasion during which we shared stories of achievement and good moments in the past year and looked ahead with some confidence (but not complacency) to the year ahead. We said a sad and very grateful goodbye to our Treasurer, Cynthia Banton, and welcomed Shantha Thiruchelvam as our

new Treasurer and Trustee. We also welcomed Cathy Corner to our team of Trustees each of whom makes a tremendous contribution to making the Hall an attractive, safe, comfortable and welcoming venue.

Since last Autumn the Hall has continued to attract a growing number and variety of Hall users and uses. New arrivals in recent months include: a new group for babies and toddlers; monthly freestyle modern jive sessions and a boxing boot camp. We have an astonishing diversity of ad hoc bookings at the Hall most weekends and a number of the people who have used the Hall have booked it again. They include, for example, a Sri Lankan Hindu family who, having held a teething party for their baby back in the autumn, have booked it again for a 1st birthday party!

The Community Café, organised by Trustees, continues as the place to be on a Monday morning. The Mayor of Surrey Heath, Councillor Helen Whitcroft, seems to think so. She made an informal visit to the Café a few weeks ago, having visited the Hall for our Heritage Open Day last September and the Village Christmas Tea in December and we look forward to seeing her in Bisley again.

Looking ahead (with a glance to the past)

Over 148 years ago the chapel that is now our Main Hall was opened to serve the two Shaftesbury Society Schools that were in the village. **The 150th anniversary will be in October 2024.** We are looking for volunteers to join us in investigating the history and heritage of our Hall and of the Village. If you are interested contact Sue (susan.smith983@ntlworld.com) or Dave (dave@gristy.net). The results of our researches will be on show at **our next Heritage Open Day on 17 September 2023 and planned celebrations of the opening of the chapel in October 2024.**

Well-used old buildings like ours need a lot of care and attention. We have just had a new garage door put in and this year we will be carrying out work in connection with some of the recommendations of a recent fire safety assessment and of an energy efficiency report. We will be looking to install LED lighting and the Main Hall floor is to be refurbished in the summer.

Another busy year ahead at Bisley Village Hall!. We'll update you on our ventures and adventures in future editions of the Newsletter and you can keep track of activities and events on our website, www.bisleyvillagehall.org, and our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/bisleyvillagehall/> . Graham Davey

VILLAGE ISSUES

The Community Café
at
Bisley Village Hall
OPEN
In the MAIN HALL

Monday mornings 10 a.m. - 12 midday

A friendly village café

Plenty of room for pushchairs, prams and mobility scooters
Tea & Coffee & squash, toasted fruit loaf and a variety of biscuits/cakes
A selection of handmade cards, books, jigsaws and other items on sale for charity
Information about activities & events in the area and LOCAL HONEY on sale

Bus stops outside the Village Hall
Sue, Barbara and the Community Café Team




Defibrillator Reminder!

There are **two** defibrillators in Bisley Village:-

- ▶ One is sited on the outside wall of the Pavillion at the Recreation Ground, adjacent to the side door, funded by the Bisley Parish Council, with 24/7 access.
- ▶ The second is in the Village Hall on a wall in the entrance on the left. This is primarily for the users of the Hall and is only accessible when the Hall is open. This was funded by donations from their Community Café. (see below)



Photo by Ray Colvin



Bisley C of E Primary (VA) School and Foxcubs Nursery

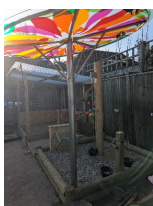
Hawthorn Way, Bisley, Surrey, GU24 9DF 01483 473341 admin@bisley.surrey.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs C McConnell MA, BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH



Four years ago we announced that we would be opening a nursery that September! We cannot believe how fast 4 years has flown by and cannot imagine life without our little Foxcubs. Since opening in September 2019, the nursery has gone from strength to strength. We are currently full with a waiting list and are full for next academic year, September 2023. Applications for September 2024 will be released around October 2023. If you would like further details please email nursery@bisley.surrey.sch.uk

We are delighted that our Reception outdoor space has had a complete overhaul. Our Early Years teachers worked closely with a company called Natural Playscapes to provide our children with equipment that would enhance their early years learning and keep the children engaged and excited to be outside. The climbing frame and stage have been very popular!



Bisley Women's Institute

In January, several members visited the Surrey History Centre in Woking for a 'behind the scenes' tour. It was a fascinating visit as there was so much more there than we had realised. We saw how documents are sorted, conserved, catalogued and stored and were able to see some old books, maps and records from Bisley's history. The centre is well worth a visit, particularly if you are researching people or places in Surrey. We have several interesting visits and trips planned during this year, as well as our usual meetings on the 2nd Wednesday and our Craft Afternoons on the 4th Wednesday every month. Visitors and new members are always welcome. **Contact: Tina 01483 829663** www.bisleywi.co.uk



Welcome to the new Baby and Toddler Group

Spring cheer at Bisley Post Office from the W.I. Ladies. *Rosemary (Secretary)*



The brand new Hive Baby and Toddler Group is now up and running, for little ones aged 0-5 and their parents and carers.

Running every Friday from 9.30-11.30am in the Jubilee Room at Bisley Village Hall, this group offers a fantastic opportunity for parents, guardians and carers to meet others at the same stage of life, sharing support, experience and even friendship.

At the same time, it provides a relaxed and safe environment for young children to socialise and play with a large range of toys for all ages. These are rotated every week to keep the children engaged, and some themed weeks offer more creative activities too. A group activity also takes place towards the end of the session to bring everyone together in shared play.

The group does not need to be pre-booked and runs on donations from those who can afford it (suggested donation £3). Tea and coffee is free for all adults at no extra cost, so please do come and join us for some fun and a cuppa soon. If you'd like more information, please email us at bwethehive@gmail.com.

Emma



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www.bisleyresidents.org.uk

Update on Bisley Pavillion.

Over the cold spell this winter the pavillion suffered a pipe burst in the ceiling above the kitchen. Significant damage was done, including the ceiling collapse. Repairs are well underway with a new ceiling and decoration. The kitchen units have been replaced and new appliances will be installed soon.

The new kitchen can be admired at the Coronation Celebration!

Bisley Residents Association Committee 2022/23

Chairman: Norman Holden (chairman@bisleyresidents.org.uk)
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Treasurer: Alex Summers (treasurer@bisleyresidents.org.uk)
Secretary: Liz Colvin (secretary@bisleyresidents.org.uk)
Membership Secretary & Webmaster: Ray Colvin (membership@bisleyresidents.org.uk)
Committee Members: Chris Bixley, Nicki Rapley and Paul Hollylee

Bisley and West End Food Bank



The Bisley and West End Food Bank is in search of a new space to house its expanding operations. Can you help?

Ideally, we need a secure dry area in which to erect shelving for storage and a table on which to assemble the food parcels.

The space required would need to be around 16 square metres (or more) and only those who operate the Food Bank would need access to the space 3 - 4 times a week. Do you know of any storage space which might be available for us to use, or do you have spare land where a trailer could be located for this purpose? If so, the Food Bank would love to hear from you.

Please contact bwefiona@gmail.com or call 01483 473377 if you think you might be able to help.

ALMAC BISLEY BRASS BAND: COME AND JOIN US!



The Band had a busy Christmas season. It's our quiet time just now but we have got quite a few engagements lined up for later in the year. We hope you will join us for them – as a spectator or possibly as a player!

Our festive season started in late November at a Festive Family Fun Day in Guildford High Street. Here we are under the Tunsgate Arch. Following several other engagements and a much-appreciated Christmas Concert in a packed Bisley Village Hall the season finished with an outdoor carol service at St Mark's Church, Westfield, on 22nd December.

No more formal engagements now until our Spring Concert at the Village Hall on 13th May. Then we are into the summer season with Bisley Strawberry Fayre, Brass on the Grass, a bandstand performance in Guildford Castle Grounds and more that we don't yet know about. For further information go to our website, <https://almacbisleybrassband.org/> or Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/almacbisleybrassband> For the Band this part of the year provides opportunities for rehearsal and preparation. It is also a good time to introduce new people to the Band. We have recently welcomed two new players but could do with more. If you play or have ever played a brass instrument, or if you would like to have a go at learning to play, we would be delighted to hear from you. **Please get in touch with Graham or Vanessa at enquiries@almacbisleybrassband.org or via our contact form on the website.**



WEBCare

West End & Bisley Care and Good Neighbour Group.

Do you sometimes need help with transport?

If friends, family or your usual support cannot help, we can help with visits to:

- the surgery or hospital (including London)
- the dentist, health centre or hairdresser
- visit a friend or go food shopping.

We provide practical short-term help seven days a week.
Phone: 07713 915393

[line open 10 to 12 noon Monday to Friday]

We ask for voluntary contributions to reimburse our drivers. New volunteers to drive or man our phone are always welcome.

No big or regular commitment.
For information call the number above.

WEBCare AGM will be held in May at the Bowling Club, West End, date to be announced, see www.webcare.org.uk

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.)**
Congratulations to the winner of this newsletter prize draw - Mr. & Mrs. Ozsan.

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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

Please make cheques payable to Bisley Residents Association.