



Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter Issue 2 Spring 2006

B.R.A. First Forum - an encouraging beginning.

On a chilly evening in January over forty people were warmly welcomed to our first Forum by our Chairperson Hester Clarke.

This was followed by PC Ed Griffiths introducing the new PCSO Maria Budd and updating us on local crime issues. Maria carries out 're-assurance patrols' and deals with anti-social behaviour. This gave rise to a number of questions from the floor.

Hester gave an overview of our first quarter as an Association. She thanked the Parish Council for funding the first issue of our newsletter.

B.R.A. has been drawn into the consultation process regarding local planning issues. Norman Holden gave an update on the Association's submissions to Rushmoor Borough Council on the proposed increase of weekend and bank holiday flights at Farnborough Airport.

During general discussion the state of village noticeboards was raised. John Tilbury (Parish Councillor) replied that this was being monitored and two of the six notice-boards will be replaced. A further issue was

raised concerning the footpath on Queens Road, which ends abruptly, forcing pedestrians to walk in this busy roadway on a blind bend. (see item on page 4).

The theme for the second part of the evening, organised by Jon and Susie Atkinson, was 'Waste Minimisation and Recycling'. Surrey Waste Action Officer Jennifer Anderton presented the Surrey Waste Action Plan and suggested some interesting ways in which we could reduce, re-use or recycle our waste. This was followed by a lively question time with Jennifer answering



as much as she could and promising to send us further details, (see below).

The discussion continued afterwards around the displays and over refreshments kindly served by Jackie Flannery and Doreen Holden. **Warm thanks to all who made this evening a success.**

Follow-up on the issues on 'waste' raised at the Forum.

The Surrey Waste Strategy aims to achieve 60% recycled waste by 2025, (currently S.Heath 23%). There will be consultation on the proposed waste collection strategy, alongside a trial, to ensure that issues such as the space needed for two wheelie bins, and the storage of

general waste for two weeks over summer months are fully resolved. The lidded bins combined with bagged waste inside have worked well in Mole Valley for some time. Also, residents have the opportunity to obtain compost bins at discounted prices which will help to alleviate some of the issues with waste food in bins, and residents should look to try and cut their food waste. It is expected that as well as the wheelie bin collection, the current waste bring-sites will be maintained.

There are currently no waste processing facilities in Surrey, so all recyclable waste is transported to other parts of the country. From Autumn 2007 there should, however, be facilities in place within the County for the most common recyclables.

On a more current and specific

note, there were questions relating to what exactly can be recycled in the paper and cardboard skips. Acceptable waste includes Yellow Pages, directories and catalogues. However, TetraPaks (beverage cartons) are not acceptable as they include an inseparable combination of paper, plastic and metal foil.

There are a few schemes that Bisley residents can adopt that will be supported by Surrey Waste Action. A good starting point suggested was a Swap-it event where unwanted items can find a new home through a bartering process. Also, if suitable land can be found, a community composting scheme could be created.

Overall, there was a positive response to the proposals and a strong element of goodwill from the members towards the Councils plans, although wait-

ing till 2009 does seem quite a delay.

Compost bins from S.H.B.C. from £10 'phone 0845 1306090 or www.getcomposting.com/surreyheath

B.R.A. Diary Dates for 2006

- **Next Forum - Wednesday 3rd May 7.45 p.m.** venue Jubilee Room; **Theme, Law & Order / Neighbourhood Watch**, including illustrated talk on the police helicopter unit. The Mayor will be with us.
- **Newsletter** (Quarterly) June, September & December (to members).
- **Strawberry Fayre - B.R.A. Stall, Sunday 25th June p.m.**
- **A.G.M. - Wednesday 6th September 7.45 p.m.** in the Jubilee Room.

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How many people have heard of 'The Butts' in Bisley?

Newcomers to the area may be unaware of this little oasis of friendliness and warmth, a meeting place for those of more mature years. The Butts' clients meet in the Jubilee Room in Bisley Village Hall.

Every week there are three open days which take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, except during the summer break in August. Clients may choose to come on one, two or all three days. Each open day begins at approximately 10 a.m. and some clients arrive by car, others who do not have their own transport, are collected by minibus and a few, who live close by, arrive on foot.

On arrival refreshments are

available followed by various activities such as cards, dominoes, jigsaws, reading, painting, puzzles or just chatting (a very popular pastime!) in a relaxed atmosphere.

At noon an excellent, reasonably priced lunch is served, and afterwards clients may continue with any activity which interests them or join in with the ever popular, and sometimes noisy, bingo. Then between 2.45 and 3.00 p.m. it is time to return home and the minibus arrives to collect those without transport.

The Butts has just celebrated it's 20th anniversary with many clients attending, who enjoyed not only the special lunch with many extras, but

also the tombola and musical entertainment.

A number of outings are planned by Gerry, the Team Leader, for this year (see side panel) and are usually thoroughly enjoyed by all.

She is assisted by volunteers who give a little of their spare time each week to help make The Butts a success.

More volunteers are needed, so if anyone has 2 or 3 hours to spare to meet some very friendly and interesting people, or you would like to attend as a client, Gerry would be pleased to hear from you after 9.15 a.m. on open days (01483 472414)

Outings planned for this year:-

- ◆ **April:** a visit to Bird World and Forest Lodge Garden Centre.
- ◆ **May:** a trip on the Watercress Railway, and a visit to Knellor Hall for the band concert .
- ◆ **July:** trip to the Isle of Wight.
- ◆ **September:** Swingbridge Community Barge and Pub Lunch.

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Cynthia, Volunteers' Representative

Briefly

New times for police surgeries.

We have good news from our Police Community Support Officer, Maria Budd. It was found that the police "surgeries" which had been held in Bisley on Tuesdays, were not well-supported because residents had difficulty in attending in the afternoon. They will now be held on the **first and third Wednesday evening of each month from 6.00 to 7.00 p.m.** The venue will still be the Jubilee Room at Bisley Village Hall.

Neighbourhood panel meeting with police.

Wednesday 29th March 7.30 pm in the Jubilee Room. Residents come and take this opportunity of meeting with PC Ed Griffiths and discussing local law and order issues.

Bisley Common Society

Meets next on Wed. 22nd March 2006 in the Jubilee Room at 8.00 p.m. Surrey Wildlife Trust Rangers Stephen Fry and Dave Boddy will give an illustrated talk about proposals for grazing Bisley and West End and the future grazing of MOD land. Residents, please make an effort to attend and give your ideas and views. Non-members welcome. **Contact Barry Spink for further details about the Society (01483 481296)**

A 'Joint Churches Prayer Group'

Has been meeting in Bisley for the past three years. We still meet on the third Monday evening of the month at 7.30 p.m. in a home in Bisley. Contact David & Glenys (01483 481753) for details of the venue for the next get-together.

Bisley Parish Council Office:

Tel: 01483 480172
194 Guildford Road, Bisley. GU24 9EP.
Email: bisleyp.c @ btinternet.com.

Council meetings are usually held at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Jubilee Room, see notice boards for agenda.

WEB Care (West End & Bisley Care and Good Neighbour Group).

Provides practical short term help for all age groups. Aims to link those with a little time to spare with those in the community who need and ask for help. We need more volunteers please!

'phone 07713 915393 for help, or to offer help, 10 a.m. to 12 noon Monday to Friday.

Friends of Coldingley

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer with us? We offer a warm and friendly place for visitors to wait before they go into the prison. We serve tea and coffee, sweets and crisps from behind a counter, in a room on the outside of the prison. If you can spare an hour and a half a week or even per month to join us, you will be most welcome. For more information please contact Vicki on 01483 489278.

Over-75 years TV Licence concession. To apply call TV Licensing on 0845 603 6999.

B.R.A.

More information on recycling in Bisley can be found on our web site.

This issue of the Newsletter is being funded by B.R.A. to all households. Future issues will be to members only.

Keep Bisley a Village?

'Planning's purpose has always been to try and make where we live as pleasant a place as possible. But surely, the best way of making this happen is to involve you in deciding how your local community is planned' (From 'Creating Better Places to Live - a guide to the planning system in England', from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, 2004.)

Resident's views on the number of houses that had been built in Bisley over the previous 10 years drew 1,283 responses, with 36.5% indicating 'about right,' 33.2% 'too much new housing' and 23.5% 'too expensive..' (From 'Your Bisley' Survey, published in May 2005).

Concerned comments were made about 'the current infrastructure under strain/needs improving,' 'too much infill' and 'over intensive development.' Key comments were made that we should 'keep Bisley a village,' and 'limit housing to retain the rural character.' Nearly a year after publication-what are your

views now?

Soon after B.R.A. was set up in September 2005, planning issues began to be drawn to our attention and we were asked for our views, entailing a flurry of activity.

Four hundred and thirty three respondents in the above Survey indicated that 'insufficient publicity was given to planning applications that affect Bisley.'

Two hundred and forty eight comments giving reasons for this fell into the following main categories- more information needed, especially to directly affected residents, not told regarding 'phone masts and notices should be posted more widely.

Finding out about developments:

'Creating better places to live' states that 'local residents must be told about planning applications and they must be advertised to give people the opportunity to give their views for or against them.'

S.H.B.C. notices appear in the Chobham News and Mail. Neighbour letters are sent out by them to those deemed to be affected. On some occasions public notices are posted. Progress of applications can be tracked on their website. Visits can be made to Surrey Heath House in Camberley to look at plans in more detail. Shortly before the monthly

Parish Council meeting the agenda is displayed on the notice-boards in the village itemising planning issues to be discussed there and you can attend and observe the discussion.

(www.surreyheath.gov.uk)

Making your views known: S.H.B.C. has a public participation scheme. Informative leaflets and advice can be obtained from Karen Grieve, Democratic Support Officer (01276 707425).

Also CPRE planning help, www.planninghelp.org.uk

For the full article and further internet links, please see our website: www.bisleyresidents.org.uk

Bisley Youth Club has moved to a fantastic 'new' building!



We are now in the old school building next to The Base, after months of renovation we now have a fantastic space dedicated to the young people of Bisley and the surrounding area. **There is now an Internet Café style coffee bar, activities room with pool, table football, playstation etc. and soon there will be an art room.**

We are open Monday night from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. for an open access session for anyone aged 13+ and each week we have different activities planned.

On a Wednesday night we are open for group projects including:

- **Babysitting course, 12 weeks, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for anyone 14 years+ (this can counts towards your Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award)**
- **Art course, on a Wednesday night 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. after Easter for anyone 13+**
- **Introduction to sports, 12 weeks (counts towards your Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award) from September 2006.**

The Youth Club is next to recycling @194 Guildford Road, it is £1 to get in and then all the activities, including pool are free, so why not come along, bring your friends and give us a try!!

Stop Press:

'Young Parents and Young Parents to be' group launching Thursday 2nd March 2006 @ 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., free crèche and lunch each week, so come along a meet other young mums and dads, socialise, enjoy yourself while learning new skills.

For further details please contact: Jo Heath on 07968 833988 email ojheath@yahoo.com or Emma Popham on 01483 838082 email e.popham@ntlworld.com

With Spring just around the corner-

it's time to start considering what measures we can take to cut wastage in the garden. According to Thames Water we are currently experiencing a 15-month drought in the South East, so the garden is definitely one area we have to start being more water-

wise. Sprinklers use a whopping 300-650 litres of drinking quality water an hour, that's at least two full baths an hour! So what can we do?

- ☺ Using a watering can to water plants more precisely
- ☺ Only water during the evening or early morning to prevent evaporation
- ☺ Install a water butt to catch rainwater

☺ Mulching around plants with organic compost (from your compost bin)

- ☺ Don't cut the lawn too short but do leave the cuttings on the lawn.
- ☺ Use drought tolerant plants such as lavender and thyme
- ☺ Use washing up, bath or shower water on your garden.

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New Head for Bisley C. of E. Primary School.



The following comes from
Joanna Hastings ;



"I was absolutely delighted to start at Bisley C of E Primary school at the start of the new year. Even on my initial visits

to the school, prior to taking up my post, I was struck by the kindness and friendly attitude of all the adults and children who learn together. Now as Headteacher, I am proud of the school and am thoroughly enjoying getting to know everyone—and what a fantastic welcome I have had. It really lifts my spirits as I drive into work, and I know I am going to enjoy working with so many happy and smiling children every day. It really has been a pleasure to become part of the Bisley Community.

I began my teaching career in

Hounslow, in a community school where 89% of the children had English as an additional language. I really wanted a multicultural teaching experience, so this gave me the perfect start! After Hounslow, I moved on to Richmond and then moved to Surrey in 2000.

Bisley is the fifth school I have taught in. Each school has been totally different from the last and I have always enjoyed getting to know people and working with each community. I am a practising Christian and Bisley will be the first church school that I have worked in,

so I am particularly looking forward to fostering our links with the church and diocese.

I grew up in Staines, but have recently moved to the Woking area. So, in addition to getting to know Bisley, I am currently exploring my new local area—you may even spot me out and about on my old, but much loved, mountain bike!"

We welcome the new Head teacher Mrs. Joanna Hastings, who commenced in January 2006, to our village.



Membership Application Form Please accept my membership of the **Bisley Residents Association** for the Year ending 30th September, 2006 for which I enclose my subscription of £

Title(s): Name(s):

Address:

Telephone No: Email:

Annual Subscription: Individual £7.00, Student / Senior Citizen £5.00, Couple / Family £12.00 (Please state how many).

Please send to: Jon & Susie Atkinson, Membership Secretaries, 8 Mainstone Rd., Bisley, GU24 9EU

Please make cheques payable to Bisley Residents Association.



Bisley Residents Association Membership Receipt 2005 / 2006 Received with thanks.

Name(s) £ Date



Queens Road footpath survey.

Do you think that the footpath on Queens Road should be extended, (possibly on the other side of the road)? Presently, proceeding down Queens Road from the village, it ends abruptly on the left hand before the entrance to Stafford Lake houses, (see photo) This was a query raised by a resident at the recent B.R.A. Forum.

1. I would like the footpath extended. Yes [] No [] please tick
 2. I live in this vicinity. Yes [] No []
 3. I walk this route regularly e.g. to the station Yes [] No []
 4. Comments
- email to secretary@bisleyresidents.org.uk or post to 46 Arethusa Way, GU24 9BX

