



Bisley Residents Association

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Remembrance Sunday



The Service of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial in Bisley from **10.45 am on Sunday 10th November 2019**. 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 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 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of the Remembrance Day parade.

Jill Biden, Clerk to the Parish Council.

LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS WITH ALMAC BISLEY BRASS BAND

After a busy summer, with appearances at a number of local events, Bisley Village Hall was packed for Almac Bisley Brass Band's Celebration of the last Night of the Proms on 28th September. Quite a few people said this was the Band's "best ever" concert.

Now the Band is looking forward to its **Christmas Concert**. This will be on **Saturday 14th December at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall. Tickets will cost £8 (£6 for concessions). To order tickets or to find out

about the Band contact Graham Davey: grahamdavey6@aol.com. You might also want to take a look at the Band's website – almacbisleybrassband.org - or Facebook page.



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BRA Diary Dates 2019/20

- ◆ Hi-Tech Quiz and Ploughman's Supper, 22nd Nov 2019.
- ◆ Forum 25th March 2020.
- ◆ Quiz Friday 1st May 2020.
- ◆ Forum/A.G.M. 14th October
- ◆ Three newsletters p.a.

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B.R.A Events

We hope you all found the 28th Open Forum on 16th October interesting and enjoyable – it was a pleasure to welcome you all, together with The Deputy Mayor of Surrey Heath and County, Borough and Parish Councillors.

The Open Forum was followed by B.R.A.'s 14th Annual General Meeting. The B.R.A. Committee was elected for 2019/20 and appears in the picture with the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Valerie White, (please see page 4 for names and details).

Come to the Hi-Tech, enjoy the Ploughmans' Supper.

Bisley Residents' Association's Hi-Tech Quiz and Ploughmans' Supper will be on **Friday 22nd November** starting at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are available from any B.R.A. Committee member.

Norman Holden - B.R.A. Chairman

(photo by Hester)



Strawberry Fayre



The 2019 Strawberry Fayre was a resounding success thanks to all the hard work of the Committee and the many helpers on the day itself. Previous records were broken and we would like to report that £7,000 will be handed over to the Bisley Village Hall Trustees at their **AGM on November 4th 2019**



at Bisley Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Urgent Request: more Village Hall Trustees needed, due to new vacancies.

This amount allows the Strawberry Fayre Committee to keep a larger amount than usual in reserve to cover predicted large expenditure and increased running costs next year. If anyone would like to help us continue to make our Strawberry Fayre one of the best summer events in Surrey by helping on the Committee or especially as part of the team on the day itself, please contact: Sue 01483 487843 or Paul & Kim paulkim.cox@gmail.com We are always very grateful for help we receive.

Village Issues



A GREAT BIG 'THANK YOU' FROM US ALL AT 'TEAS ON THE REC'

Each year we are overwhelmed by the support and generosity given to us by the local community. You've volunteered, giving time, cakes, raffle prizes and many other 'goodies'; come along in all sorts of weather and despite so many other life commitments. Without you all it wouldn't happen.

Each year we start to feel the pressure is on to raise as much money as the year before, but we still get most pleasure from seeing adults chatting over tea and cake and children playing in safety. (Please note: The totals raised each week often include money made on stalls run by the charity itself and so the weekly take varies considerably.)

Special thanks to Bisley School Year 6 who help us with gazebos, tables and chairs, plates etc and the Bisley School cooks who bake for us to such a high standard and bring us such joy.

Also thanks to Bisley and West End Parish Churches for all their support. *Chris Bixley (Well done Chris, Pauleene and team for brightening our summer and raising a further £13,620 for a range of charities. Editor)*

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 next summer's 'Teas on the Rec'.

Bisley Consolidated Charity.

► A big thank you to the organisers of 'Teas on the Rec.' for a magnificent donation to our charity

But who are we? This is a charity that was established in August 1866 to aid the needy, sick and elderly of the Parish of Bisley. Now, 153 years later the Charity managed by the current Trustees still has the same goal. The Trustees have recently updated and modernised wordings to fall in line with current legal requirements both statutory and from the Charities Commission.

► In addition the Trustees also manage the **Henry Smith Charity**, which runs concurrently with Bisley Consolidated Charity. This charity was established in April 1898 with similar aims.

► The Trustees will be meeting in November to decide the available distribution of grants and, with this in mind, if anyone feels they fall within the above parameters, application forms are available in Bisley Post Office. All information and enquiries are treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Jim Evans for and on behalf of the Trustees

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www.bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk.

Chairman: Councillor Malcolm Vaughan.

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.



Bisley Remembers

Bisley says Farewell.

Jean Hope 1942-2019.

Sadly, Jean passed away in August. She was a much-loved friend and hard-working committee member of B.R.A. We will miss Jean for her warmth, generosity, courage and good humour. Our sincerest condolences to Bill and the family.



Melvyn Tongue 1940-2019.

With great sadness we report the death of our good friend – Melvyn Tongue. Mel served with distinction in The Grenadier Guards and The Parachute Regiment and has been, with his wife Lorna, a familiar and popular figure in Bisley and beyond. We offer to Lorna and the family our sincerest condolences.



June Hargraves 1924-2019. We sadly said farewell to June in August. She had been so much a busy, helpful, involved lady in Bisley that it's difficult to imagine the village without her cheerful hard-working presence.



Kathy Hearn 1937-2019. Kathy was a lovely, friendly Irish-born lady who lost her brief but very brave fight against cancer in August. She and husband Mike have been quietly loyal, long-time B.R.A. members. Our condolences to Mike and the family.



Colin Hignett M.B.E. 1933-2019. Our heartfelt condolences to Rebecca and the family.

Norman Holden

Briefly in Bisley

Warm Congratulations and thanks to WEBCare

They celebrated their 25th Anniversary on October 5th in West End. Volunteers have completed 9,400 jobs, including transport to hospitals, doctors' surgeries, dentists, shops, day centres and other social daily tasks.

WEBCare has now some 40 volunteers, including those who drive and non-drivers who answer calls for assistance with transport. West End and Bisley Care and Good Neighbour Group (WEBCare) is available to help with transport to all who live in the parish of West End & Bisley, when friends and family who live nearby are not available to help. New volunteers are always welcome.



For more information on this valuable service call 07713 915393 (10am -12noon, Monday to Friday)

(Information from WebCare Secretary Sarah Wynter Bee)

Village Issues

HERITAGE DAY AT BISLEY VILLAGE HALL: A DAY TO REMEMBER



Sunday 8th September 2019 was a day to remember in more ways than one. It was Bisley Village Hall's second Heritage Day. The sun shone outside and inside the place was full of people who had come to learn about the history of the building, once the chapel of the Shaftesbury Society Schools that were in the village. Visitors were able to absorb a wealth of material – some of it new - in the form of displays, audio-visual presentations and live and recorded interviews with former pupils. The new material includes some to do with the impact of World War 1 on the Schools and on the village, which is the subject of the current stage of the Trustees' Heritage Project.



At the centre of this has been the new Memorial Windows. The original windows - put in after the Great War in memory of Old Boys of the Schools who had died in the war and funded by a later cadre of former pupils – disappeared long ago. Now there are new windows funded by a Surrey Heath Borough Council Community Grant, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), and the Village Hall.



On 8th September two Old Boys, Keith Mansfield and Ken Gellard, pulled back the curtains to reveal the windows and their central stained glass motif with the sun streaming through. The story of the windows will be part of a HLF-funded booklet about World War 1, the village and the Schools to be published for Remembrance Sunday this year.

Graham Davey

(Photos by Mike Hillman)

Our Parish Churches are still calling for more friends!

Our ancient Bisley and West End Parish Churches serve our villages well. Now these old friends need us to stretch out a helping hand.



Please sign up for 'The Friends of Bisley and West End Churches' and give £10 per month to support their ongoing, vital ministry and service to our villages. Please contact the Parish/Rector's Office (01483 473377) or email bweparish@gmail.com.
Picture by John Cooper, used with permission.

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. followed by tea and cake.**

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

The 8th Bisley Annual Awards 2019 - Congratulations to all!

The Bisley Annual Awards were initiated by ex Parish Councillor Mick Raynor, and voted for by residents. These were presented on Thursday 18th July at 'Teas on the Rec.' **Business of the year** (Left) was awarded to Sana Ullah Chughtai (Sunny) on behalf of Bisley Post Office; **Junior Citizen of the year** (Centre) to Dan Watson. **Citizen of the year** (Right) to Head Teacher of Bisley School, Clare McConnell.

(Photos by Norman Holden and Hester Clarke)



BISLEY VILLAGE CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA

Everyone welcome to the Village Hall.

Thursday 19th December 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Tea and Cake, Carols, Tombola, Children's activities and Lucky Dip.



This event is to continue raising money for the Village Hall Appeal Fund. Please come, have fun, meet friends and **Help Our Hall.**

Happy Christmas!

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WE ARE ON THE WEB
www.bisleyresidents.org.uk

Bisley Residents Association Committee for 2019/20

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Committee members: Chris Bixley, Nicola Rapley and Paul Hollilee.

1st Bisley Scout Group

Bonfire and Fireworks
Saturday 2nd November
on Bisley Village Green

Bonfire Lit at 6:30 p.m.

Fireworks at 7:00 p.m.

**Burgers, Hot Dogs, Sweets, Hot
Drinks & Glow sticks on sale.**

**Entrance by donation of £4 per adult,
£3 per child or £12 per family.**

No Sparklers Please.

(Reg. Charity 267694)

1st Bisley Scout Group

This consists of approximately 60 members in 3 sections namely:- Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts. Beavers caters for 6 – 8 year olds, Cubs 8-10 year olds and Scouts 10-14 year olds. Currently we do not have an Explorer Section in Bisley for 14-18 year olds, although we aim to start a group in the future.

At the year end, we are unfortunately losing the volunteer services of Rita and Don Steadman, who between them, managed and maintained the Scout and Guide hut for many years. We cannot overstate their huge contribution to the Scout and Guiding movement; we thank them and wish them a well-deserved rest and healthy future.

Once again this year we are holding our main fundraising event -The Bonfire and Fireworks on the village green on **Saturday 2nd November at 6:30 pm.**

We thank Kingswood Pallets for supplying pallets for the bonfire, and to the parents of current and former Group Members for their help in holding this event. Parents undertake such diverse roles from -purchasing and collecting the fireworks, to collecting litter and putting away equipment on Sunday morning.

A successful event provides funds to purchase replacement and new equipment necessary to help provide our young people with what the Scout Association terms 'skills for life'.

Each year, we aim to make the firework display better than the previous year, however naturally the success of the event is weather dependent. We thank you in advance for supporting the Scout Group again this year by attending the event.

Andrew Scott



**Community Café
at Bisley Village Hall**



MEET UP MONDAYS (Sept. to May)
10 a.m. to 12.00 noon in the Jubilee Hall

**£1 for tea / coffee and biscuits;
£1 toasted tea cakes. Sudokus &
crosswords available.**

Everyone is welcome

Information hub for local activities.

Bisley Village Hall Management Committee

The BRA would like to encourage all members to renew their membership for the year 2019/20 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 the Autumn Forum was Doreen Holden.

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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 2020, 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.