



Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 25 Spring 2013

Invitation to all Bisley Residents to an important event

Annual Bisley Awards, your nominations needed for 2013.

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 * For the first time the Annual Parish Assembly (run by the Parish Council) and the B.R.A. Spring Forum will take place on the same evening— **Wednesday 20th March 2013**, in the Jubilee Room of the village hall.
 * The B.R.A. Forum, with the theme of 'Boundary Changes- what's going on?' will start at 7 pm, followed by the Parish Assembly at 8.30 pm.
 * The Annual Parish Assembly gives local organisations the opportunity to update us on their news. You are warmly invited to stay and hear about what has been happening in the village and afterwards to enjoy a glass of wine and light refreshments with fellow residents and guests.
 * *(For more information about the proposed boundary changes please see the back page of this issue)*
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Following the success of the Awards in 2012, Bisley Parish Council will again present Awards this year in the following three categories:-

Bisley Young Citizen of the Year, Bisley Citizen of the Year and Bisley Business of the Year.

Your nominations are needed and a form is included with this issue of "Your Bisley". **The cut-off date is 30th April 2013.** Your forms may be placed in the box in Bisley Post Office or returned to the Parish Office, 194 Guildford Road. **The Awards will be presented at the Strawberry Fayre on Sunday 30th June 2013.**

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Tim Price, a well known Bisley resident, local historian and now author gave an illustrated talk about past life and times in the village of Bisley, in the village hall on the afternoon of Sunday 10th February.

The event was organised by the committee of Bisley Residents Association, who were encouraged by the attendance of forty people, who seemed to thoroughly enjoy Tim's enthusiastic presentation, his display stall, and the further opportunity to buy his new book about our village- 'A Hundred Years Behind The Times- the history of Bisley in Surrey.'



Much of the information in his book, according to Tim, has come from fifty years of gathering material.

Refreshments served after the presentation, including cake, provided attendees with welcome time to chat to others there. Thank you Tim!

If you wish to purchase his book please contact him on 01483 473154. Format: Hardback at £20.

- ◆ **Quiz Night: TBA in May**
- ◆ **Spring Forum: -March 20th**
- ◆ **Three Newsletters**
- ◆ **Strawberry Fayre Stall- June 30th**
- ◆ **Forum/A.G.M.- October 2nd**

Village Planning News

◀ On 30th January, Montpelier Estates held their "public exhibition" at Bisley Village Hall. This was to show details of their planning application to redevelop the site of the Fox Inn at 333 Guildford Road. Montpelier are applying to build a 62-bed care home.

◀ A second application to build a 5-bedroom dwelling at 320 Guildford Road was recently considered by Bisley Parish Council who voted to object to this application and recommend rejection by Surrey Heath Borough Council.

◀ A new application relating to "The Sports Ground, Church Lane" was submitted to erect a new club house with accommodation in the roof space, install four tennis courts, four all-weather football pitches and one junior football pitch and 22 floodlights to a maximum height of 12 metres. Members of the public present at the Council Meeting all expressed the same concerns, ie noise, light pollution, misbehaviour, traffic congestion and general disturbance of the peace; and the conclusion was that the council agreed with those objections and would recommend to Surrey Heath that the application be rejected. Information on all these matters and

on other recent planning applications relating to Bisley may be seen on Surrey Heath Borough Council's website.
Norman Holden.

Further planning news:

◀ Elmfield House, Church Lane has been a registered Residential Home for the elderly in our village for many years.

Four years ago the premises and facilities were extended and upgraded to provide, amongst other things, extra bedrooms, taking them from 9 to 15 bedrooms.

Planning permission has now been granted for the further addition of three ground-floor bedrooms with en suite facilities, bringing the total to 18. This will be a 'courtyard development' at the back. Building work begins in the Spring.
(Phone Manager Linda Marsh for further information- 01483 489522)

For further information regarding S.H.B.C. planning 'phone 01276 707100 or visit Surrey Heath House, Knoll Rd. Camberley, GU15 3HD, or visit their web site www.surreyheath.gov.uk

Surrey County Council information and advice to help you make the right choices.

If you are looking for information and advice on benefits, social networks, health issues or support for carers, S.C.C. can help by offering a variety of ways to access free advice and information:
By telephone-friendly advisors on hand on 0300 200 1005.

Online – visit the free online directory full of helpful information www.surreyinformationpoint.org.uk

In person – visit **The Hub in Woking**. This local drop-in centre provides information and support to help you to find reliable care, community and health information.

Address: 51 Commercial Way, Woking GU21 6HN.

Open Mondays to Fridays from 9.30 am to 5 pm.

Telephone/text: 01483 747400

(For more information visit www.thesurreyhub.org.uk)

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Briefly in Bisley

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Council meetings are open to the public **and are held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall.** Please see notice boards for the agenda before meetings. **All welcome.**

Bisley Parish Pavilion This useful facility, including a hall, kitchen, serving area, toilets and outside patio area on the Recreation Ground is available for hire for functions, meetings and parties. All enquiries please to:- Wendy Evans on 01483 475112 or 07733 444046.

HAPPY 27th BIRTHDAY TO THE BUTTS, BISLEY CENTRE .

Clients and staff enjoyed cake together in late February 2013 to celebrate the 27th Birthday of this special local organisation. For over quarter of a century The Butts has served the needs of older people in Bisley and surrounding areas.

Please consider lunching at The Butts, on a Friday for example, to keep us thriving . Just book it via Wendy and Ruth, so we can inform our cook . A small charge applies.

The Butts welcomes new clients, and always needs more volunteers. We have our own bus. Please note that we are now open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Please Contact Wendy & Ruth on 01483 472414.

Recent News: S.H.B.C. announced that their annual grant to The Butts Bisley Centre and Tringhams West End for 2013/14 will be £15,000 each (which is a big reduction for both).

West End & Bisley Care and Good Neighbour Group.



The WebCare telephone number is 07713 915393 (Monday to Friday 10 am to 12 noon) except Bank Holidays.

If you need help or can offer us some help as a volunteer/duty officer- please call and speak to our friendly duty officer. The WebCare A.G.M. will take place on

Village Issues

Bad Weather Home Delivery Service.

Bisley Londis P.O./Store has introduced a scheme enabling vulnerable customers to register for a home delivery service of groceries, during periods of prolonged severe weather during winter months.

This service is available to residents of Bisley and West End, who are aged over 65 years or are registered disabled. To enrol for this service customers should request and complete a registration form from a member of staff in the Post Office.

How to use the service:-

Customers 'phone in their orders (minimum of £5 in value) before 5 pm, when bad weather prevents them from getting to the Bisley Store. Their free delivery will then be made by 12 noon the next day by a volunteer. So far thirty people have signed up as volunteers to help with deliveries. Customers to arrange payment to the Store when they 'phone in their orders (by card or the next time they go into the Store). **Bisley Store is open seven days a week to 10.00 p.m.**

Update on Bisley Youth Club

A year ago we were told that the new managing agent of B.Y.C. was Woking Y.M.C.A. Since then new staff (trained youth workers) have been recruited and from **Thursday 28th February 2013 this youth club opened on both Monday and Thursday evenings** to the youth of Bisley and others in rural Surrey Heath.

The free drop-in evenings are for 13 to 17 year olds and are held at the Bisley Youth Centre between 7 and 9 pm. This provides a comfortable space in which to meet friends, with a coffee bar and tuck shop and a range of activities on offer-music, table tennis, pool, cooking & baking, and art and crafts. Future developments include outings and residential trips.

(Information from Fran Bills, Youth and Community Worker for Bisley Youth Centre and Rural Surrey Heath - 07968 834664)

Welcome to the Cooper Room at Bisley Church.

We are delighted with the way the Church is being used more, now that the extension has been completed. Also, the Church is nice and warm for the services.

At a recent PCC meeting, it was voted to name the extension "The Cooper Room" after Rosemary and John Cooper, who were stalwarts of our Church for many years. Rosemary served as Church Warden with distinction, and John was our Lay Reader. He was also a talented artist, and his pictures of the Church and local scenes adorn the walls of many homes in our Parish.



We are now planning to replace the 80-year-old dilapidated wicker chairs, with comfortable folding chairs. This will give us more space and flexibility.

We are also planning to resurface the path up to the Church.

We are still fund-raising to repay the loans for this project. **If you would like to make a donation, or hold a fund-raising event, please contact Peter Fry on 01483 475073 for further details.**

Peter Fry, Chairman, Bisley Church Extension Project

SPARE A THOUGHT!

Spare a thought for other users of the pavements in Bisley. Such as an elderly gentleman who had to give up driving his car, due to health issues, and take to a mobility scooter last year.

His scooter is insured, but does not need road tax, as it is designed to be used on pavements. He is limited to a maximum speed of four miles per hour.

After more than thirty years of living in this village, he soon began to see 'Our Bisley' from a totally different viewpoint.

Some of the difficulties he has noted:-

- Ø Pavements are uneven, with different levels resulting from various utility company repairs.
- Ø Pavements can be narrowed by overgrown hedges and shrubs.
- Ø Obstruction of pavements occur from inconsiderate drivers either parking on the pavement (see recent photograph) or partly mounting the pavement to park.
- Ø Some obstructions occur from roadwork signs placed on pavements. He once had to be rescued by a passing cyclist (who turned out to be a G.P. who knew him). The cyclist stopped the traffic so our mobility scooter driver could use the busy A322 to bypass the obstruction.
- Ø Refuse/recycling bin collection days bring fresh challenges, with some bins taking up space on pavements for most of the day.
- Ø He once crossed the A322 at the light operated pedestrian crossing to get to the Londis P.O. Store and was unable to turn left due to a motorist blocking the pavement, attempting to turn right (towards West End).



Photographed February 2013 on the A322 in Bisley

So residents of Bisley, please spare a thought for others:-

- when reversing out of your driveways
- when parking outside your homes, and elsewhere in the village

As found on the government website (www.gov.uk) - **'parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs.'** To this we add - our residents who need to use mobility scooters. *Hester Clarke*

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**Bisley
Strawberry
Fayre**



**Sunday 30th June 1:30pm -
5:00pm**

**Come and join us for a Traditional
Country Fayre on
Bisley Village Green.**

Strawberries & Cream, PIMMS Tent, Hog
Roast, Children's Fun Fair, Leanne Ed-
wards— School of Theatre Arts, Pocket the
Clown, Almac Bisley Brass Band, Chobham
Morris Men and much more.

Over 60 stalls, including Crafts, Games and
Food.

Funs and Entertainment for all the Family.

Entrance by Lucky Programme, Adults
£1.00, Children Free.

Website: www.bisleyvillagehall.org

The Annual Bisley Awards will be presented
by the Parish Council at this village event.

**The main theme of our next B.R.A. Open Forum
on Wednesday 20th March 2013 will be –
'Boundary Changes-what's going on?'**

At a national level, proposed boundary changes have been placed
on the back burner, until after the next general election.

Surrey County Council Boundary Changes

In August 2010 the Local Government Boundary Commission for
England (LGBCE) announced that it would be conducting an
electoral review of Surrey County Council. The review aimed to
ensure that the number of voters represented by each elected
councillor was approximately the same for each district.

Following several stages of consultation, on 17th January 2012
the Commission published final recommendations for future elec-
toral arrangements in Surrey County Council. The Surrey
(Electoral Changes) Order 2012 was published on 20 July 2012.
(Full details are available on S.C.C.s' website).

**The new electoral division arrangements for Surrey will
come into force at the next scheduled County Elections on
2nd May 2013.**

After some re -configuration, Surrey will continue with 81 elec-
toral divisions with 1 councillor elected for each electoral divi-
sion.

-Chobham ward will not be divided, as previously proposed, but
the whole of Chobham will be incorporated in the Bagshot, Win-
dlesham and Chobham Division.

-Lightwater, West End and Bisley wards will form a division.

....But what are the implications for Bisley village ??

(LGBC website for information- www.lgbce.org.uk)
Information from Norman Holden.

The BRA would like to thank all those members who have already renewed their membership for the year 2012/2013.
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.

The free draw will be made at our Open Forum on 20th March 2013

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 2013, 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 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.