

Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 26 Summer 2013



A Royal Visitor to Bisley

The Official Opening of the Cooper Room at St. John the Baptist Church by Her Royal Highness the Countess of Wessex GCVO



Thursday 9th May 2013 dawned bright and sunny for the first ever visit of a member of the Royal Family to either of our two Churches.

The excitement that was generated was splendid. The Church was full and there was a lovely atmosphere and sense of expectancy. All the detailed planning and preparation by so many would soon be put to the test.

The Countess was met by Lady Toulson, Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey, who introduced her to the official line up of Councillor Beverley Harding, Deputy Mayor of Surrey Heath; Cllr. Greg Hubbard, Vice Chairman of Bisley Parish Council; Suzanne Price, Clerk to the West End Parish Council; Bishop Ian of Dorking and the Rev. Andy Armitt, our Rector.

Rector Andy escorted Her Royal Highness

into the Church. She looked very elegant in her blue jacket and cream dress and put everyone at ease with her smile and relaxed style.

She was introduced to various groups, which included representatives of the Cooper family. The Countess was very interested in the extension project and met the



Extension Committee, plus our architect and builder. Then she met the fundraisers who had worked so hard.

The Countess was offered tea in the Cooper Room and was most interested in the pictures of the appalling facilities before the Cooper Room was built, particularly the Elsan camping toilet in the dark, dingy out-

side shed.

The Countess cut the commemorative cake and talked to representatives of the flower arrangers, church cleaners, and churchyard maintenance team who will be using the Cooper Room on an on-going basis.

Then it was time to escort Her Royal Highness to her seat in the front of the pews, listen to Andy saying prayers for us, and to Bishop Ian, who blessed the Cooper Room.

We heard our splendid choir sing Vivaldi's Gloria. The Countess talked to members of our choir and to Peter Holt, our organist. Her Royal Highness unveiled the plaque, signed the visitors book and was presented with posies by Isabelle Heney, a Rainbow, and Daniel Watson, a Beaver.

Andy's Vote of Thanks to the Countess was followed by a lovely surprise for her outside. While the official opening was taking place, children from Bisley and West End Schools had lined up with flags and gave a great cheer when she appeared. Her Royal Highness talked to many of them.

The official opening was followed by a party with the commemorative cake and bubbly and was a great time for fellowship with our friends. It was a wonderful end to eight years of hard work and it was a fabulous, fabulous day.

Taken from an article in the Bisley & West End Parish News, June 2013, by Peter Fry, Chairman of the Extension Committee, with his kind permission.

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WebCare enters its 20th Year of serving Bisley and West End

WebCare held its AGM at West End Bowls Club on Thursday 23rd May 2013.

After a buffet lunch provided by willing volunteers, Angela, Ann and Brenda, the meeting was held with about 20 volunteers and guests. After the official business was swiftly dealt with, David Clippendale the practice Manager from West End and Chobham surgeries, was invited to say a few words. He explained how the new Clinical Commissioning Group had been set up and advised that a doctor from the practice would spend 3 half days per month supporting the group. The appointment system had been reviewed and a duty doctor would deal with same day requirements either by phone or seeing the patient in the surgery in the afternoon. David explained how the charging system worked and that it was cheaper for the practice to see a patient than to let them go to A&E, as each patient seen by a hospital is charged to the surgery via the Clinical Commissioning Group. (The practice receives £67 per patient per year and is charged £68 per patient visit to A & E.) He also confirmed that following consultation the surgeries at West End and Chobham would not be moving in the foreseeable future. Vicki Turton from Surrey Community Action explained that the CRB checks

were being replaced by Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks but the full administrative detail had not been finalised. The checks would be done for either vulnerable adults or children or both. Once the certificate was issued it is up to the volunteer to present it to the organisation and if the organisation wishes they can check on the internet if any changes have occurred since the certificate had been issued.

Keith Bush reported that a family support group was to do a pilot in Surrey Heath in an attempt to curb anti-social behaviour and that there is to be an Alzheimer support group at Windle Valley. He also reported that there is to be an additional exit built on the M3 to be called Junction 2A, to improve traffic flow as more houses are to be built in the area. WebCare have produced some visiting cards that can be handed to clients and distributed via the doctors' surgery and chemist etc. Hopefully this will produce some new clients and volunteers.

Peter Renshaw - Chairman

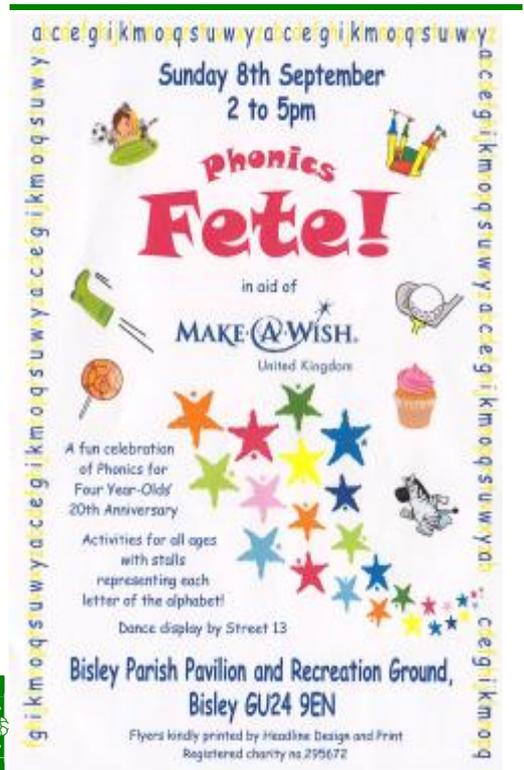
Further information:-

A B.R.A. representative was present when Mr Clippendale spoke to the WebCare AGM. He said that the P.C.T. (Primary Care Trust) had been replaced by the Clinical Commissioning Group (C.C.G.) in partnership with Frimley Park Hospital from 1 April 2013. This C.C.G. is for North West Surrey and includes 14 prac-

tices. At least one GP from each practice is encouraged to attend C.C.G. meetings. Our representative is Dr Sekhon, so that we have a direct representative on the C.C.G.. The C.C.G. has only been going for a short while and some teething problems will, Mr. C. hopes, be sorted out.

Some attendees mentioned the great advantage of the Practice having its own machine to monitor Warfarin patients. Mr. C. said they hoped to raise funds to pay for a second such machine, so that he doesn't have to carry it from one surgery to another!

Norman Holden.



Briefly in Bisley

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194 Guildford Road, Bisley. GU24 9EP. Tel: 01483 480172. Email: clerk@bisley-parishcouncil.co.uk, web: www.bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk. **Chairman:** Councillor Steve Moore.

Council meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall. **However, the July meeting will be held on Monday 22nd and there is no meeting in August.** Please see notice boards for the agenda before meetings. **All welcome.**

The Butts, Bisley Centre.

Closes for a break on Friday 26th July with a summer party in the village hall.

The Butts welcomes new clients, and always needs more volunteers. We

have our own bus. Re-opens from 2nd September on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Please Contact Wendy & Ruth on 01483 472414.

Bisley C of E Primary School. BRA congratulates the headteacher Jo Hastings, her staff, Board of Governors, parents and children on the successful opening of the new building, providing some new classrooms for the children. Please continue to support them in their fund raising efforts.

Back for a third year! Teas on the "Rec"

Thanks to the tremendous work of the TOTR team, led by Chris Bixley, Pauleene, Ann and many others, this year's Thursday afternoon events are again going very well. Many charities have already benefited and many more will do so in the coming weeks. **Do support these very enjoyable Thursday afternoon tea parties (2-5 pm) every week until 29th August.** *Norman Holden*



B.R.A. congratulates all the village annual award winners, including Chris Bixley, who won the Bisley Citizen of the Year (seen here with members of her team) receiving her award at the Strawberry Fayre.

This Issue of 'Your Bisley' Newsletter The cost of printing and distributing this issue of the newsletter, **in full colour**, to all Bisley residents has been funded by BRA. Please support this newsletter by becoming a member of B.R.A..

Village Issues

Sponsors needed for cycling Parish Councillor.

Bisley Cllr. Malcolm Vaughan and his daughter Sarah will be trying to raise money for charity by taking part in the Ride London event on 4th August. The event is a 102 mile cycle ride over the Olympic men's cycle road race course, starting in the Olympic Park and finishing in the Mall, via Leith and Box Hills.

Malcolm and Sarah would appreciate support and have set up a Just Giving address for sponsorships in aid of Centre Point for homeless young people in Britain. See www.justgiving.com/malcolm-vaughan. (*Malcolm Vaughan*)

BRA Congratulates Bisley Pre-School.



30th Birthday celebration at Bisley Village Hall on Sunday 14th July 2013 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The celebration included: memory lane displays of life at Pre School over the 30 years, refreshments, a celebratory cake and a short concert by the children. Face painting and craft activities to entertain old and young were available.

Julie Holt, Supervisor

BRA Events



► **15th Open Forum, 20th March 2013.** This event, held on the same evening as Bisley Parish Council's Annual Assembly in a packed Jubilee Room, was enjoyed by everyone present. The main theme was "Boundary Changes - What's Happening?" and the Deputy Mayor of Surrey Heath, Cllr Beverley Harding, and our Borough Councillors were able to give us some useful, up-to-date information! We are grateful to The Deputy Mayor and her Consort, Malcolm Harding for their great contribution to the success of the evening. Thanks also to Jill Biden, Bisley Parish Councillors, our Borough Councillors - and all you Bisley folk who braved the bitter weather to be at the event.

Congratulations to Abi Brown and David Lye who won the B.R.A. Open Forum Prize Draw prizes!

► **16th Open Forum & 8th Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 2nd October 2013.** The main theme of the Open Forum will be "Bisley - and Surrey Heath's Town Twinning links". Surrey Heath is twinned with Sucy-en-Brie, a town ten miles east of Paris, France and Bietigheim-Bissingen, a town 15 miles from Stuttgart, Germany. The Borough also enjoys a link of friendship with Kirchberg, in Alsace, in the east of France. The Open Forum will discuss ways in which Bisley can take a more active part in these link arrangements. *Norman Holden, BRA Chairman*

Surrey County Council Election Results, 2nd May 2013

♦ Welcome to our newly elected County Councillor.



Congratulations to our new County Councillor Adrian Page, who was elected as Councillor for the Lightwater, West End and Bisley Division on 2nd May 2013, following the retirement of Councillor Lavinia Sealy.

We look forward to having the same good working relationship with Adrian, as we enjoyed with Lavinia.

♦ Farewell to Lavinia Sealy.

We are delighted to take this opportunity to thank Lavinia Sealy, who retired as our County Councillor in May, for all her tireless work and unstinting support for the people of Bisley.

Lavinia was a great help to Bisley Residents Association, usually attending our Open Forums and other events despite carrying out the enormous amount of work involved in being Chairman of Surrey County Council.

We hope to be able to show our appreciation to her as we have invited Lavinia to our next Open Forum on 2nd October.

Norman Holden (Photographs from S.C.C. website).



Happy 74th Birthday to Bisley W.I.

Bisley Women's Institute has been part of the village since 1939 and continues to thrive. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday each month (except August) and they have a variety of speakers and entertainment. There are also walks, lunches and outings. On the fourth Wednesday the Craft Group meets and

enjoys a range of activities. Coming originally from Canada the first W.I. in Britain opened on Anglesey in 1915; there are now over 7000 branches. Originally formed to re-vitalise rural communities the W.I. is still affiliated to the international Associated Country Women of the World, but there are now many urban branches, who recognised a good thing when they saw it!

The W.I. is a respected force whose voice is listened to by successive governments. It campaigns on a wide variety of issues, each of which is selected by the vote of the membership.

If all this sounds a bit serious, don't be put off! The meetings are very enjoyable and it is a great way to make friends.

All meetings are held in Bisley Village Hall at 2.00 p.m. and visitors and prospective members will receive a warm welcome.

For further information please ring Barbara on 01483 828690.



W.I. President Margaret Ellis cuts the birthday cake made by Fiona Jones, iced by Iris Murdock and enjoyed by all.

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Bisley Strawberry Fayre



In contrast to last year, we had a gloriously sunny day for the Fayre in June. Crowds of residents and visitors turned out to enjoy all that was on offer at our traditional village Fayre, to raise money for the upkeep and refurbishment of the Village Hall.



←The Mayor of Surrey Heath Cllr Beverley Harding and her Consort Malcolm, visited the B.R.A. stall and appeared to enjoy the sunny event.

B.R.A. Quiz results: The £10 prize went to Wynne Price and £40 proceeds were donated to the village hall fund.



Congratulations and thanks to Sue Smith and her team, the stall holders and all who contributed to making this such a successful and fun event.

Bisley Parish Council Annual Awards

As decided by nominations from the residents of Bisley, these awards were presented at the Strawberry Fayre by the Mayor of Surrey Heath, Councillor Beverley Harding.

♦ **Bisley Junior Citizen of the year (under 16)**
Awarded to Casey Moore, aged 8 years, for cycling and motocross achievements. As he was away at an event, this was accepted on his behalf by Parish Councillor and Vice Chairman Greg Hubbard.



Lynda Faithfull, the manager of Bisley Base (out of school care for children aged 4 to 11) received **The Best Business in Bisley** award on behalf of Bisley Base.



Chris Bixley received the **Bisley Citizen of the Year** award for her sterling work with the summer initiative 'Teas on the Rec.' (now in its third year).

The BRA would like to encourage all members to now renew their membership for the year 2013/2014. 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.

Congratulations to Bridget Kelly of Queens Road, who won the free draw for this newsletter .

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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 2014, 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/.....)

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