



Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 28 Winter 2014

BISLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HAS ARRANGED AN INTERNET SAFETY SEMINAR.

Practical advice to keep your children safe online.

You are invited to a special event at Bisley Village Hall in the Jubilee Room-

Wednesday 26th February 2014, at 7.30 pm
on
'STAYING SAFE ONLINE.'

We have a guest speaker from The Lucy Faithfull Foundation, who will run a seminar on safeguarding children online.

Topics include: social networking sites, 'sexting' and online gaming, grooming and cyber-bullying. Advice will be given on strategies for keeping children safe online and where to go for further advice and resources.

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is a child protection charity which manages the Stop it Now! UK and Ireland campaign. They are passionate about working to protect children. One of their aims is to encourage safer online activity by delivering internet safety presentations to parents, carers and children.

Admission: B.R.A. members - free
Non-members— a small donation appreciated.

Invitation to all Bisley Residents to an important event

For the second year running the Annual Parish Assembly (run by the Parish Council) and the B.R.A. Spring Forum will take place on the same evening **Wednesday 26th March 2014**, in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall.

The 17th B.R.A. Open Forum, with the main theme of 'Bisley and Surrey Heath's Twinning Links,' plus an update on BRA activities and sharing views (it's an OPEN Forum!) will start at 7.00 pm, followed by the Annual Parish Assembly at 8.30 pm.

The Guests of Honour at this Forum will be The Mayor of Surrey Heath, Councillor Beverley Harding and her Consort Malcolm Harding. The Mayor has a special interest in strengthening and promoting exchanges with Surrey Heath's twin towns Bietigheim, Germany and Sucy en Brie, France. She is keen to enlist BRA's support in this.

(Norman Holden)

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 to enjoy a glass of wine and light refreshments with fellow residents and guests.

(Bisley Parish Council)



BRA Fifth Quiz/Fish and Chips night

To be held on Saturday 26th April 2014 at 7.30pm in Bisley Village Hall. Teams of 4 to 6. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. There will also be a raffle for BRA funds.

Tickets: £7 for BRA Members, £8 for Others
All Welcome. Tickets from our Committee members.



Severe Winter Weather and Flooding

Our country is being battered this winter with cycles of storms and heavy rainfall and our hearts go out to all those who have been affected. The graphic pictures in the newspapers and on television of villages and towns struggling with prolonged flooding of their homes and businesses is so sad.

Bringing it closer to home, eight severe flood warnings were issued in five areas of Surrey on the River Thames on the 9th February including Staines, Laleham, Chertsey, Shepperton and Hamm Court, with the warning that thousands of homes could be affected.

Police are advising all road-users to 'slow down and take extra care as there may be unexpected debris or surface water on the roads making driving conditions treacherous.' A BRA member has reported damage to the wheels of her car after hitting a pothole filled with water at the top of Warbury Lane.

For Surrey County Council & Surrey Heath Borough Flood Alerts and Advice see www.surreycc.gov.uk and www.surreyheath.gov.uk

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BRA Diary Dates 2014

- ◆ Seminar 'Staying Safe Online' Feb 26th
- ◆ Two further Newsletters
- ◆ Joint Open Forum, March 26th
- ◆ Quiz with Fish & Chips, April 26th
- ◆ Stall at Strawberry Fayre, June
- ◆ Open Forum/ A.G.M. October 8th

Bisley Youth Centre Update

We are two members from Bisley Youth Club and enjoy attending because we participate in a variety of different activities and everyone gets involved. We have done a lot of great activities this past year, which have included the Strawberry Fayre, where we raised £165 for our youth club, by selling refreshments and involving the local community in a 'beat the Goalie' competition.

In the Summer holidays we had the opportunity to get involved in some different workshops including graffiti, singing, and a film production. During October half term we went on a residential to Essex and had a go at lots of outdoor activities and team building activities including, kayaking, archery, climbing, abseiling and raft building. And just a few weeks ago we went on a youth conference to an outdoor education centre in Kent with other young people from other local youth centres. All of the young people who attended developed their self confidence and social skills and had a lot of fun.

Our youth club likes to get everyone involved in all kinds of activities and games such as football, pool tournaments, chairball and other sports, cooking and art and craft activities as well as trips and residential and this helps to show that everyone at Bisley Youth Club is

equal. We also have a youth committee so we can have a say and get involved in planning and running things ourselves. This helps local young people to meet up with friends and make new ones, to build their self confidence, have fun and try new things.

In the coming year of 2014, the young people of the youth committee have come up with a variety of different fund-raising ideas, such as:- a trip to Great Ormond Street Hospital dressed as Disney Characters to cheer up the young children; litter picking in the local community; the girls would like to do the 'Race for Life' and some of the boys would like to do a triathlon. We would also like to help other youth clubs to fundraise for their trip to Africa and help to decorate a flat for the homeless.

Chloe and Annalise

Opening times- Bisley Youth Club is open to young people aged 13 to 17 years of age.

Mondays: 7-9pm Open access

Tuesdays: 5.30-7.30pm CYA West fortnightly on the second and fourth Tuesday; a support group for children and young people who have been referred by CAMHS (child and adolescent mental health services) If interested please contact 01483 519571

Wednesday: Once a month-girls' night.

Thursdays: 7-9pm Open access

For further information please call the full time Youth and Community Worker Fran Bills on 07968 834664.

The Butts, Bisley Centre Happy 28th Birthday!



The Butts are looking for one or two experienced drivers to help on their rota for driving the blue bus, frequently seen around the village. One long-serving driver has recently moved away from Bisley so if you have an hour-and-a-half to spare in the morning and/or afternoon on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays we would love to hear from you.

Our drivers currently cover about 3 days each per month, but even if you can only drive on one or two days each month you will be very welcome.

Escort volunteers to accompany the drivers and clients, also needed.

If you think you can help, please 'phone David on (01483) 838329 and he will be able to give you more details and answer any questions you may have.

(David is Transport Officer for The Butts, photo supplied by Ruth)

Briefly in Bisley

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

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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.**

Hiring of Bisley Parish Pavilion

Bisley Parish Pavilion on the Recreation Ground is open for hire for functions, meetings and parties. For all enquiries please contact the Clerk to the Council as above. The forms and terms and condi-

tions for hire can be accessed on the Parish Council's website.

Bisley and West End Community Lunch.

The first (hopefully of many!) Parish Community Lunches was held at the Sports Pavilion, Benner Lane on 22nd January. This is the brainchild of the Parochial Church Council, 'Parish News' Editor Sarah Wynter Bee and her team and it brought together all of the groups and organisations in the two villages in a very enjoyable and useful event.

Norman Holden

Bisley W.I.

Celebrate their 75th Anniversary this year with a party in June and a commemorative bench on the Village Green.

This Issue of 'Your Bisley'

Newsletter The cost of printing and distributing this issue to all Bisley residents has been partly funded by a Parish Council grant and partly from B.R.A. funds. Please support our activities and future issues of this newsletter by becoming a member of B.R.A. (see page 4)

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.

Village Issues

News from Bisley Parish Council

Annual Bisley Awards

This is the third year of these awards. The Parish Council will be seeking your nominations for the Best Business in Bisley, your Citizen of the Year and Junior Citizen of the Year. The awards will be presented at the Strawberry Fayre on 29th June 2014. Please watch out for posters on the notice boards and information on the Parish Council website for further information.

The Changing Face of Bisley

Over the past few years we have seen the face of Bisley change, with old friends like the Fox Garage and Fox Pub going and new developments taking their place.

Our ancient St John the Baptist Church gained a much needed extension, providing some essential services, opening with a Royal fanfare last year. The alterations to the roof, windows and doors of the Jubilee Room in the Village Hall a few years ago have enhanced this much used facility. Elmfield House, a residential care home in Church Lane, has had a delay in commencing their proposed extension and now hope to make a start in March, providing three extra bedrooms with en-suite facilities. Following this, they plan to extend their services to older people, accepting day clients and providing more respite care.

The Fox Pub site has now been levelled and a new 60 bed nursing/residential home is being built. Our Church of England Primary School completed their extension and are benefiting from their new building.

You may have also noticed that the duck house has been refurbished and is now back in place on the pond on the village green. As stated in the proposed Bisley Parish Plan 2005/2006 the outcome should be 'An improved environment for all Bisley residents!'

Hester Clarke

Bisley Post Office and Stores

Bisley Stores have been sold to Sainsburys, who in turn have submitted a Planning Application for improvements and alterations to the shop. We understand that the Post Office will remain open under the management of Adrian Mars. Further details of the Planning Application may be seen on the Surrey Heath Borough Council website. The shop will be closed from the end of February to July, but the post office should re-open within days in the new premises.

Proposed development of the Bisley Office Furniture site in Queens Road

Members of your committee were invited to attend an exhibition by Redrow Homes who are hoping to be allowed to develop the Bisley Office Furniture site. The event was very well attended and we had detailed conversations with Redrow representatives. The proposals are at an early stage but it appears that Redrow wish to submit a Planning Application to build up to 120 homes on the 'brownfield' site. We pointed out what we thought would be residents' main concerns, e.g. adequacy of services, impact on school-places and GP Surgery provision, increased congestion etc. The latter aspect seems to be of particular concern because, at present, sole access would be via Snowdrop Way - no access from Queens Road is envisaged. Redrow asked if B.R.A could possibly arrange an event where the developers could meet residents directly. We are looking into this (with Bisley Parish Council)

Norman Holden

Tribute to Carolyn Woodhead

We in Bisley lost one of our beloved friends in December when Carolyn Woodhead passed away after a long, brave struggle against illness. At Carolyn's memorial Service, many warm tributes were paid to her by family and friends. We can do no better than to quote from a splendid eulogy given by Jean Williams - and we do so with Barry's and Jean's permission.

Norman Holden

Jean's tribute to Carolyn at her Memorial Service



Our World Affairs Group supports projects in Uganda. Carolyn joined our group. We have all learned so much from Carolyn's expertise in catering. Whatever event we planned, Carolyn's quest for perfection and presentation was at the centre

Our quiz evenings and suppers hosted by Barry and Carolyn were a top priority and popular among our supporters. Carolyn and Barry opened their home and garden sharing friendship along with mouth watering suppers, all to raise money to improve the lives of Ugandan children. Carolyn's fund raising ideas knew no bounds and we have tried them all.

Barry and Carolyn ran a well supported quiz in Bisley that gave much needed funds to local charities. Surrey Heath Mayors knew who to invite onto their Fund Raising Committees.

Carolyn was the Queen of Tombola at our Parish garden party stall.

Whatever the parish event – be it harvest supper, an Evening with Elvis, or a curry evening – any event that included catering that had Carolyn's touch was sure to be a success.

Carolyn has raised many thousands of pounds for others. Even in the early stage of her illness, and receiving chemo, Carolyn helped to set up our now well established "Teas on The Rec". Cooking, advising and when well enough, giving hands-on help.

When Carolyn was admitted to Woking Hospice, she saw an immediate need of 'carry bags' for patients needing to have a driver to monitor drugs and requested Angela to make 20 material bags so other patients could benefit from her expertise, and the convenience of actually wearing the bag. - and she is still fund raising today.

Everyone is invited to West End Pavilion (after the memorial service) where food has been prepared strictly to Carolyn's hand written instructions from her hospice sickbed. Carolyn - everything is in place as you requested. All involved have tried hard to come up to your high standard, so we hope you are smiling on us and thinking "Not bad for amateurs!!"

How pleased we are to have known Carolyn who used her skills so widely. Our loss is Heaven's gain, where there will be much rejoicing and feasting on a new scale.

Jean Williams

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THE THREE BELLES
A TRIBUTE TO THE ANDREWS SISTERS

Come and enjoy the swinging sounds of an iconic era with this harmonious trio.

JOIN US ON
Saturday 29th March
8 p.m.

BISLEY VILLAGE HALL

To book call
01483 487843

Tickets £12 Concessions £10

Bring your own drinks
Soft drinks available for sale

info@thethreebelles.com
thethreebelles.com

'The Three Belles' who performed at the Strawberry Fayre 2013 are to give a full performance at Bisley Village Hall. These young ladies are going from strength to strength and appeared recently on the Alan Titchmarsh Show. We have been very lucky to book them in their busy schedule for 2014. So for an evening of wonderful entertainment, tickets are on sale now. **Bisley Village Hall Management Trustees.**

First World War Centenary, 2014

As the nations look back this year and remember the Great War, we thought about our grandparents and realised we had both never met our grandfathers, who had served in this conflict.

Jim's paternal grandfather David from Northern Ireland served in the Royal Naval Reserves on a battleship at the Battle of Jutland as a gunnery officer. He survived WW1.

By the second world war he had joined the Australian Naval Reserve, as he was considered too old to serve here. He died there after that war. Jim's parents had by then moved to South Africa where they had two children. Jim and I met as high school teenagers in Durban.

Although I was born and grew up in Durban, South Africa, my family too were touched by the effects of WW1. My maternal grandfather, William Lloyd moved from Wales to South Africa to work on the railways. During WW1 he went missing in action, suffered from the effects of gassing and returned to find his wife had died and his two daughters had been farmed out to others.

He later met and married my grandmother Dora, who had come from Darlington, as a companion to an elderly lady on board a ship. They had four children, one of whom was my mother Amelia (Milly).

Sadly, I never met my grandfather as he died the month before I was born in 1943- the closest I got to him was the portrait of him on the wall in Mom's lounge, gazing down on us.

What is YOUR family story about WW1 and its effects? In the June issue of this newsletter we would love to share some of your stories - contact details above. Hester and Jim Clarke.

The BRA would like to encourage all members to renew their membership for the year 2013/2014 and warmly welcomes new members. 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 Carolyn Philips, 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/.....)

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.