



# Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter Issue 14 Summer 2009



## Bisley Strawberry Fayre



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1:30pm - 5:00pm

Come and join us to enjoy a Traditional Country Fayre on Bisley Village Green.

Hog Roast, Strawberries & Cream, PIMMS Tent,  
Children's Fun Fair, Pocket the Clown,  
Bisley's Almac Brass Band, Morris Men,  
Cakes, Plants and Crafts  
Over 60 Stalls of Fun & Entertainment  
for all the Family

Entrance by Lucky Programme : Adults £1, Children Free

**Bisley Village Hall** was built in 1874 and was originally the chapel to the Shaftesbury School. The chapel was bought, from money raised by village organisations over some years, in 1960 and converted to our village Hall, which opened in 1962. The Jubilee Hall was added in 1982. The Strawberry Fayre is the main fundraising activity of the Management Committee and is held annually, raising thousands of pounds toward the refurbishment and upkeep of our Village Hall.

([www.bisleyvillagehall.org](http://www.bisleyvillagehall.org))

### *Update from Andrew Smith, Chairman of the Management Committee...*

The Jubilee Hall Roof Project is almost complete. After 6 years of fund raising we have eventually raised enough money to finish the project. The roof has cost about £64,000 to change from its leaking flat roof to the smart pitched roof you now see. (The windows and external door are also being replaced). Half the money has been raised through 6 consecutive Strawberry Fayres; £19,000 has been given to us from SITA, who are keen to support projects in the community where energy conservation is part of the plans and £3,000 was granted to us by Lavinia Sealy, our Surrey County Councillor, who supported our Community project. We have received a number of smaller contributions from local organisations who have raised funds on our behalf, in particular Almac Bisley Brass Band and the Womens' Institute.

We hope the Jubilee Roof Project will be complete by the time of this year's Strawberry Fayre. Please go and have a look at it!

We have already turned our attention to our next project which is to refurbish the stage in the Village Hall. The stage is currently unusable in its current state and the Trustees are keen to provide users with a stage that will enhance performance and encourage groups to produce live performance for people in the village to take part in and to watch. This project will be completed in three stages; the curtains (£8,500), the lighting (£10,000) and sound (£2,500). The proceeds of this year's Strawberry Fayre will go towards the curtains.

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### BRA Diary Dates 2009

- Newsletter: 3-4 issues p.a.
- Stall at Strawberry Fayre 28th June.
- Open Forum and AGM— see article on this page.

### Bisley Residents Association's Next Open Forum and A.G.M.

In a similar arrangement to last year, our 8th Open Forum and our Annual General Meeting will be held on the same evening, Wednesday 9th September 2009, in the Bisley Jubilee Hall. The theme of this Forum will be - 'VOLUNTARY BISLEY - What Bisley can do for you - what YOU can do for Bisley', running from 7 to 8.30 pm followed by our AGM.

## Princess Christian Homes—re-opening July 1st.

For those 'Bislians' reading this who are unaware of Princess Christian Homes, here is a brief history of how it came about.

The Princess Christian Homes at Stafford Lake, on the edge of Bisley Common, were established in 1900 as a convalescent home for troops returning from the Boer War. They are named after Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Queen Victoria's sixth child, who lost a son in the Boer War, as did Field Marshal Lord Roberts, C-in-C of the British Forces in South Africa. Together, realising that something had to be done for men returning disabled from the war; they set up the Soldiers and Sailors Help Society in 1899 (now part of SSAFA Forces Help). The land for the homes was donated by Lord Pirbright and the buildings were constructed as a gift from the Building Trades Federation of England. (© Ron Strutt)

The Home in its original form was sold and closed by SSAFA at the turn of the new century. For many years it remained empty and regular walkers down Stafford Lake were dismayed to see this once proud place becoming more dilapidated with each passing year.

But take a walk down Stafford Lake now, and you will see the transformation into a modern 96 room Nursing and Residential Home for elderly people with a diagnosis of dementia. The green hoarding is slowly being removed and there is a lush lawn to the proud new front entrance. The building has been rejuvenated and the additional buildings have been aesthetically and sympathetically added so the home loses nothing of its original character.

Nelsar Homes have incorporated into the design a cinema and sensory room in the basement along with other extensive modern facilities. Elaine Evans.



Artists impression of Princess Christian Nursing and Residential Home. (from www.nelsar.com).

## Briefly in Bisley

### **Bisley Parish Council Office: Contact via the Clerk Mrs Jill Biden**

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leyparishcouncil.co.uk, web:  
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uk. Chairman: Councillor  
John Tilbury.

**Council meetings are open  
to the public and usually  
held at 7 p.m. on the first  
Monday of the month  
(except bank holidays) in  
the Jubilee Hall.**

See notice boards for agenda  
before the meetings.

**Call Crimestoppers on 0800  
555111. The Police cannot  
do it on their own!** Call and  
give information about  
crimes anonymously.

**'Transform'- the joint  
churches' prayer group**  
continues to meet monthly, on  
the 4th Monday, 7.30 - 9 pm.  
Please phone Jess re venue  
01483 487628 or email  
callaghan2000@hotmail.co.  
uk. Do come and join us!

### **This issue of 'Your Bisley' Newsletter**

The cost of printing and distri-  
bution of this issue to all Bis-  
ley residents has been funded  
by Bisley Residents Associa-  
tion, partly from money raised  
by us at our Quiz/fish/chicken  
& chips night on Friday 17th  
April. Many thanks to the 70  
people who supported us. Ever-  
yone seemed to enjoy this,  
our first real 'social' event and  
eighteen teams entered the  
fray. Our application for a  
Grassroots Grant to fund this

newsletter was turned down,  
so we have to look at ways of  
financing future editions of  
'Your Bisley', which cost  
£230 per issue.

### **Here Comes Summer....**

**'Parish of Bisley & West  
End Garden Party'** Sat 20th  
June at The Rectory, Clews  
Lane, Bisley. BBQ from 12.30  
pm, stalls open at 2.00 pm.



**Bertie's Bisley Bash - Fam-  
ily Music Festival** Sat 18th  
July on the Green 2 pm to 10

pm. This is a charity function,  
the proceeds will go to help  
pay for facilities for the youth  
of Bisley and its surrounds.  
www.bertiesbisleybash.co.uk

**Bisley CofE Primary School  
Sports Day** Wednesday 15th  
July KS1 a.m. / Family picnic  
and KS2 p.m.

### **WebCare (West End and Bisley Care and Good Neighbour Group)**

Please phone 07713 915393

**Monday to Fri-  
day 10 am to 12  
noon, to speak  
to our 'Duty  
Officer' and ask  
for or offer help, or email  
webcare@btinternet.com**



## Village Issues

### Notice from the Parish Council.

#### *External Audit of the Parish Council Accounts.*

The Parish Council has approved and signed its Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

The financial records have to be made available to the electors for 20 working days and these have been set by the External Auditor as from 8 June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009.

Any elector who wishes to see the financial records can contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on 01483 480172 to make an appointment. Further details are on the notice board by the post office.

#### *Sponsorship of trees, benches bulb planting etc*

Do you have an anniversary or birthday celebration coming up and don't know what to buy for someone special? Have you thought about sponsoring the planting of a tree or bulbs or have a bench seat in their name? The Parish Council is keen to hear from you. Sponsorship form and details will be available at the Strawberry Fayre.

#### *Youth 'Olympics' in Bisley*

Bisley Parish Youth Council are busy organising this all-day event which will take place on Saturday 29th August. They are sending out further information in the next few weeks to all Bisley and West End homes - look out for yours!

(you can also download application forms from the BPC website).

#### *Bisley Parish Plan.*

As you may remember, one of the key recommendations from the Bisley Parish Plan Project (2005) was the formation of this Bisley Residents Association. The committee of BRA regularly refer to the work done on that project and, to assist this ongoing process, regular meetings will now take place between our committee and Parish Councillors.

#### *Bisley Church Extension Fund Activities.*

- ◆ Open Garden Day - Sat. 27th June 2009 at 5 Broadway Road, Lightwater. This garden will be open from 2.00 to 4.30 pm and refreshments will be served.
- ◆ A Summer Concert of Sacred & Secular music by Bisley and West End Church Choir on Sat. 4th July 2009, at St John the Baptist Church, Bisley at 7.30 pm. Free admission by ticket from Jacqui Fry (01483 475073). There will be a wine interval and retiring collection.
- ◆ 50/50 Auction - Sat 26th September 2009 at Tringham Hall. For more info. contact Peter Fry (01483 475073).

#### *Calor Village of the Year Competition.*

Bisley has again been entered for this competition. 'Judges are to visit Bisley to meet with the Parish Council, to see what a fantastic village community and facilities we have. Hopefully we can impress the judges and obtain a good end result this year'. (BPC website).

#### *The 7th Open BRA Forum on Wednesday 11th March - Theme 'Bisley's Heritage'*

was successful; a fascinating glimpse of Bisley's history for younger members and a walk down Memory Lane for the more senior people!

Tim Price gave three illustrated talks on Bisley's history and some memorable characters. Peter Fry presented the Bisley Church extension project. Marilyn Meller and Lorna Tongue told of the history of farms and families in Queen's Road. Glynn Alger talked about historic Bisley Camp and the National Rifle Association. We were honoured with attendance from the Mayor, County, Borough and Parish Councillors and a wide cross-section of Bisley folk.

Norman Holden.

### Update on 'The Butts' Bisley Centre for near-to or retired residents.

We meet in the Bisley Jubilee Hall on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and have been blessed with a kindly and able small team of paid workers, supported by many volunteers over the years.

Sadly, Gerry Piner our team leader and Maureen Hughes, our assistant leader are retiring on the 31st July. Sue Bush, the cook and June Hargraves, chairman of the management committee, are also retiring then after many years of service.

We are planning to give them all a good send off at a 'Going for Gold' celebration on Friday 31st July at the Butts.

Karen Creek, the new leader, will be working alongside Gerry for the last month, and our new assistant leader Wendy Evans will begin work when The Butts re-opens after the summer break on Monday 7th September. We are in the process of appointing a new cook to commence in September.

(For information about The Butts or offers of help, please 'phone Gerry on 01483 472414 on days when the Centre is open, after 9.15 am.) **Hester Clarke**

### Happy 70th Birthday Bisley W.I!

Bisley Women's Institute celebrates its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in this year. A party is planned for the June meeting and the Mayor of Surrey Heath, Councillor Craig Fennell, and Valerie Arnold, Chairman of Surrey Federation of WIs will be among those celebrating. There will be a photograph with pride of place going to Elsie Gough who was a founder member in 1939 and is still a regular attender. As a lasting commemoration of the occasion members plan to plant a tree on the Green.

Bisley WI is a very active part of Bisley life and visitors and new members are always welcome. Monthly meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month and a Craft Group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday. Both events at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall. For further information please ring Barbara Rothwell on 01483 828690.

### Coldingley Chaplaincy

Jo Honour, who has been overseeing the chaplaincy team at Coldingley Prison for the last three years is moving on.

Her husband Derek, has accepted an invitation to be the vicar at St. Barnabas Church, Derby and they move there at the beginning of July.

She has a post as a full-time Chaplain at HMP Whatton in Notts, which she says 'will be a daunting change for me, with over 830 offenders'. We wish her and her family all the best for the future.

This news means a vacancy at Coldingley.

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**Committee Member:** Jim Evans.

## ROAR - a waste collection scheme worth making a noise about

Meet Roary the recycling tiger, Surrey Heath Borough Council's latest recruit who has been enlisted to help raise awareness of the council's ground breaking waste collection scheme to be introduced this September.

ROAR, which stands for Recycling Organics And Refuse is the name of the new scheme that will help promote the importance of looking after the environment by reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill, and Roary is delighted to be fronting the Surrey Heath waste campaign.

Under the new scheme, food waste caddies will be provided for all food and organic waste, including dairy products, cooked vegetables, meat, fish and even bones. The food waste will be stored in secure, sealed containers and will be collected on a weekly basis.

In addition, a green wheeled bin will be provided for the recycling of a broader range of materials than almost any other local authority. These will include paper, cardboard and junk mail, catalogues, juice cartons and TetraPak, plastic bottles, plastic food containers and plastic bags, cans, foil, aerosols as well as glass bottles and jars. A grey wheeled bin will be provided for the little refuse left over.

The council hopes that this scheme will help it increase its recycling rate from around 30% to in excess of 50% and significantly decrease the amount of waste the borough sends to landfill. In addition, the ability to collect both food waste weekly and either recyclables or residual waste in the same lorry will reduce the environmental impact of the scheme.

Over the next few months the 'Roary Roadshow' will be appearing at numerous events across the borough showing people how the new scheme will work, what the new bins and food caddies look like and giving help and advice about what they can expect from the new scheme.

Cllr Vivienne Chapman, portfolio holder for waste and recycling said: "The new waste scheme will have a huge impact on Surrey Heath's residents and the way in which they dispose of their household waste and with the help of Roary we hope to make the transition from black bag to wheeled bin as easy as possible.



"I am really pleased that we will be collecting food waste. This currently goes into landfill, which then produces methane gases that are 21% higher than carbon emissions and polluting the atmosphere."

www.roaryrecycles.com  
or 'phone 01276 707690

The BRA would like to thank all those members who have already renewed their membership for this year. This helps 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. If you would like to participate, please renew your subscription or join by filling in the form below. **Congratulations to the second winner of our members' prize draw, Mr and Mrs Ambrose, who will receive a £10.00 gift voucher.**

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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 for the year ending 30th September 2010, for which I enclose my subscription of £..... Date: .....

Title(s): ..... Name(s): ..... Email: .....

Address: ..... Telephone No: .....

**Annual Subscription:** Individual £7.00 , Student / Senior Citizen £5.00 , Couple / Family\* £12.00  (please tick box)

Method of Payment Cash  Cheque  (\*please state number in family and ages of children ...../.....)

**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.**