

**Bisley Residents Association, 12th Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 4th October 2017  
at the Jubilee Room, Bisley Village Hall**

**Report by the Chairman, Norman Holden.**

Our Committee for the year 2016-17 comprised seven members, myself as Chairman; Jim Clarke, Vice Chairman and Newsletter Editor; Alex Summers, Treasurer; Liz Colvin, Secretary; Ray Colvin, Membership Secretary and Website manager, Chris Bixley and Jean Hope .

We have held twelve formal Committee Meetings since last year's AGM - plus several informal meetings, and many email and telephone discussions. The members of the Association's Committee should be thanked for their hard and enthusiastic work. They all have other commitments and are very generous in giving their time and energy to BRA.

Bisley Residents Association now has ... ..households == .... paid up members; our Membership Secretary's report gives details of the present system at Item 6 of this evening's Agenda - we all want to emphasise how important it is to increase the membership to make your Association stronger and more effective

We produced issues number 36, 37 and 38 of "Your Bisley", our very popular Newsletter. No. 38 was a bumper six-page edition and the next "Your Bisley", the 39th in the series, will appear shortly. The Newsletter is delivered to every Bisley household. We now usually have "*Your Bisley*" in full-colour. It is a village institution and it makes a useful contribution to the life of our community. Again it's a pleasure to offer sincere thanks to the Editor, Jim Clarke and of course Hester!. I particularly want to thank Richard Devonshire of Letterbox Marketing who has distributed every single edition of "Your Bisley" to every Bisley address since issue No.1. Richard has now decided to retire and we are very grateful to him for the tremendous help he's given us over the last twelve years. Thanks also to Ray Colvin for maintaining our website;[www.bisleyresidents.org.uk](http://www.bisleyresidents.org.uk)

We want to increase the membership of Bisley Residents Association so that we can continue delivering the Newsletter to every Bisley household because it's an important service to Bisley people. Cost of production and distribution of "Your Bisley" is now running at about £1000 a year. We are grateful for Bisley Parish Council's backing of the Newsletter and we're glad they are still able to use "*Your Bisley*" to provide Bisley people with Council news and information.

We had the 22nd and 23rd in our very successful Open Forum series. Our 22nd Open Forum was on the same evening as last year's AGM with the theme of "Traffic & Transport in Bisley" The main theme of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Open Forum in March was "Things to get involved with in Bisley and beyond" As in the previous three years, we shared the evening with Bisley Parish Council's Annual Assembly.

This evening of course we've had our 24th Open Forum,

B.R.A. had our usual stall at the Strawberry Fayre where we ran the Treasure Hunt on behalf of Bisley Village Hall. At the Fayre the awards for Bisley Citizen of the Year, Junior Citizen of the Year and Bisley Business of the Year were also presented . We're always happy to support these Awards instigated by Mick Raynor and organised by Bisley Parish Council. We urge our members - and ask you all to encourage everyone else in Bisley - to take part in this event and record a vote in each category before the 2018 Strawberry Fayre next June.

B.R.A. had a Hi-tech Quiz, produced by Stimulus4Quizzes in November. This was very successful and Tony Pank and his team will present another one of these events on 24<sup>th</sup> November. The Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper in our usual format will be in April .2018

This year's Bisley Residents Association Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper was again a major event in the Spring season. More than eighty people in 14 teams fought an intense quizzing battle through 9 rounds. Winning team of the Quiz were "The Tenors" (appropriately on Table No. 10?) and the Suppers provided by Seafare

were delicious, piping hot and right on time! Our thanks to Liz & Ray Colvin, Hester & Jim Clarke, Chris & Gerry Bixley, Jean Hope and Alex Summers and all other helpers.

Our Picnic on the Village Green in July was again held in conjunction with Almac Bisley Brass Band's ever-popular Brass on the Grass concert. It was a lovely day and many families brought their picnics, enjoyed the brilliant music and chatted to us and to each other while the children played.

Teas on the Rec 2017, 7<sup>th</sup> season We offer our thanks and congratulations to the fabulous "TOTR" team who again gave Bisley some tremendous Thursday afternoons and this year raised over £12,700 for various charities, bringing their total in seven years to over £65,000!

B.R.A. continues to support Neighbourhood Watch and our committee members attend the quarterly NHW Co-ordinators' Meeting. The Co-ordinator for the "six villages" is our good friend Mike Potter whose contact details are in our Newsletters. The Association has a good relationship with Surrey Police as evidenced by their presence at two of our Open Forum events in the recent past.

In Surrey County Council, our County Councillor. David Mansfield and his predecessor Cllr Adrian Page have been very supportive and helpful.

Our dealings with Surrey Heath Borough Council also work well, thanks largely to our two Borough Councillors, Wynne Jones and David Mansfield We thank them for their support of B.R.A.

We continue to have a good working relationship with Bisley Parish Council and Councillors, led by Chairman Steve Moore. Together with everyone in Bisley, we mourned the passing of Cllr Norman Fostekew. Norman was a true friend of Bisley, a wise, kindly and practical man whose contributions to the life of our village were immense. We are especially grateful to the Parish Clerk Jill Biden who is always available during her very busy days to provide a constant link between Parish Councillors and B.R.A. We again shared our Spring Open Forum meeting with Bisley Parish Council's Annual Parish Assembly. Additionally the B.R.A. Chairman and/or other committee members usually attend the monthly Meetings of Bisley Parish Council on your behalf. Don't forget, members of the public are allowed to attend these Meetings and we join the Council in urging you to do so, enabling you to see local government in action.

Bisley Residents Association has been closely involved in discussions on local development applications and we continue to watch existing projects which have received Planning Approval and new Planning Applications – we assist B.R.A. members to enquire about potential planning/development matters in Bisley. and we remind members contemplating Planning Applications that B.R.A. is always ready to help you in making contact with the relevant people in Bisley Parish Council and Surrey Heath Borough Council.

The Association played its part in other local topics and whenever we are asked by B.R.A. Members to intervene or at least take an interest in any matters concerning the Bisley community, we always do our best to investigate and act appropriately.

Looking forward to the coming 12 months, we will be offering to whoever is elected to the new committee of B.R.A. this evening our proposed programme for next year. The Events planned are:- a Hi-Tech Quiz and Supper on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017, our 25th Open Forum in March 2018, a Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper in April 2018, a picnic on the Village Green (with "Brass on the Grass") in July 2018, our 26th Open Forum and 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on 10th October 2018 and another Hi-Tech Quiz in November 2018.

This then is my report on Bisley Residents Association's year since October 2016. As always it is a long report but we believe that you should be reminded that we are still making vigorous efforts to contribute positively to Bisley life.

