

# Bisley Residents Association

## 'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 46, Spring 2020

### VE DAY 75th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION.



When VE Day dawns on the 8th May 2020 it will be 75 years since the guns fell silent and World War II in Europe ended.

In the United Kingdom more than one million people took to the streets to celebrate peace, to mourn the loss of their loved ones and to mark the end of the European part of the war. Whilst in London crowds massed at Trafalgar Square and up the Mall to Buckingham Palace, to see King George, Queen Elizabeth and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Bisley residents were also celebrating.



VE Day Street Party at the Rifles Clubhouse in Bisley

### STREET PARTY

**AT 2pm on FRIDAY 8th MAY at BISLEY RECREATION GROUND**

Bisley Parish Council, along with a host of local volunteers from Bisley Residents Association, the WI and Teas on the Rec, would like to invite you to join us along with your family and friends to commemorate and reflect on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people who have seen us through not just World War II but many wars and conflicts.

On Bank Holiday Friday we will be hosting our very own Bisley Street Party. We hope to open the event with a marching band provided by the Sea and Marine Cadets. During the afternoon, singers will keep us entertained with live music of the era and there will be fun activities for the children. Soft drinks and cakes will be provided for all to enjoy. There will be VE day quizzes with prizes, and everyone is encouraged to arrive in 1945 fancy dress! There is even a Turnip Award for the best dressed Winston Churchill! (Yes, the winner will be awarded a Turnip!).

Entry to the event is free (Residents can make a donation on the day if they wish with any profit going to BLESMA and RBL). It is hoped that a host of Veterans will join us on the day with invites already being extended to BLESMA and Royal British Legion members as well as Cadets and serving service personnel from Pirbright Training Camp. If you know of any VE Day veterans that either live in Bisley or who have military links to Bisley, please feel free to invite them to the event and remember to pass on their contact details to Cllr Jane Clark on the following email: [merleac@icloud.com](mailto:merleac@icloud.com)

**We look forward to seeing you all on Friday May 8th 2 – 5.00pm.**

*Parish Councillor Jane Clark.*

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### BRA Diary Dates 2020

- ◆ 1st May, Fish/Chicken & Chips Quiz Night.
- ◆ 28th June Strawberry Fayre.
- ◆ 12th July Brass on the Grass / Summer Picnic.
- ◆ 14th October Open Forum & A.G.M.
- ◆ 20th Nov Hi-Tech Quiz and Ploughman's Supper.

### Bisley Residents Association & Parish Council warmly invites you ..

To the Joint BRA Spring Forum and the Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday 25th March 2020, in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall, commencing at 7.00 p.m. The main theme of the 29th Open Forum is 'Bisley - Past, Present and Future'.

Our guests will include the Mayor of Surrey Heath, County, Borough and Parish Councillors, speakers and a good cross-section of Bisley people of all ages! The Annual Parish Assembly, chaired by Bisley Parish Council will follow the Forum. Enjoy a glass of wine and light refreshments.

**Looking forward to seeing you there.**



### B.R.A. Events

**Quiz & Fish/Chicken & Chip Supper - Friday 1st May 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**

Teams of 4 to 6, (Bring your own drinks and glasses). There will be a raffle. Tickets from Committee members - £7.50 for B.R.A. members, £8.50 for others (but why not join now, see page 4) ALL are invited.

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## Village Issues



### Coffee in the Pavilion

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.' 2020

'Teas on the Rec' starts on the 28th May and continues on Thursday afternoons through the summer until the 27th August. Come along and enjoy our tenth year, relaxing with tea and homemade cake while your children play happily in sight. We love to welcome people of all ages whose support raises money for a different charity every week.

**More helpers always welcome!**

Chris (01483 472631) or Pauleene (01483 487912)

## Community Café at Bisley Village Hall



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

Bisley Village Hall Management Committee



### NEWS FROM ALMAC BISLEY BRASS BAND

After a busy end to 2019 the Band is now getting ready for 2020 spring and summer engagements. Our *Spring Concert* is at the Village Hall on Saturday 16 May followed by *Brass on the Grass* on the Village Green

on 12 July and *A Celebration of the Last Night of the Proms* on 26 September. The Band has already been booked for a series of other events including local occasions – such as Bisley Church fete and the Strawberry Fayre. We welcome interest from anyone interested in playing or finding out more about the Band. For information go to <https://almacbisleybrassband.org/>, or <https://www.facebook.com/almacbisleybrassband/> or get in touch with Graham Davey: [grahamdavey6@aol.com](mailto:grahamdavey6@aol.com) / 07753 672778.

### Bisley Remembers

#### Andy Gill 1957-2020

Everyone in Bisley was shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Andy Gill. Andy has been a well-known – and well-loved – personality in our community; he did so much for Bisley in his quiet and modest way and we were all delighted – but not surprised - when in 2012 he became the very first Bisley Citizen of the Year, a thoroughly deserved Award. Andy seems almost irreplaceable and we will all miss him. We offer to Christine and the family our sincerest condolences.

*Norman Holden*



### 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.

WebCare can help with transport if required.

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

*Next date: Restarts on Tuesday 10th March 2020.*

### Bisley Womens Institute

Bisley W.I. meets in the Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. On March 11th Linda Mapp will be telling us about the charity 'Days for Girls'. On April 8th Julian Pooley's talk is entitled 'Out of Sight, Out of Mind'.

**We are now starting our meetings at 2.15 pm.**

Our Craft Afternoons are at 2 pm in the Jubilee Room on the fourth Wednesday of the month. You are welcome to come as a visitor to any meeting.

On Wednesday 6th May we are holding a Bingo Afternoon in the village hall from 2 - 4 pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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

## 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](mailto:clerk@bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk), web: [www.bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://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.

**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.

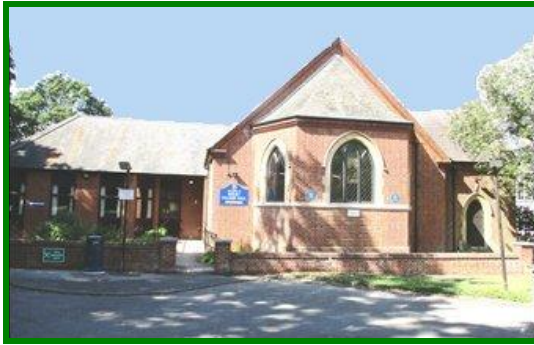


**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**SUNDAY  
28th JUNE  
2020**

**STRAWBERRY FAYRE**

## Village Issues



### Interesting times at Bisley Village Hall.

Being a member of Bisley Village Hall's Management Committee of Trustees is an interesting, sometimes challenging but often rewarding experience. In the last few months we have said goodbye to some valued friends and colleagues; welcomed new Trustees; continued to improve the look of the Hall and experienced some notable occasions. The next few months will, however, be challenging and we would welcome help and support.

Our Annual General Meeting in November saw the departure of two Trustees: Sue Smith and Les Richardson. Sue has made a fantastic contribution to the life and fortunes of the Hall over many years. She has been the catalyst for many of our best achievements including the Strawberry Fayre; the Heritage Project; the new Memorial Windows; and the Community Cafe. Les has made valuable

contributions to the development of our website and booking system but in recent years has been beset by family bereavement and illness.

We are enormously grateful to Sue and Les and sad to lose them from the Committee (although Sue will continue to serve on the Strawberry Fayre committee and to take a leading role in the Heritage Project and the Community Cafe). However, we have been delighted to welcome two new trustees: Suzie Miles and Russ Hayes. Suzie has taken over from Sue bookings for regular users of the Hall. Russ is already very much involved in helping us to plan for the future.

The Pre-School - which has been based at Bisley Village Hall for 37 years - is to close in July. It has been a pleasure to have them at the Hall and we are very sorry to lose them. Their departure will leave gaps on weekday mornings and early afternoons that will need to be filled from early September. We have already had success in filling some gaps but would welcome further enquiries. If you are interested please get in touch with Suzie: [suzie.bvh@gmail.com](mailto:suzie.bvh@gmail.com)

We didn't have any major upsets last year, although we did have to replace one of the gas heaters and do some repairs to gutters and flashings near the flat roof above the entrance. Our big project was the installation of the new, energy-efficient, Memorial Windows. We have also progressively tried to improve the look of the place by painting the foyer area and repairing damp-affected walls near the kitchen. We hope to tackle the painting of the Main Hall this year.

On Remembrance Sunday, 10 November 2019, the Hall's Heritage Project research team published an 88-page illustrated booklet: *The Shaftesbury Homes, Bisley, during the Great War, 1914-1918*. The booklet has attracted considerable interest but some copies are still available. If you would like one email [grahamdavey6@aol.com](mailto:grahamdavey6@aol.com) or ring 07753 672778. The publication of the booklet was one of a number of notable occasions including Almac Bisley Brass Band's Christmas Concert and the Hall's Christmas Afternoon Tea.



There's always a lot to do! In due course we want to make further improvements to the energy efficiency of the Hall and to refurbish the Main Hall floor. You can help us in a number of ways: by buying tickets for the Surrey Heath Community Lottery (from which 50% of sales income comes back to the Hall) <https://www.surreyheathlottery.co.uk/support/bisley-village-hall>; by becoming a Trustee or by offering your expertise or practical help. You can find out more from our website <http://www.bisleyvillagehall.org/>, Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bisleyvillagehall/> or you might want to get in touch with the Chairman, Graham Davey. (See contact details above)

Graham Davey

### Farewell to Revd. Andy Armitt



Bronwen Hall made the presentation to Revd. Andy on behalf of the congregation.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020, the Parish Churches of Bisley and West End said 'au revoir' to Revd Andy Armitt who, after sixteen years as Rector of Bisley and West End, is leaving to take up the post of Assistant Chaplain of Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals.

A Church packed with people of all ages from 1 to 99 gave Revd. Andy a rousing send-off, followed by a tea party and presentations at West End Pavilion. We wish Revd. Andy all the very best in his new life and we thank him for his long and devoted ministry in our Parish.

Norman Holden (Pictures by Gordon Sutton)



Revd. Andy and his two daughters, Emily & Sophie admire the cake.

### Birthday celebration.

Congratulations to Jean Winfield who celebrated her 100th birthday. Niccii, the managing director of Elmfield House organised a special birthday party for Jean.

Guests included The Mayor of Woking, Cllr Beryl Hunwicks, entertainer Steve and many of Jean's family and friends. Jean was presented with her hand-signed card from the Queen, who remembered Jean's Father from his days employed by Her Majesty as Royal gardener at Windsor Castle.

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**Committee members:** Chris Bixley, Paul Hollylee and Nicki Rapley.

**News from Bisley CofE School.**



February indicates that we are almost half way through this academic year already.....where does the time fly to?! It has been a busy but very productive 6 months. In September our nursery opened and we were delighted that we were full straight away. As predicted, the majority of our children are siblings of children who are already in school. Applications for September 2020 for the nursery are open and we only have a few spaces still available.

We would like to thank the Bisley community for being so supportive of the school, for being patient about parking and for making us feel a strong part of the community. I was overwhelmed by the response we had from residents regarding our foodbank and we are so grateful for all the donations that keep coming in - it really does make a difference. We are enjoying our work with Elmfield Residential Home and the children enjoy their visits -

as do the residents! We always welcome volunteers into school, to hear readers, help with Forest School or to get stuck into a classroom session. Volunteering can be a great way of meeting people and the children keep you on your toes! If you would like to volunteer or you would like to be emailed our weekly school newsletter so that you know when events are please email [info@bisley.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@bisley.surrey.sch.uk). Don't forget you can find out what we are up to on our website [www.bisley.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.bisley.surrey.sch.uk) or on our Facebook Page @BisleyCofEPrimary  
*Clare McConnell, Head Teacher.*

**Tringhams Day Centre** Over 65? Would you like to get out and make new friends? Come along on a Monday or Friday to the Sports Pavilion, Benner Lane, West End from 10 am to 2:30 pm. Chat over a cup of tea, join a game of Scrabble or Dominoes. Spend a quiet time drawing/painting or doing a puzzle.



Enjoy a tasty home cooked lunch followed by Bingo or a Quiz.  
Call or email us for more information ; 07506 461600.

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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 2020 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 this Newsletter is Mr. & Mrs. Blakeley

**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 2021, 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)

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