

Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 47, Summer 2020



We were all disappointed that the big 'VE 75' event in Bisley had to be cancelled – but Bisley people did their best to mark the occasion! Here is a typical 'spread-out' street party, hosted by the Holdens in Quince Drive (below left) and Norman Holden and Mick Raynor salute the fallen 1939-1945 (below right). *Norman Holden*

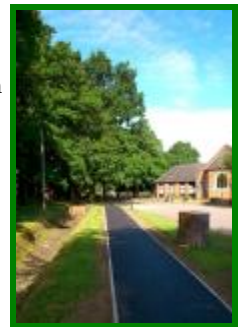


Update from the Parish Council.

(from our Parish Clerk Jill Biden)

▲ **The new footpath** at the Village Hall car park end of the village green has been completed, giving safer access to the Scout and Guide HQ and the Village Hall. Over the next couple of months, the bays in the car park are to be re-marked together with a marked footpath on the Village Hall side of the car park. Look out for the signs designed by the 2nd Bisley Brownies which will be erected on the lamp columns.

▲ **The temporary log barriers at the entrance to the Village Hall car park** will be replaced by retracting bollards. These will be raised if there is a threat of incursion or another emergency situation where the car park requires closing.



▲ **The bus shelter opposite Kingsbury Court Care Home** has recently been refurbished. The work was commissioned by the Parish Council and the work undertaken by Nigel Jeffries Landscapes Ltd. The Parish Council would like to thank County Councillor David Mansfield for a contribution from his Members Community allocation towards the cost of the work.



► **An automated external defibrillator (AED)** has been purchased by the Parish Council on behalf of the village and is located on the wall of the Pavilion - please see page 3 for further details.

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We apologise for being obliged, reluctantly, to cancel Bisley Residents' Association's Open Forum on 25th March, 2020. We also had to cancel our Quiz & Fish & Chip Supper on 1st May.

Meanwhile, we hope that the following events originally scheduled for 2020 will take place! :-
***14th October**, Open Forum & 15th AGM.
***20th November**, Quiz & Supper.

Village matters. During the present crisis the B.R.A. Committee is still as active as possible, so if there are any happenings around Bisley (planning, traffic, etc. etc.) that are concerning you, do contact B.R.A. and we'll try to take it up - if we can! *Norman Holden*

Well done, Surrey Heath and all refuse teams for the weekly waste bin collections! Please make sure you use the correct bin (guidance on SHBC web site) to facilitate this service.

Village Issues




Waking in the middle of the night, in the early stages of the Corona virus pandemic, West End's Liz Noble realised that seven people were dependent upon her and how would they cope should she catch the virus?

Together with Bisley resident, Erica Agombar, they formed a committee with 16 – 20 other residents and advertised on Facebook for volunteers to help anyone who was shielding/vulnerable. Within days over 400 residents had come forward and the newly formed team was approached by Surrey Heath Prepared to represent West End & Bisley as Area Co-ordinators (early on SHP was recognised as the Gold Standard for such schemes by COBRA).

Since the 8th of March these volunteers have answered over 2,000 requests for help - delivering food and medication to those in isolation and cheering up the lonely/vulnerable with telephone calls.


It was a fantastic community effort and as Surrey Heath Prepared ends on 1st July 2020 let's not lose all that we've learned. Two of the ways you can help are with WEBCare and/or by becoming a Street Co-ordinator.

What happened to WEBCare? (West End & Bisley Care & Good Neighbour Group, established in 1995 with DBS cleared volunteers who assist when family or friends aren't available) – The phone was manned but as most of its volunteers are over 70 and had to shield we were unable to provide transport. We need some younger volunteers. You can do as much or as little as you like but every helping hand enables those in our community, who need a bit of assistance to continue living independently - the way we all want to. **Call 07713 915393 or email web-caregu24@gmail.com** to find out more. Due to Covid 19 it can't offer transport but is hoping to restart this service as soon as it is allowed to do so.

 **Please consider becoming a WEBCare Volunteer.**

The **Street Co-ordinators** organised during the pandemic played a vital role in supporting neighbours and ensuring that no one felt isolated during the pandemic. It would be great if we

could continue to have named volunteers keeping a friendly eye out for their neighbours. It isn't about being a busy body - just a local point of contact.

 To find out more or to volunteer as a Street Co-ordinator email: westendandbisleystreetcoord@gmail.com

Sarah Wynter Bee (Committee member W.E. & Bisley Volunteers and Secretary to WEBCare.)

Editor: We salute Duty Officer Mrs. Peggy Wynter Bee (Aged 95) who 'manned' the WEBCare phone every Monday to Friday morning since lockdown and to the many volunteers who served our two villages so well — a Big Thank You to All.



WEBCare

West End & Bisley Care & Good Neighbour Group

- Practical short term help for all whose family and friends are not available
- Collecting prescriptions, shopping and library books
(At least 24 hours notice if possible)
- Assistance to write a letter or fill out a form
- Basic IT support
- Friendly phone calls and company over a cup of tea
- Minor DIY e.g. change a light bulb
- Transport (Due to Covid 19 we can't offer transport but we will as soon as we are allowed to, in the meantime see NHS and community transport numbers overleaf)

**If in doubt, call and ask us on: 07713 915 393
between 10am and 12noon Monday - Friday or
email us at webcaregu24@gmail.com**

Where applicable we ask for a voluntary contribution to reimburse volunteers' travel expenses. Our scheme is largely funded by voluntary contributions & donations.

Please consider becoming a WEBCare volunteer! You can do as much or as little as you like; every helping hand enables those in our community, who need a bit of assistance, to continue living independently, the way we all want to.

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 Malcolm Vaughan.

Council meetings are **usually held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. (in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall) but currently taking place on-line.**

Please see notice boards or web site for the agenda before meetings.

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



Catherine Boxall 1934-2020

With sadness we report the death of Catherine Boxall. Catherine has been a well-known and well-loved personality around Bisley for many years, together with her late husband, our good friend Kerr Boxall who passed away in 2015. Catherine will be sadly missed by everyone and we offer to Catriona and the family our sincerest condolences.

Norman Holden



The printing and distributing of this issue of 'Your Bisley' Newsletter to residents, in full colour, was funded by Bisley Residents Association (see page 4 for joining up).

Village Issues

Bisley WI June 2020

The past three months of social distancing have obviously meant Bisley WI has not been able to hold their usual meetings and events. However, we have been keeping in touch as much as possible by email and phone calls for those who are not on line. Many of us have mastered using Zoom for our Committee meetings, monthly meetings, craft sessions and quizzes. We even sang along to a recording of Jerusalem at our May meeting, with every one joining in, in their own time via a muted Zoom. There has been very little business to discuss, but we always find plenty to chat about. Members not on line have appreciated the phone calls from other members.

Several members have been busy sewing scrubs, hats, bags and masks for local hospitals, surgeries and care homes (see pictures). There has been a lot of swapping of materials and thread, patterns and ideas. Members have been shopping and collecting prescriptions for those who are self-isolating at home. They have also been helping with distributing magazines. Thank goodness for the lovely weather we had throughout April and May – I am sure our gardens must look amazing.

Of course, we have all missed meeting up with our friends, but we are keeping positive and hopefully we may be able to have an outdoor get together before too long.

Stay safe and well. If you need help or advice or just a chat - please call Liz on 01483 830020 or Barbara on 01483 828690.



Bisley Village Hall: Looking to Better Times.

The Trustees of Bisley Village Hall are getting to grips with ensuring that the Hall can re-open safely. They are looking forward to welcoming people back just as soon as Covid-19 restrictions allow.

For weeks – since lockdown started – we have been ensuring that the premises remain safe and secure; we have been carrying out essential upkeep and maintenance and working towards getting the Hall ready for users to return.

The first of our users is coming back this month! **Bisley Pre-School** will be the sole users of the Hall for up to 4 days a week (Tuesday to Thursday) during a period of 5 weeks from 22 June to 21 July. We are pleased to



welcome them back for this short time so that they can say a proper goodbye before closing for good. **We will miss them greatly when they have gone.**

To ensure that things go well for the Pre-School, and for the users we hope will return in a few months' time, we are putting measures in place to meet current Covid-19 requirements and trying to ensure that we can adjust quickly to any future changes. We are aiming to ensure that everyone who wants to use the Hall can be confident that the premises and facilities are safe. We will provide as much re-assurance as we can but we will also be seeking re-assurance from users that they will be able to operate in accordance with Covid-19 requirements.

Arrangements are bound to be very different when the Hall gets going again. When the picture is clearer, we will be in touch with existing users about what will be different and what it entails for them. In the meantime we will have had some experience of operating the Hall (for Pre-School) under Covid-19 requirements which will give us valuable insights that can be applied for the benefit of future users.

We are really looking forward to seeing you again. We appreciate that the way things are in the future will be different from the way they were before the pandemic and you may well have questions and concerns. If we can help, please do get in touch. We will do our best to make things work for everyone.

Graham Davey, Chair, Bisley Village Hall Management Committee of Trustees.

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The Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

continued from page 1.

This is located in the cabinet on the external wall next to the side door of the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground.

Operating Guidelines.

If required in an emergency, remove the AED from the carrying case and lift the switch cover and set the adult/child selection switch to match the casualty.

If the casualty is a child, there is no need to use different electrode pads. If it is suspected that the casualty is a child aged between 1 and 8 years old, the dual /child pads can be used with the switch selection set to child mode.

Press the green on/off button. The voice prompts will start.

This will commence with a beep followed by the first prompt which will be "Call Emergency Medical Services (999) now."

- Then follow all the voice prompts.

The Bisley Annual Award

Bisley Parish Council has been reviewing its existing award arrangements and would like to amend these to just one award. This is to be awarded for an outstanding contribution to the village of Bisley.

The new award is to be given in memory of Andy Gill, who was the first recipient of the Bisley Citizen of the Year award in 2012. The Parish Council felt that it would be fitting to name the award in honour of Andy. *Jill Biden*



Sadly, the Strawberry Fayre could not take place in June due to the pandemic. We are hopeful of a good Fayre next year!

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www.bisleyresidents.org.uk

Bisley Residents Association Committee for 2020

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

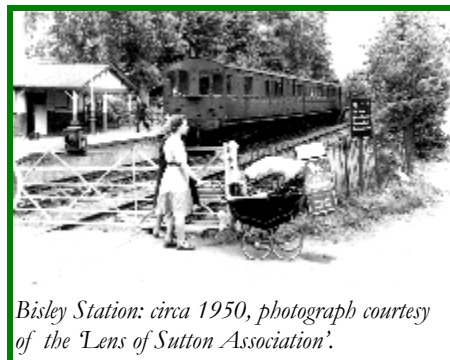
Bisley Railway Station.

There was once a railway station at Bisley but most will not know of its existence. Actually there is still a railway station at Bisley, though it is still no longer used as such. A short length of track remains with a sleeper carriage parked to provide accommodation for members of the Lloyds Bank Rifle Club.

In 1890 the National Rifle Association moved to Bisley from Wimbledon Common and a short branch line was constructed to carry visitors from Brookwood railway station to the shooting ranges on the occasion of the annual meeting held in July. A small station building and platform was built adjacent to the main road into the ranges and a level crossing provided with gates to protect vehicular traffic on the rare occasion the train was in use. The line was described as a 'tramway' and parts of its course can still be seen but it was not in any way a commercial success, but for its time a very useful facility.

The last public train ran on 19th July 1952, no doubt one of the few times Bisley people used the line, although a railway enthusiast's train made the last ever trip on 23 November that year. *Gerry Bixley*

Editor's Note, The train was known as the 'Bisley Bullet'. The line was extended to Pirbright, Deepcut and Blackdown Camps with the outbreak of both World Wars.



Bisley Station: circa 1950, photograph courtesy of the 'Lens of Sutton Association'.

 **Bisley CofE Primary School and Foxcubs Nursery.**

Hope to return in early September.

 **Bisley Base / Pre School.**

See bisleybase.co.uk.



Bisley gardens have benefited from the glorious Spring weather and many of us have found them a great source of comfort and inspiration during the lockdown. *Pibotos by Norman Holden*

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 Mrs. Kingston—congratulations.

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

Please make cheques payable to Bisley Residents Association.