



## Village Issues



### Coffee in the Pavilion

A real winter warmer— come and meet up with friends on the first Thursday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon for coffee, biscuits and raffle, in preparation for this summer's 'Teas on the Rec'.

### Teas on the Rec. 2018

The eighth year of our popular summer Thursday afternoon event starts on the 7th June and finishes at the end August.

**More helpers always welcome!**

Chris (01483 472631) or Pauleene (01483 487912)

### Please Note: Police front counter closure at Camberley

On the 31st March 2018, the police front counter at the Surrey Heath Borough Council offices will close. The yellow phone outside the council offices will remain, and the police can be contacted via 101 or [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk).

In an emergency please always dial 999. The nearest front counters to Camberley will now be at Woking or Guildford Police Stations.

**Juliet Smith, Lead Communications Officer, Surrey Police**

### Community Recycling Centres.

After consultation, as from 8th January, the following changes have been made: Camberley CRC open every day except Tuesday. Bagshot CRC is open Monday, Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday. However, Woking CRC will remain open seven days a week.



## Songs of Praise

Come and sing some of your favourite hymns **on the second Tuesday of each month in Holy Trinity Church, West End. Start time 2.30 p.m.**, tea and cake from 3.15 p.m., finishes 4.00 p.m. If you wish to stay for communion there will be a short service from 4 to 4.30 p.m.

Further details if needed from: Alison Clay 01483 481249 or Pauleene Hammett, 01483 487912 (Pastoral Assistants).

*Next date: Tuesday 13th March 2018.*

## Community Café at Bisley Village Hall



### MEET UP MONDAYS

10 to 12.30 in the Jubilee Hall

**The Community Café is the place to be on a Monday morning.**

**£1 for tea / coffee and biscuit, £1 for a toasted tea cake.**

We have a local walking group who regularly drop in for coffee. Free sudokus and crosswords

**Everyone is welcome**

Wi-fi internet connection

**Information hub about events at local cinemas & theatres,**

**Local activities, walking groups etc.**

*Village Hall Trustees*



*Photo by Norman Holden*

## Briefly in Bisley

**Bisley Parish Council Office: Contact via the Clerk Mrs Jill Biden**

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[www.bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk).

**Chairman:** Councillor Steve Moore.

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.**

**Hiring of Bisley Parish Pavilion and the Sports Enclosure**

Please contact the Clerk to the Council. The forms and terms & conditions for hire can be accessed on the Parish Council's website.

**Please note that anti-climbing paint has had to be applied to the upper part of the fencing around the sport's enclosure on the recreation ground, with warning signs on display.**

**Good to see the New Roundabout** in the Playspace (see photo on right from Hester).

**West End & Bisley Care and Good Neighbour Group.**

**The WebCare** telephone number is 07713 915393 to ask for or to

volunteer help. (Monday to Friday 10 am to 12 noon) except Bank Holidays.



## Village Issues



*Shaftesbury School, Bisley.  
Now the site of HMP Coldingley*

### Bisley Village Hall Heritage Project.

***Help the Trustees to bring the story of the Hall to life***



*Bisley Village Hall . Previously the chapel of the Shaftesbury School)*

***The Trustees of Bisley Village Hall would welcome your help in bringing to life the story of the Shaftesbury School and the Village Hall. If you, or anyone you know, went to the School or were in any way associated with it or the early years of the Village Hall the Trustees would like to listen to your stories.***

As Trustees of Bisley Village Hall we are not just responsible for the repair, upkeep and improvement of the Hall: we are guardians of its heritage. As well as continuing to do all we can to make the Hall a more comfortable and attractive place we are also starting a project designed to capture information and reminiscences about the building and its place in the history of Bisley. We would like your help.

In the second part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Bisley became a place of refuge and support for poor, homeless and orphaned children. First came the Refuge Farm School constructed in 1868 then, in 1873, the larger Shaftesbury School (with which the Farm School was amalgamated in 1919).

In 1874, a chapel was built to accommodate the pupils and staff from both schools, with a separate room in which villagers could buy a cheap cup of tea and meet friends. That chapel is at the heart of the present Bisley Village Hall. Echo-

ing its past, the Hall hosts a Community Café that serves the same purpose as the “separate room”. And, just as the School had a thriving brass band, so does Bisley village now: the Almac Bisley Brass Band, based at the Hall.

There are clearly many stories to be told ..... but time is running out in which to capture them. There have been many changes since the Shaftesbury School closed in 1959; Bisley Village Hall was created as a charitable trust in 1961 and Coldingley Prison, located on the site of the Senior School, was built in 1969. Inevitably, there are fewer people around now than there were to tell their stories. We would like to talk to as many of them as we can with a view to developing some form of permanent heritage presentation at the Hall. To help us to do this we have enlisted the help of Tim Price, the author of the excellent history of Bisley, *A Hundred Years Behind the Times*.

**If you would like to help us to bring the story of the Shaftesbury School and Bisley Village Hall to life please email Sue Smith ([susan.smith983@ntlworld.com](mailto:susan.smith983@ntlworld.com)) or email, ring or text Graham Davey ([grahamdavey6@aol.com](mailto:grahamdavey6@aol.com) / 07753 672778).**

We look forward to hearing your stories.  
*Village Hall Trustees*

### Bisley Village Hall Christmas Tea

The 2017 Christmas Village Tea was a great success with the young and the old(er) enjoying the company, the carol singing with the Almac Band, the tombola and, of course, the huge selection of cakes. On top of this the Tea raised £405 for the Village Hall Appeal Fund, for which the Trustees are very grateful. A big Thank You to everyone who helped: the Band for playing; the WI for manning the stalls; those parents who entertained the children, all those who made cakes and, of course, everyone who came and supported the event.

**A very happy 2018 to you all.**

*The Village Hall Trustees.*



**Bisley Womens Institute** meets in the Village Hall at 2 pm on the second Wednesday of each month. On February 14th we will be Exercising to Music and on March 14th we will be hearing about life as a PA in the Diplomatic Service. In April, we look forward to a fashion show.

The Craft Group meets in the Hall on the fourth Wednesday at 2pm. we also have a walking group and a lunch club. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

**For more details contact Liz: 01483 830020 or Barbara 01483 828690.**

### Good news for Bisley – Surrey County Council’s Local Committee for Surrey Heath is coming to our village.

Our County Councillor, David Mansfield has told us “I’m really pleased to confirm that this Local Committee meeting is coming to **Bisley School on Thursday 1st March 2018 at 6.00 pm**. At the start of the meeting, residents have a chance to speak directly to County Officials about any subject they wish - and get a recorded reply.”

As the Local Committee has been persuaded to hold this important event in Bisley, it is really highly desirable that as many Bisley residents as possible should attend. For further details, please speak to Councillor Mansfield. **Norman Holden**

*The agenda can be viewed on the BPC notice board and web site nearer the time.*

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**WE ARE ON THE WEB**  
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**Bisley Residents Association Committee for 2016/17**

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**Committee members:** Chris Bixley, Jean Hope and Nicola Rapley.

**Bisley Guides and Scouts need YOUR help!**

Guiding and Scouting helps local children to enjoy fun and challenging activities; to experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential, making a positive impact on their futures and that of our communities. Guiding and Scouting in Bisley are looking for more adults to join our teams, both within our units and behind the scenes. Places are currently being limited by the lack of leaders, hence some children are missing out.

**Do you have some spare time?** Would you like to develop your leadership and teamwork skills, build confidence and have a good time? We have a wide variety of roles to suit everyone and whatever you choose, we'll make sure you're properly trained and supported.

**For more information or to register your interest please contact:** **Guiding: Lucy Estall** ([lucyestall@girlguidingbisley.org.uk](mailto:lucyestall@girlguidingbisley.org.uk))  
**Scouting : Caroline Bennett** ([waitinglist1stbisleyscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:waitinglist1stbisleyscoutgroup@gmail.com))

**Looking for a venue to meet in Bisley?**

The Cooper Room in Bisley Church is available for hire with good facilities. Contact The Rectory on 01483 473377.

You may remember that this facility was officially opened by HRH the Countess of Wessex on the 9th May 2013.

**Bisley Jack High Short Mat Bowls Club**

Are you interested in playing Short Mat Bowls in the Autumn and Winter? You may be new to bowls or new to this version or returning to the game.

Several of our members play outdoors in the summer and short mat out of season. Bisley Short Mat meet from September to April every Monday and Thursday in Bisley Village Hall from 7.00pm till 10.00pm.

A warm welcome awaits you, so come and enjoy social or competitive bowls in a very friendly atmosphere; it's a great sport for all ages.

Our members range from beginners to county bowlers, some just like to have a social roll-up whilst others play Club Leagues and Competitions. We also play external Leagues and County Competitions – it's up to you. **Come and have a free try.**

**Contact :- Dave Grist 01483 476113 for details.**



**To our loyal readers, if you reached this point, we hope you enjoyed our newsletter with information about our village. If so perhaps you would consider joining your Residents Association which only costs a maximum of £7 per person per year. We would really appreciate having more members (currently we have less than 10% of the village) as it gives us more weight when pressing for change and improvements to our village and it would help to fund the newsletters. As a member, you would also qualify for a reduction at our events and be entered into Prize Draws in each Newsletter and at our Forums.**  
**Ray Colvin (BRA Membership Secretary)**

**The BRA would like to encourage all members to renew their membership for the year 2018 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.

The Prize Draw winner for this Newsletter is Miss E. Ward of Kingcup Drive.

**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 2018, 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.**