

Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 41, Summer 2018

Sunny Strawberry Fayre on the Village Green in June



The 26th annual Strawberry Fayre kicked off in style with a sublime performance from the Woking and Camberley Rock Choir, who treated the early afternoon spectators to a mix of classic and modern rock songs which set the tone for what was a fantastic afternoon for all. Perfect weather aided the return of Strawberry Fayre classics such as the Human Fruit Machine, alongside joyous performances from the Chobham St. Lawrence Morris Men, Almac Bisley Brass Band and



Leanne Edwards School of Theatre Arts.



A newly installed KIDZONE

proved to be instantly popular, and thanks must be given to the Bisley CofE Primary School and Bisley Guides who oversaw the running of the area. Roary the Recycling Tiger mascot of Surrey Heath Borough Council presented prizes to the Pupils of Yr2 & Yr3 pupils of Bisley CofE Primary School who took part in the Eco-Friendly Challenge to make an item of clothing or an accessory out of recyclable materials that would go into the green recycling bin.

All the children who took part will receive certificates in their school assembly. The children in the choir of Bisley C of E Primary School concluded the entertainment of the afternoon with beautiful singing and talented soloists.

The Strawberry Fayre committee would like to express sincere gratitude to everyone who came to this year's event, with special thanks given to the Army, who provided great assistance in setting up the Fayre during the day itself.

Thanks to the Strawberry Fayre Committee, sponsors and supporters for organising this wonderful community event.



Sue Smith and Village Hall Trustees (Photos by Jim)

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BRA Diary Dates 2018

- ◆ 8th July Joint Picnic / 'Brass on the Grass'.
- ◆ Autumn BRA Newsletter
- ◆ 10th October Open Forum & AGM
- ◆ 23rd Nov. Hi-Tech Quiz/ Supper

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B.R.A. Events

The Joint BRA Spring Forum and the Annual Parish Assembly

A record crowd attended the Bisley Residents' Association 25th Open Forum on 21st March. Our thanks to the (then) Mayor of Surrey Heath, Cllr. Valerie White and guest speakers including Tim Pashen from SHBC, and our Borough and County Councillors. The two Members' Prize Draws were won by Rae Scherrer and Jim Clarke. Many thanks to Bisley Parish Council for the Annual Parish Assembly that followed – and the splendid refreshments!



Norman Holden, BRA Chairmen

The Bisley Residents' Association 9th Spring Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper on 4th May

was a very enjoyable evening with moments of high drama – and low comedy! Winning team was 'The Wannabes' (those West End quizzers again!) - and we thank Seafare for the scrumptious suppers. Thanks also to all the hard-working members of the B.R.A. committee.

Bisley Residents' Association offers thanks and congratulations to Bisley Village Hall committee, Tim Price and all the other contributors for the splendid Bisley Village Hall Heritage tea in April – where the brilliant presentations gave us all a great insight into the history of the Shaftesbury School.

The next B.R.A. event is on Sunday 8th July — the B.R.A. Picnic jointly with 'Brass on the Grass'. Bring your picnic at 3.00 pm, say hello at the B.R.A. stand and enjoy the wonderful Almac Bisley Brass Band from 4.00 p.m..

The winner of the BRA Strawberry Fayre Quiz was Jessica Mount - congratulations.

Village Issues



Teas on the Rec. 2018

'Teas on the Rec' has begun its eighth year. Our first meeting raised money for the Village Hall and we met in the hall as the Pavilion decorations weren't quite complete and bad weather was promised. The Pavilion is now finished and looking good. Our thanks to the Parish Council for all their hard work. Thanks also to all our volunteers and to Bisley School, who bake cakes, support us with prizes for tombola and lucky dip and the wonderful team of staff and pupils who arrive and help us set up on Thursday mornings. They have drastically cut the time we spend on this task.

The charities we support have all been requested by local people. **Please note in your diaries our 19th July BBQ, a family occasion to celebrate the start of the school summer holidays. Our usual 2-5 pm 'Teas' follows into the evening to the BBQ.** Do try and come along. On 26th July young Alex Wallis is raising money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. He puts so much thought and hard work into this charity, he'd love your support.

Hope to see many of you over the summer and of course we hope for some more sunshine.

The 'Teas on the Rec' Team. **More helpers always welcome!**
Chris (01483 472631) or Pauleene (01483 487912)



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

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

Next dates: Tuesday 10th July, 14th August, 11th September. WebCare can help with transport, if needed.

Briefly in Bisley

Bisley Parish Council Office: Contact via the Clerk Mrs Jill Biden 194 Guildford Road, Bisley. GU24 9EP. Tel: 01483 480172. Email: clerk@bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk, web: 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.

☺ The Community Café will resume in the Bisley Village Hall in September - Mondays from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

Neighbourhood Watch

Bisley Residents' Association continues to support Neighbourhood Watch. The Watch Co-ordinators' and Members' meetings for 2018 are 4th June (this one was well-attended and there was a presentation by a Bank security expert) – 10th September and 19th November at St Mary's Church Park Road, Camberley GU15 2SR.

Future Events:

We're informed that there will be an opportunity to meet the Member of Parliament for Surrey Heath, The Rt.Hon. Michael Gove, at a public meeting in Bisley Village Hall on **Friday 12th October 2018 from 6.30 to 7.30 pm.** The meeting will be hosted by Cllr. David Mansfield.



Bisley folk are invited to join in a bulb-planting day around the village on **Saturday 13th October 2018.** Further details from a B.R.A. Committee member or Mrs J Biden, Parish Clerk.

Norman Holden.

Bisley Womens Institute - Happy 79th Birthday!

June has been a very busy month for our members. On Wednesday 6th June, three members attended the NFWI's annual Meeting in Cardiff as delegates. The resolution this year – "Mental Health matters" was accepted with a 98% majority. The WI aims to take action to make it as acceptable to talk about mental health issues as physical health issues, and to lobby government for better support for mental illness.

Bisley WI celebrated our 79th Birthday with a lovely cake and wonderful entertainment from Julie Beavan, who introduced us to the beautiful sounds of the Hammer Dulcimer. At our craft session we practised our skills of glass painting.

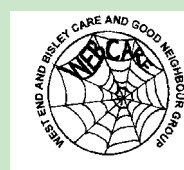
This year is the 100 year centenary of the Surrey Federation of WIs. There was an area celebration in Ripley, at which several Bisley members demonstrated a variety of old crafts – spinning, sewing, quilling and Dorset buttons. Others enjoyed tea and cakes and looking at the centenary books (in which each WI has created two pages relating to their history) and memorabilia from the Federation's archives. There was also an evening picnic at RHS Wisley with entertainment and a chance to view the larger than life 'Perfect Pollinators' made by various Surrey WIs – ours is, of course, the 'Busy Bisley Bee'.

Many of our members have been involved in helping at Teas on the Rec and Strawberry Fayre.

Bisley WI meets in the Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday afternoon of the month and have a craft afternoon on the 4th Wednesday afternoon. **Visitors and new members are always welcome. Liz Colvin (President) 01483 830020**

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.



Following the WebCare A.G.M. the 2018 committee remains the same, under the chairmanship of Angela Astall.

Village Issues



The Lantern hung in the porch of the chapel

Bisley Village Hall Heritage Project.

The story of the Hall is coming to life!



Bisley Village Hall . Previously the chapel of the Shaftesbury School

Earlier this year the Trustees of Bisley Village Hall launched a Heritage Project aimed at capturing the story of the Shaftesbury School and its impact on the village. Over the last few months the story has begun to come to life and there's more to come.

150 years ago 'the Refuge Farm School' opened in Bisley and 5 years later, in 1873, 'the Shaftesbury School' opened. The two Schools were amalgamated in 1919 to form the Bisley School. This closed in 1959. In 1962, Bisley Village Hall, the School's former chapel, opened

When we started our Heritage Project we wanted to uncover the stories behind these stark facts. It has become a fascinating, and rather daunting, venture during which we have acquired some remarkable material and heard some remarkable stories.

Following publicity about the Project we were contacted by a lot of people. They included those interested in the history; people who had lived in the village when the School was here; relatives and friends of former pupils and some former pupils. We received artefacts – including the lantern shown above – photographs and documents and we began to learn about what life was like when the School was here and in the early years of the Village Hall.

On 29th April the hall was packed with people who had come to hear from local historian Tim Price about the origins and history of the Hall, to see the displays and artefacts we now have and to share reminiscences and stories. They included a number of former pupils and relatives of pupils. Subsequently, in early June, we hosted an informal gathering of Bisley School Old Boys, over refreshments, at the Hall.

The story that is emerging is of a remarkable School, founded on Christian ethics that encouraged pupils – many of whom came from difficult social backgrounds - to be the best that they could be. The boys were not only homed, fed and clothed but also offered education and skills training and opportunities to help equip them for their futures. Bisley School had a big impact on individuals – whose stories are themselves remarkable - and on the village. And without it we wouldn't have the building that houses our Village Hall!

On Sunday 9th September, as part of the national Heritage Open Weekends, the Village Hall will be presented with a blue plaque to mark its part in the story. Look out for further details on our website, on Facebook and on local media.

To learn more, provide information or get involved: contact Graham Davey (grahamdavey6@aol.com / 07753 672778), Sue Smith (susan.smith983@ntlworld.com), or Dave Grist (dave@gristy.net). If you know, or know of, any former pupils please let us know.

Bisley Parish Council Update

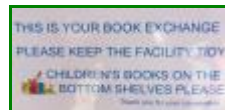


The Bisley Book Exchange:

So good to see our 'adopted' telephone box still serving the village! Any problems please contact Clerk to the Parish Council, Jill Biden.

The Bisley Pavilion:

Have a look at the changes there when you next go to 'Teas on the Rec' to collect your tea and cake.



The building has been repainted throughout, including some floors, with new internal doors fitted. Access between the kitchen and bar/serving area has been widened.

Bisley Playspace: Following the replacement of the roundabout last autumn with a new one, the work has continued this year with service and repair of existing equipment. **We apologise for the inconvenience caused due to recent closure of the playspace for extensive painting, which includes the fencing, refreshing the picnic bench sets and new signage. Enjoy!**




Hester Clarke (photos by Jill and Hester)



More Strawberry Fayre..



▲ The B.R.A. and Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch stalls. ▼ 



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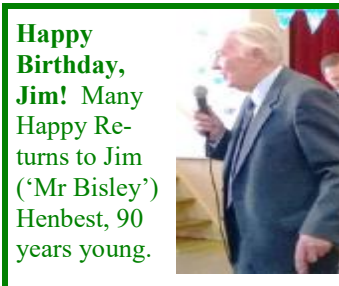
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Membership Secretary: Ray Colvin (membership@bisleyresidents.org.uk) and webmaster.
Committee members: Chris Bixley, Jean Hope and Nicola Rapley.

The 7th Bisley Annual Awards 2018 - Congratulations to all!



Happy Birthday, Jim! Many Happy Returns to Jim ('Mr Bisley') Henbest, 90 years young.

Photos on this page by Jim Clarke, Jill Biden and Norman Holden.

The Bisley Annual Awards were initiated by Parish Councillor Mick Raynor, and voted for by residents. Fellow Cllr. Hester Clarke helped Mick present the awards at the Strawberry Fayre. **Business of the year** (Left) was awarded to Kevin Holder from Direct Electrics; **Junior Citizen of the year** (Centre) to Alex Wallis. **Citizen of the year** (Right) to Pauleene Hammett at 'Teas on the Rec'.



◀ Presentation of prizes to Bisley CofE school children for the Eco-Friendly Challenge by Roary the Recycling Tiger at the Strawberry Fayre.

Bisley CofE Primary School, conducted by their Head Teacher Clare McConnell, ended the day with their beautiful singing. ▶



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 2018/19 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 held and used only by B.R.A.).

The Prize Draw winners for this Newsletter are Mr. & Mrs. Ponsonby.

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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 2019, 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.