



Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter Issue 3 Summer 2006

B.R.A. 2nd Forum - Law & Order and Neighbourhood Watch.

In early spring our Chairperson Hester Clarke warmly welcomed members, visitors, speakers and Surrey Heath Borough Council Mayor Stewart Stevenson to our second themed Forum.

The Mayor gave an interesting and informative presentation about his year in office, which was nearing an end. Over 500 functions had been attended and £20,000 raised for his charity. He thanked B.R.A. for helping to sell charity raffle tickets for a car. He emphasised the value of this residents association in representing the views of

the residents of Bisley.

Hester Clarke thanked him for his support, expressed by his attendance, both here and at our Inaugural meeting last September.

She introduced the theme of the evening by reminding those present that 1,062 respondents to the 'Your Bisley' Survey (May 2005) rated the following in the top three measures to improve 'law and order' in Bisley:

► A greater police presence, & better consultation between police and local people (847 responses).

► Extend neighbourhood watch scheme in Bisley (432 responses).

Hence the theme of the evening.

P.C.Ed. Griffiths gave an update on law and order issues in Bisley and an interesting insight into changes to police equipment and methods. Maria Budd our P.C.S.O. was also present.

Alex Summers gave an overview of neighbourhood watch in Bisley, where there are only 6 watches (i.e. only six roads are covered). He appealed for more residents to

join the scheme, by volunteering to represent their road.

Constable Chas. Cooke gave an informative, vivid and interesting presentation on the work of the Surrey Police Air Support Unit, based at Fairoaks Airport (a well equipped helicopter). Duties include searching for missing persons, stolen cars and pursuing criminals.

The discussion continued around the displays and over refreshments kindly served by Jackie Flannery.

Warm thanks to all who made the evening so enjoyable.

We need your help to extend Neighbourhood Watch in Bisley

Bisley Residents Association is very keen to encourage more residents to become active in Neighbourhood Watch.

This scheme *really works!* Over the past few years it has become clear that, gener-

ally, properties within a Neighbourhood Watch are statistically safer and less likely to be burgled or damaged than others – for the simple reason that people involved in NHW tend to watch out for each other and to be in better contact with police and fire services.

Membership of N.H.W. may give you a discount on your house contents insurance.

There was a call at the Forum for residents to come forward and get involved in NHW (as outlined above) and there was a small response.

However, many more residents are needed to help to expand the N.H.W. network in Bisley, either by joining existing Watches or, better still, creating your own Watch

in your road.

This is a very simple process!

For further information on N.H.W. contact the Area Coordinator for the "six villages" in Surrey Heath, Mike Potter on 01276 474231 or mikerpotter@aol.com, OR the Vice Chairman of BRA, Norman Holden on 01483 830282 or NorDorHolden@aol.com.

If you create a new watch - a certificate and a sign to put on a lamp-post in your road will be issued. You will immediately be "in the loop" to receive regular messages from Surrey Police and Surrey Heath Neighbourhood Watch. Apart from that, the principle of N.H.W. is quite simple – keep an eye on your neighbourhood and don't be shy about calling Surrey Po-



lice on 0845 125 2222 (or 999 in a REAL emergency) - or Surrey Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 (see page 2). Remember that P.C.S.O. Maria Budd is in Bisley, specifically in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall, from 6 – 7pm, on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

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B.R.A. Diary Dates for 2006

- Strawberry Fayre-B.R.A. Stall, Sunday 25th June, 1.30pm-5pm(see back page)
- Newsletter (Quarterly) September & December.
- A.G.M. - Wednesday 6th September 7.45 p.m.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A VOLUNTEER.....

Babs turned on the WebCare mobile 'phone at 10 a.m. at the start of her 2 hour stint as duty officer. She enjoyed her two mornings a month manning the 'phone from home. She looked through the file to update herself and then answered the first call of the day with a cheery "WebCare, good morning, Babs speaking". By midday she had received three calls from clients requesting help. She had taken on one task herself, after checking her diary and looked forward to seeing Mrs A. again when she called to take her to the surgery for a doctor's appointment later that week. After a couple of calls to other volunteers, she had

found someone able to take Mr B to his chiroprapist next Tuesday and was now working on finding a volunteer to accompany Mrs C to Sainsburys at the end of the week, as she has poor sight.

► **Do you think that YOU could join our team**, either as a volunteer/duty officer manning our mobile telephone 1-2 mornings a month (Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon) or as a general volunteer?

► We have non-drivers who serve us well as duty officers.

► You can tell us when you are available and which days do not suit you and you can always say 'no' to the duty officer who calls, if you can't take on the job!



► Your outgoing telephone calls and mileage costs will be covered.

ALSO, IF YOU NEED HELP- please call and speak to our friendly duty officer. You may have been injured and are unable to drive for a while, and require assistance or have ongoing needs.

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

Bisley W.I.

Women's Institute is not all Jam and Jerusalem!

Our usual meeting takes place on the second Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 2 for 2.30 p.m. See our varied programme on our notice board at the Post Office for details. Visitors welcome. **Tel. 01483 481296.**

Coffee morning to support the Village Hall Jubilee Room Roof Project

to be held on Wed. 21st June 10.30-12 noon at 1 Pilgrims Way Bisley.

£1 entrance includes refreshments. There will also be a Bring and Buy stall. **Please Come!**

Briefly in Bisley

PLEASE NOTE TO AVOID CONFUSION!

The residents of Bisley Camp have formed a group in May 2006, to represent their specific interests i.e. their relationship with the N.R.A. (their landlord) and increasing crime and vandalism in the camp. They have called themselves **BISLEY RESIDENTS GROUP!**

Police Surgeries:

'Manned' by Maria Budd, our Police Community Support Officer— see page 1.

Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111. The Police cannot do it on their own. If you are concerned about crime in our community, DO something about it! Call and give information about crimes **anonymously.**

Bisley Common Society

No walk as Sunday 25th June is the Strawberry Fayre. However, on Saturday 1st July please meet at Strawberry Farm at 2.30 p.m. for a gentle walk on Bisley Common, followed by a 'Strawberry Tea' (courtesy of Jo and Tim Price). Non-members welcome. No meeting in August due to holidays.

Contact Barry Spink for further details about the Society (01483 481296)

A 'Joint Churches Prayer Group'

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

Bisley Parish Council

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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 (except Bank Holidays) in the Jubilee Room. See notice boards for agenda. No meeting in August.

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 refreshments from a counter in a room on the outside of the prison. If you can spare an hour and a half a week or even month to join us, you will be most welcome. **For more information please contact Vicki on 01483 489278.**

We welcome the new chaplain, Jo Honour, to her post at Coldingley.

'The Butts' Day Centre - for those of more mature years,

meets in the Jubilee Room on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.— 2.45 p.m. (except August). Contact Gerry (01483 472414) after 9.15 a.m. on these days, if you wish to attend or volunteer to help. Outing to the Isle of Wight in July.

Bisley Youth Club— now in their new premises @ 194 Guildford Rd. Super facilities/ activities for 13+
Open session Mondays 7 to 9 p.m. & Group projects Wednesday evenings. £1 entrance. **Further details contact: Jo Heath on 07968 833988 or email ojheath @ yahoo.com or Emma Popham on 01483 838082, email e.popham @ ntlworld.com.**

Bisley School - Parking and Driving Issues.

NEAR MISS! Recently a vehicle skidded in Wilcot Close, mounted the pavement and narrowly missed some children!

Please drive with care and consideration!

Bisley School has always had parking issues due to the location at the end of a cul-de-sac. To mitigate this the school has always advocated a voluntary ban on vehicles entering the cul-de-sac past the junction with Elm Grove and Hawthorn Way. This is primarily for the safety of the children who cross the road here and any parent entering this cul-de-sac will invariably need to reverse, a dangerous manoeuvre especially with small children around. There is also a need to ensure emergency vehicles can gain entry to the school at all times.



This is an example of inconsiderate parking. The car on the right reversed back around the corner, parking

in a way that effectively blocked the road to other vehicles. The school has requested that parents cars do not enter this cul-de-sac.

The majority of parents conform to this voluntary code. However, we have some who seem to believe they are the exception and persist in entering the cul-de-sac, reversing and then parking on the pavement. Sadly when challenged they have become abusive to other parents and staff.

We are now experiencing more parents driving their children to and from school. This is leading to congestion in the Elm Grove / Hawthorn Way triangle, especially as cars are parked there and this results in little room for cars to pass. Again this leads to worrying situations for drivers and pedestrians alike, having to carry out difficult manoeuvres.

A request has been made for parents to follow an informal one-way system; entering Elm Grove from Pilgrims Way driving to-

wards Hawthorn Way, then turning right into Hawthorn Way driving back towards Pilgrims Way. The idea is to drop children who can then walk to the school without having to cross the road. It also avoids cars having to pass and should improve traffic flow for residents living in Elm Grove and Hawthorn Way.

We recently had a 'near miss' in Wilcot Close where a vehicle skidded and mounted the pavement narrowly missing some children. They managed to demolish a garden wall so we can consider ourselves lucky it was only the wall. The children were very shaken as

were the parents.

We will be lobbying the council for signage, support and other measures to improve the safety of Bisley school children. However, no matter what measures are taken the duty of all Bisley residents is to drive with care and consideration at all times in the village.

My plea is, for the sake of the children, drive carefully in Bisley.

John Thorne
Chair of Governors, Bisley C.of E. Primary School.



More on doing our bit to conserve water....

Many parts of England and Wales are facing serious water shortages this summer after the Environment Agency warned that the worst drought in a century could be on its way. This drought is due to increased demand (in 1986 the average person in the U.K. used 140 litres of water a day, in 2006 this has risen to 155 litres a day) coupled with dwindling supplies (2005 was the driest year since 1973, so underground water sources have not been replenished) and wastage by

water companies via leaks.

Measures we can adopt :

- Wash veg. & fruit in a bowl, rather than under the tap & use for plants.
- Use minimum water in saucepans and kettles.
- Keep a jug/bottle in the 'fridge, instead of running taps until water is cold.
- Wait until there is a full load, before switching on dishwashers & washing machines.
- Turn off tap whilst brushing teeth or shaving..
- A 5 min. shower uses about

- a third of the water of a bath, but power showers can use more water than a bath in less time than that!
- Old toilet cisterns can use as much as 9 litres of clean water every flush. Reduce this by placing a 'save-a-flush' or 'hippo' in the cistern.
- Boiling an egg or cleaning out the fish tank? Use the water for plants.
- Dripping taps can waste up to 4 litres of water a day. Replace worn tap washers quickly.
- Lag water pipes & external

taps before winter to prevent burst pipes.

- Be aware of and follow water conservation measures in your area or hefty fines await.
- Report significant water losses, such as broken pipes to the property owner or local authority.
- Collect rainwater in water-butts and use a watering can.
- Lawns can survive long periods of dry weather if not cut too short.
- Install a water meter.

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*Strawberry Fayre – Sunday 25th June 2006,
1.30-5.00 p.m. - Bisley Village Green*



THIS IS THE MAIN FUND RAISING ACTIVITY FOR THE VILLAGE HALL– PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT.

The Strawberry Fayre will be raising money again this year for the 'roof fund' for the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall.

The Village Hall is home to about 15 local organisations and hundreds of local people use it each week for a range of activities. The 127 year old building requires lots of TLC, which takes time and money.

The 'Your Bisley' Survey (May 2005) pointed out that the Village Hall is 'an extremely important amenity for Bisley' and that 'this vital resource needs to be cared for and upgraded.' There is a dearth of halls in Bisley, as some commented, 'pity there is no church hall,' so we should cherish the hall we do have!

SO PLEASE COME AND ENJOY THE FAMILY FUN!

ON OFFER: Strawberries & cream, the Almac Bisley Brass Band, Morris Dancers, Pimms Bar & Hog Roast, Entertainment in the arena, Stilt Walker & Children's Entertainer, Go-Karting, Children's Funfair rides, Candy floss, Ice creams, Teas and coffee plus Crafts, Plants, Cakes and Information Stalls and 50 other side stalls.....

AND PLEASE COME AND VISIT US ON THE B.R.A. STALL AND SEE THE DISPLAY OF THE CHILDRENS' POSTERS, ENTERED IN OUR ART COMPETITION, AMONGST OTHER THINGS.

Summary of results of the Queens Road 'footpath' survey:

A query was raised at our first Forum earlier this year regarding the 'footpath' on Queens Road, which ends abruptly on the left-hand side, well before the turning to the Stafford Lake houses.

Number of respondents: 21, all of whom indicated that the 'footpath' should be extended. One respondent pointed out that technically we should refer to this as a 'footway or pavement.'

Reasons given for extending: Necessary for safety (4) e.g. 'very dangerous bend,' 'blind corners.' Traffic too fast (6) 'speed limit needs reducing.' Footpath needed for: dog walkers, pram pushers. O.A.P.s, cyclists, pedestrians, workers going to and from Brookwood Station or the National Shooting Centre.

Makes sense to extend 'on same side of the road as the houses to avoid having to cross the road twice' (1). One responded that 'it needs extending at both ends of the road for safety reasons.'

(Results referred to the Parish Council).



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Membership Application Form: New members who join Bisley Residents Association Now

are covered until the 30th September, 2007. I enclose my subscription of £

Title(s): Name(s):

Address:

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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.

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

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