

Bisley Residents Association

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This year's Service of Remembrance will be held at the war memorial in Bisley from 10.50 am on Sunday 8th November 2020.

However, in line with Government guidelines, there will be no parade and the service will be shorter and without communal singing. For your own safety, we would ask you not to attend the war memorial, but to observe the two minute silence on your doorstep or in your own home. It is hoped that the service will be live streamed via Facebook. It is anticipated that Bisley Residents' Association, along with other organisations and groups etc. who usually participate in wreath-laying will be able to do so

Please note that a short stretch of Church Lane will be closed to vehicular access while the service is in progress.

We very much hope that next year we will be able to welcome you all again to attend at the war memorial.

Please stay safe and well. *Jill Biden, Bisley Parish Council Clerk and Norman Holden, BRA Chair and Royal British Legion .*



A brief ceremony was held at Bisley War Memorial on the 15th August 2020 to mark VJ75 Day, the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the final end of the Second World War in the Pacific and Far East. *(Photo by Stephen Holden).*



New Bisley Church Gates
Photos by Sylvie Olivier-Clarke

Bisley Church Gates.

The original gates were donated in 1948 by Henry Lawson of Lynbrook, in memory of those who had died in the First and Second World Wars.

In 2001/2002 they were damaged by a lorry reversing in and driving off, and had to be replaced.

A replacement set of gates was installed, but in time they needed repairs, and the post work became rotten and required replacing.

Planning work started on the third set of gates in 2019, using a design very similar to the original gates. The wood used is Iroko, which is very durable. The Notice Board was also replaced with locking doors for security.

We are very grateful to Bisley Parish Council for the very generous donation of the cost of the new gates, which included a new inscription to those who lost their lives.

We are also very grateful to Roger Hill of The Hill Joinery for his skill, experience and the quality of his workmanship in the construction of these gates. In addition, we thank Tim Price and Gordon Sutton for their work during the course of this project.

Thanks Tim Price and Peter Fry for this article -- Ed.



News from our S.C.C. and S.H.B.C. Councillor

We've been preoccupied by the Covid 19 Pandemic. The Borough Council maintained a full service. We have all had to become experts in holding virtual meetings, both at full council, and committee level.

In the summer local residents met our new Borough Commander at Surrey Police, Inspector Alick James.

New double yellow lines are in Elm Grove and Hawthorn Way. These are now on the list for interim visits by the Parking Enforcement team and will be monitored. Further double yellow lines are being reviewed outside the Play Area

in Clews lane.

Traffic lights at Clews Lane and Queens Road junction are being replaced following a review, with changes also being made to the pedestrian island on the A322.

Community grants were given for the bulb planting along the Guildford Road and for repairs to the bus shelter opposite the Care Home. A donation to the VE celebrations was made, but regrettably had to be cancelled due to Covid.

A dangerous tree was removed in Kiln Lane. Please note that Local Area ("Virtual") meetings at County are advertised on the S.C.C. web site.

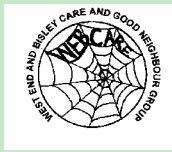
Councillor David Mansfield

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Village Issues

West End & Bisley Care and Good Neighbourhood 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.



Since July 2020, WEBCare volunteers have been providing assistance with shopping and the collection of prescriptions.

WEBCare is also now able to offer some, **very limited transport to essential medical appointments**. Strict protocols are in place and anyone being given a lift must wear a mask and be able to get in and out of the WEBCare volunteer's car unaided. They must also be able to walk without needing a walking aid that a volunteer would have to put in the boot, ie, no wheeled walkers.

WEBCare has also been contacted by Surrey Heath to plan for a possible second wave/mini lockdown. If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of the WEBCare team of volunteers (no fixed commitment, you do what you can when you can) please contact WEBCare as above.

Sarah Wynter Bee (WEBCare Secretary)

'TEAS ON THE REC'

We've really missed seeing everyone over the summer, especially the children.

Bisley School usually invite us for Harvest Festival tea and cake prepared and served by the children - a welcome role reversal. Unfortunately, something else that had to be cancelled. You can imagine how delighted we were to receive cards from each class containing messages from individual pupils. All quite different, beautifully designed and decorated, after much thought and hard work by staff and children.

Our grateful thanks to them for being such an integral part of the village, particularly when they have so many added pressures from Covid.

Chris Bixley and Team.

Bisley Remembers



Brian Mabbutt 1936-2020

With great sadness we report the passing of Brian Mabbutt, a popular and friendly Bisley man who lost his quietly courageous struggle with ill-health in July.



Brian had served with distinction in the Royal Navy for nine years (including duty in submarines!) and thereafter enjoyed a long and fruitful business career in this part of Surrey. He will be greatly missed and we offer to Sue and the family our sincerest condolences.

Norman Holden

Bisley Women's Institute

On a lovely September afternoon, 26 members of Bisley WI finally met together on the village green. We really enjoyed our time to chat and catch up with each other. It was hoped that we would be able to have our October meeting in the Hall, but the 'rule of six' has meant we must continue to keep in touch via email, zoom and phone calls. As we are also unable to have our Annual Meeting, the committee have agreed to stay as they are for another year. We will also have a virtual Christmas Party in December and do hope that we may be able to go back to having our monthly meetings in the village hall sometime in the new year. Fingers crossed!!

Liz Colvin



Briefly in Bisley

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Chairman: Councillor Malcolm Vaughan.

The Parish Council continues to meet as usual on the second Monday in the month. It is at the later time of 7.30 pm. Under the current Coronavirus Regulations the Parish Council is able to hold hybrid meetings; that is in person in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall and remotely via Zoom. Please see the Parish Council's new website for details of forthcoming meetings and to download the agenda. You are most welcome to attend the Council meetings either in person or via Zoom. Please contact the Clerk by email or by phone. Under the current Government restrictions spaces are extremely limited to attend in person.

Notice of a Parish Councillor Vacancy. The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a councillor. At the present time, 10 electors of the parish may request a by-election. If a by-election has not been requested by the 4th November, then the Parish Council may co-opt. Further information will be given in due course on the Parish Council website and on the notice boards.

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).

We have spoken to the GP Surgery at Lucas Green – they are operating as 'normally' as possible and full information may be obtained via their website <https://chobhamandwestend.nhs.uk/> or telephone 01483 481323.

Norman Holden

Village Issues

Welcome to Revd Fiona Simon, our new Rector

The new Rector of the Parish of St John The Baptist Church, Bisley and Holy Trinity Church, West End is the Revd. Fiona Simon – and she will be arriving here from Brussels with her husband Paul in the next few weeks “...to prepare for starting ministry among [us] on 18th November...”

Revd Fiona was ordained in 2009 and moved with her family to Guildford where she served her curacy at St John’s Stoke. She then became Vicar at All Saints church New Haw in 2014. In autumn 2018, husband Paul’s job initiated the move to Brussels, where Revd Fiona joined the ministry team of a large Anglican church in the centre of the city. Fiona and Paul’s three children are in their 20s, living and working in Oxford, Spain and Bristol respectively but Revd. Fiona hopes “they will be regular visitors to the Rectory;...and ... we look forward to sharing the next chapter of our lives with you, and seeing all that God will do amongst the communities of Bisley and West End during the coming years”.

Details provided by Bisley and West End Church.



NEW WAYS OF WORKING AND NEW FACES AT BISLEY VILLAGE HALL

The Hall has been open again for several weeks now. Everything seems to be going pretty well. Everyone appears to be coping with all of the guidelines and requirements and we have welcomed some new users.

That’s not to say it’s been easy. Far from it! The Trustees and other kind helpers have had to work hard to get the Hall ready and to put in place stringent special Covid-19 Conditions, a robust Risk Assessment and Covid-19 Incident Protocol. Each of our users has had to sign up to the Conditions and to submit their own specific risk assessments and we all have to keep up to date with changes in government guidelines and legal requirements. Everyone is cleaning, sanitising, face-mask wearing, sticking to instructions and keeping their distance and negotiating new one-way systems! At the time of writing this article we hadn’t (touch wood!) had any Covid-related problems but we are as ready as we can be if something does happen.

We have been delighted to welcome new users to the Hall. It’s not the easiest of times to commit to an unfamiliar venue so we are very pleased that Hartbeeps, MakeCreate Craft, Woking Area U3A, Clubbercise and Splat Messy Play have chosen to do so. Some of our existing users have extended their bookings. Others are still considering what to do. We understand their concerns and we look forward to hearing from them about whether or when they feel comfortable to return. We will do all we can to support and reassure them.

If you would like to register an interest in booking the Hall please get in touch with our Bookings Officer: suzie.bvh@gmail.com. We are among the many now using Zoom to keep in touch and to do business and we are planning to hold our AGM on Zoom. The details are below. We would love to see you and to bring you up to date with how things are going. Unfortunately, though, we can’t offer refreshments! Thank you for all the support you continue to give us, we really appreciate it.

Graham Davey, Chair, Bisley Village Hall Management Committee of Trustees. grahamdavey6@aol.com. Mobile: 07753 672778

BISLEY VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30pm, Monday 16 November 2020

This will be a virtual meeting using Zoom. To register your interest in attending and to receive login details please contact our Secretary: ray.colvin@ntlworld.com.

Bisley Community Café



Hoping to restart on Monday mornings in November, 10 a.m. to 12.00 noon in the Jubilee Hall.

By invitation only due to current restrictions on numbers. Further details on BVH website and the Parish magazine.

THE BAND PLAYS ON: NEWS FROM ALMAC BISLEY BRASS BAND (AT LAST!)

It’s been a long time! We look back fondly on occasions such as the Remembrance Day service on the Village Green last November (see picture) and the Christmas concert in the Village Hall last December, our last before lockdown.

Since March we have not been able to get together as a full band. We have kept closely in touch with each other; some individuals played on their doorsteps – for the NHS and key workers - on Thursday evenings early in lockdown and Pat Steele played Last Post at the VJ commemoration in August and will do so again for Remembrance Sunday this November.

Now there is hope that we can get back together as a band. We are liaising closely with the Village Hall about resuming practices (subject to stringent conditions) from November. There is, of course, still a lot of uncertainty about that and we cannot envisage public performances for a long time yet. But at least and at last there is something to look forward to!

For information about the Band go to <https://almacbisleybrassband.org/>, or



<https://www.facebook.com/almacbisleybrassband/> or get in touch with Graham Davey: grahamdavey6@aol.com / 07753 672778.

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

Bisley Residents' Association's 15th Annual General Meeting on 28th October 2020 was a 'virtual' meeting via Zoom as the current rules restricting such events to six attendees indicated that we could not hold this AGM in the Village Hall as originally planned.

It was necessary to ask our members for permission for the present BRA Committee to continue 'in office' for another six months, see above for committee details.

You can view the reports from our Chairman, Treasurer and Membership Secretary on B.R.A's website. *Norman Holden*

1st Bisley Scout Group



Despite the 'Lockdown' our members continued to work towards earning their Scouting Badges, and held Scouting meetings using Zoom. Special thanks to our leaders for their dedication and ingenuity, in maintaining Scouting during this difficult period.

There were 2 national Scouting events our members took part in during the 'Lockdown' – ☺ **The Hike to the Moon** inspired by Tim Peake (British Astronaut) and Bear Grylls. Each participating member walked 1 mile, and with at least 240,000 members nationwide taking part this was equivalent of the distance between earth & the moon. Money was raised to be split between Comic Relief and BBC Children in Need. These charities then passed the funds onto those most affected by Covid 19.

In early July our members took part in the ▲ **'The Great Indoors Weekender'** UK's biggest digital summer camp. Here there were all sorts of activities available on-line which might take place at a camp away, but held at member's homes. A sample of the activities available – cooking, stargazing and making dens.

This term meetings have recommenced for the Scout and Cub sections, taking regard for Social Distancing and other precautions, these meetings are taking place in the open whenever possible. We hope to be able to recommence meetings for the Beaver Section (Our youngest members) early next year.

We are working with our sister organisation, Girlguiding, to reopen the Scout and Guide HQ Building, being part of a national organisation we are receiving guidance from Scout Headquarters as to how we can do this safely. When the HQ reopens (hopefully shortly) the building will be available for hire. Anyone who wishes to register their interest may do so now via the following e-mail address: hqbookings.bisley@gmail.com

* **Unfortunately the Scout Group has cancelled the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks held on the village green, due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We hope the event will return next November and that we shall provide an even better display.** As this is our major fundraising event, some people have asked if they can make a donation. Donations can be made via Paypal, <https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/hub> Search for 'Bisley Scouts' or our Charity Number: 267294.

Thank you for the good wishes we have received from some Bisley residents and we look forward (fingers crossed) to hold the event again in November 2021. *Andrew Scott*

The BRA would like to encourage all members to renew their membership for the year 2020/21 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. Florance - congratulations.

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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 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.