



Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 27 Autumn 2013

Bisley 'Teas on the Rec.'

This year's 'Teas on the Rec' ran on fourteen Thursday afternoons, 2 to 5 p.m. from May 30th to August 29th; finishing with an evening BBQ.

Understandably, the first question everyone asks us is 'how much money did you make this year?', and the answer is £8,572.45 for various charities, (see list opposite). The sun shone every Thursday afternoon this summer and we would be hard pressed to reach that total again. To date, excepting the evening BBQ, the weekly pavilion hire is the only expense that was claimed.

In fact our original idea was to provide refreshments and a safe place for all ages to meet, then, not wanting to make a profit as no-one liked book-keeping, we decided to donate our takings to a different charity each week. Some charities ran tombolas and stalls to increase their takings or took the opportunity to raise awareness of their cause.

Our thanks to the Parish Council, The Rector Andy Armitt, and all our customers for their support and to our many brilliant volunteers. We are delighted for all the charities involved

but take most pleasure from watching the children play and so many people talking to friends, staying the whole afternoon if they wish. Chris Bixley



Charities that benefited this year.

(Teas on the Rec	£292.00)
Woking Mencap	£337.75
Bisley Pre-School	£366.70
Marie Curie	£500.00
CF Trust	£376.00
Ovarian Cancer	£685.00
PBC / Parkinson's	£630.00
Butts/W.End O.F.	£460.00
WAGS	£700.00
Woking Hospice	£675.00
British Heart Foundation	£640.00
Meningitis Trust	£600.00
wannabeamazin	£610.00
Bisley & West End	
Church Fabric Fund	£1,700.00
Total raised & donated	£8,572.45

(Photographs by Ann Forrest)
Editor : BRA are delighted that Chris was awarded Bisley Citizen of the Year in June.

BRA 16th Open Forum followed by the A.G.M. - 2nd October 2013

The Forum turned out to be an interesting and we hope, useful and informative evening for all present. Our special guest was Lavinia Sealy who retired as our County Councillor in May (see picture below). The proposed theme of the evening was 'Bisley - and Surrey Heath's Twinning Links' - but as The Mayor and most Borough Councillors were unable to be present, it was decided to have the same theme at our next Open Forum in March 2014. There were, however, lively discussions on various other topics of interest to Bisley folk concerning our village.

At the AGM, the officers and committee members for the next year were elected as follows:- Chairman, Norman Holden; Vice Chairman & Newsletter Editor, Jim Clarke;

Treasurer, Alex Summers; Secretary, Liz Colvin; Membership Secretary. & Webmaster, Ray Colvin; Committee members, Chris Bixley & Jean Hope.

The members' prize draw of a pot plant was won by Margaret Ellis.

(Norman Holden)



Thank you Lavinia!



B.R.A. Committee 2013/14

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BRA Diary Dates 2014

- ◆ Three Newsletters
- ◆ Open Forum, March 26th
- ◆ Quiz with Fish & Chips, April 26th
- ◆ Stall at Strawberry Fayre, June
- ◆ Open Forum / A.G.M. October 8th

Phonics Fete! in aid of Make-a-Wish® Foundation UK

2013 is the 20th anniversary year of Phonics for Four Year-Olds, a pre-school class, teaching children to read before starting school. Originally established in Brookwood, the group moved to Bisley in 1996, and has since helped to promote the joy of independent reading to well over a thousand 3 and 4 year-olds, both locally and from a wider catchment.

To celebrate the anniversary, the group organised a Phonics Fete!, with a stall to represent every letter of the alphabet. The event took place at Bisley Recreation Ground, on Sunday September 8th. It was opened by actor, Ben Heathcote, and attended by current and previous pupils and parents, as well as local residents and the wider public.

Participants had great fun, trying to eat their 'd for Dangling Doughnut' (no hands!), compete in the 'z for Zebra Race' or find some 't for Treasure'. Competitive natures came to the fore during the 'w for Welly-Wanging' competition. A considerable number of 'c for Cupcakes' were consumed, and there was substantial activity in the 'b for Beer Tent'! Entertainment was provided by the amazing Street 13 dance crew, Almac Bisley Brass Band, and powerful West End singer, Gemma O'Duffy. Despite the rain, the event had a lovely, family atmosphere, with something for everyone. £5,145.56 was raised for the fabulous

charity, Make-a-Wish® Foundation UK. **The organisers are so thankful to everyone who helped to make this event a success,** including Pirbright Army Training Centre, who kindly provided a huge inflatable 'a for Assault Course'!

Jackie Smith

Pictures by Kim Blondell of Early Moments Photography



'J for Jar Tombola' Stall



Street 13 dance crew entertains the crowd

Grateful Thanks to All

At our recent Forum, Parish Councillor Elizabeth Ward conveyed the thanks of a grateful motorcyclist and his family, to all who helped him on the 19th July.

Phillip left the road and crashed his motorcycle into a parked caravan on the drive of a house on the A322 in Bisley (the owners were out at the time).

He suffered multiple life-threatening injuries, including head injury, five broken ribs, a pierced lung, two fractured neck vertebrae and a fractured shoulder blade.

A local off-duty paramedic Mark, who was first on the scene of the accident, rendered vital first aid, followed by a swift response from the emergency services.

Phillip was airlifted to a London Hospital by a Surrey Air Ambulance helicopter, which landed in the grounds of Bisley School.

The good news is that, in spite of the extent of his injuries, Phillip has survived and is slowly recovering and he and his family are very grateful indeed for all the care he has been given.

(Information from Cllr. Elizabeth Ward)

Briefly in Bisley

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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.** Please see notice boards for the agenda before meetings. **All welcome.**

The Butts, Bisley Centre.

The Butts welcomes new clients, and always needs more volunteers. We have our own bus if you need transport. Open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Try us for lunch! Please contact Ruth & Wendy on 01483 472414.

The Bisley Annual Awards



In our report on this year's Award ceremony at the Strawberry Fayre (in the last issue of this newsletter), we overlooked mentioning Mick Raynor, who is the instigator of these annual awards. We are happy to acknowledge and thank Mick for this great idea and for all his hard work.

West End & Bisley Care and Good Neighbour Group.



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

West End and Chobham Surgeries

Good to see that Chobham Surgery reopened last week after serious flooding caused extensive damage and months of closure while repair and refurbishing went on. Thanks to all who kept the service running on the West End site and for patients' co-operation.

◆ For those at risk of flu the latest vaccine is now available. Contact the surgery for an appointment for your annual jab.

◆ Ordering your repeat prescriptions online is available.

Visit: www.chobhamandwestend.co.uk

This Issue of 'Your Bisley' Newsletter

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

Village Issues

Bisley's Community Speed Watches



After a long wait we were permitted to start two Surrey Police approved Community Speed Watches in Bisley, on Church Lane and Queen's Road. This initiative was taken in response to concerns raised by residents.

Initially we had plenty of volunteers for both but in recent months we have been unable

to carry out any Speed Watch sessions because of lack of volunteers. This was discussed at the B.R.A.'s recent Open Forum and **we are now appealing to you to come forward and join the teams doing this very important safety activity in Bisley.** Enquiries via **B.R.A.** *Norman Holden*

Bisley and West End Community Lunches

In the October issue of the Parish News, the Editor Sarah Wynter Bee, proposed that quarterly community lunches be started in January 2014. She has attended a couple of these elsewhere and was struck by how useful they were. The format would be a 12 noon start, finishing by 2 p.m. prompt, with people mixing at different tables. Over coffee people could stand up and briefly publicise their organisation. Voluntary contributions of e.g. £2 per head on arrival would cover costs and the lunches would be held at various venues in Bisley and West End.

She welcomes suggestions regarding which groups to invite and will publish a list in next month's Parish News, so that any omissions can be added.

She welcomes offers of help to set up and/or serve lunch and coffee. Contact Sarah – sarahwb1@hotmail.com or 07812 494363.

Bisley Church of England Primary School Open Mornings

Is your child due to start school in September 2014 ?

If so, you are invited to attend an Open Morning at our school, to give you an opportunity to look around your local village school, meet the Headteacher and see what our school has to offer your child.

Tuesday 5th November 2013

Monday 18th November 2013

The tours begin at 9.40 a.m., with an opportunity to meet with the Headteacher. These sessions will end at 11 a.m.

If you are not able to make our open mornings, but would still like to visit the school, please contact the office to make an appointment.

See you soon!

Contact the school on 01483 473341
or email : admin@bisley.surreysch.uk
web: www.bisleysurreysch.uk



News from Bisley Parish Council

Remembrance Sunday, 10th November 2013

Church Lane will be temporarily closed between Guildford Road and School Close for the purpose of the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial. The service commences at 10.45am.

After the Service of Remembrance you are invited back to the Village Hall for refreshments which will be provided by members of Bisley WI and the Parish Council. Everyone is welcome.

Village Green and Recreation Ground

Bisley Parish Council is working hard to maintain and improve the areas of the village for which it is responsible, for the enjoyment and safety of local residents and to deter any further incursions.

Timber posts have been installed along the A322 perimeter of the village green and the posts have been replaced along the pavilion side of the recreation ground. The Parish Council would like to thank our County Councillor Adrian Page for a contribution of £1000 towards the cost of the posts. The vegetation along the A322 side of the recreation ground has been cut back and tidied up to improve the ambience of the village.

♦ **You may have noticed that the duck house on the village green pond has been removed temporarily for refurbishment.**



Heritage Lighting around the Hen and Chickens Roundabout and along Church Lane.

The Parish Council has campaigned to retain the heritage lighting columns that help define the heart of the village. The County Council has agreed that these can stay and will be repainted and fitted with the new technology to enable the level of lighting to be controlled and for faults to be detected.

Thank You

Bisley Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all those residents who generously give of their time to keeping the village looking neat and tidy and in helping the community of Bisley.

If you have any queries regarding Parish Council matters or would like to report anything please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on 01483 480172 or email clerk@bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk



Parish Councillor Steve Moore and Bill Hicks and helpers installing the duck house on the village green pond in 2008. Bill Hicks is presently repairing the base before the duck house will be re-launched.

Photograph by Norman Holden

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I am pleased to report that last year's bonfire and firework event was a great success, providing funds to the Bisley Scout Troop to buy new equipment. We are holding a Bonfire and Firework display again this year—see advert below. Once again thanks to F.C. Brown for providing wooden pallets to build the bonfire.
Andrew Scott - Treasurer, Bisley Scouts.



Get Safe Online
Free expert advice

How to stay safe online

Children's safety is the number one concern for all parents, and increasingly that includes keeping them safe in their digital world... in other words on the internet, texting and anything else they do online.
Many parents are finding out that their kids know more than they do when it comes to computers and mobile devices. Understandably, some find that hard to admit. Combine this with children's natural curiosity and the unregulated internet, and many parents feel less than adequately equipped to guide their children in the right direction.
That's why in September Get Safe Online launched its 'Switched On' campaign, aimed at parents who feel they need to know more about the subject (and let's face it ... who doesn't?). The campaign recommends the best approach to advising and guiding children about what's right and what's not, and suggests some of the technology steps parents can put in place to keep checks on their online activity. It is about being a 'switched on' parent equipped to engage effectively with children on online safety.
The expert advice has been put together and circulated with the help of Get Safe Online partners Neighbourhood Watch and Symantec.
For more information please visit www.getsafeonline.org.
Editor: Visit this site and try the quiz I found this useful.
From an article in HeathWatch, the quarterly Neighbourhood Watch newsletter, Autumn 2013.

1st Bisley Scouts

Bonfire and Fireworks

Saturday 2nd November on
Bisley Village Green

Bonfire lit at 6:30 p.m.

Fireworks at 7:00 p.m.

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Sweets, Hot
Drinks & Glow sticks on sale.

Entrance by suggested minimum do-
nation of £3 per adult, £2 per child
or £10 per family.
No Sparklers Please.

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 Mrs. Linda Smith of Rosebury Drive, who won the free draw for this newsletter .

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/.....)

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.