



Bisley Residents Association

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Photograph taken by David Gunn on 20th December 2015, showing 'three seasons together' in our village with remembrance poppies, the Christmas tree and daffodils in bloom.

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BRA Diary Dates 2016	

- ◆ Three Newsletters p.a.
- ◆ Joint Forum / Parish Assembly, 23rd March.
- ◆ Quiz / Fish & Chip Supper, 15th April.
- ◆ Stall at Strawberry Fayre, 26th June.
- ◆ Picnic on the Village Green, 10th July; a joint event with Almac Band 'Brass on the Grass.'
- ◆ 22nd Open Forum & 11th A.G.M. on 5th October.
- ◆ 'Hi Tech' Quiz & Supper, 18th November.

B.R.A. and Bisley Parish Council warmly invite YOU . . .

To the fourth Joint Annual Parish Assembly and the B.R.A. Spring Forum on **Wednesday 23rd March 2016**, in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

The main theme of the 21st B.R.A. Open Forum will be 'Police and Neighbourhood Watch.'

There will also be an update on BRA activities and sharing views (it's an OPEN Forum!) followed on by the Annual Parish Assembly.

The Annual Parish Assembly gives local organisations the opportunity to update us on their news. Please stay and hear about what has been happening in the Village and enjoy a glass of wine and light refreshments afterwards with fellow residents, Councillors and guests.



Bisley Residents Association & Bisley Parish Council

B.R.A. Events & Activities

Community Lunch

Congratulations and thanks to Sarah and her brilliant team, for another very successful (and useful!) Community Lunch for West End and Bisley organisations on the 27th January, attended by BRA. *(Picture by Hester)*



Campaigns about speed limits in our village.

B.R.A. has been supporting Bisley Parish Council and the Surrey Heath Local Area Committee in pressing for a speed limit of 30 mph to be imposed on the A322 through Bisley and West End villages. We are awaiting the outcome.

Similarly, we have been invited to comment on the proposed changes to the speed limit in Warbury and Church Lanes. From our experience of running a Community Speed Watch in Church Lane for 18 months, we strongly agree with Bisley Parish Council that the 30 mph limited stretch of Warbury Lane/Church Lane should begin, at least, near the Church, before the first set of bollards in Warbury Lane. *Norman Holden*

LATEST NEWS FROM THE 'REVITALISING BISLEY VILLAGE HALL' PROGRAMME

You may recall from previous articles that the Trustees of Bisley Village Hall have embarked on a substantial programme of refurbishment and revitalisation. This is the latest on what has happened, what we propose to do and how you can get involved.

What has happened

Let's get the bad news out of the way first. Just before Christmas 2015 we discovered serious deterioration in the joists under part of the kitchen floor. The good news is that the rot was confined to a limited area and local authorities confirmed that the rest of the kitchen was safe to use. The even better news is that by the time you read this these problems will have been solved. We are very grateful to Councillor Adrian Page for securing funding from the Surrey County Council Members' Allocation to cover the cost of remedial work carried out in February.

What is happening

We are increasing our efforts to raise funds for the revitalisation programme. The remedial work will make the kitchen completely safe and usable. However, in the kitchen, as in the rest of the Village Hall, we want to achieve sustainable solutions that will ensure that our buildings and facilities are available, safe, secure, comfortable, adaptable and attractive - for all users and a wide range of uses - well into the future. To this end, we have already made a funding application to the Surrey Community Buildings Grant Scheme in relation to the complete refurbishment of the kitchen and we will be seeking further funding from other sources for other projects.

External funding has to be augmented by substantial funding from the Village Hall and the local community. **Fund-raising events in the next few months include:**

- ◆ **Bisley WI Bingo Afternoon** in the Village Hall at 2.15 pm, Wednesday 20th April, in aid of the Appeal Fund. All welcome.
- ◆ **The BVH Ascot Experience**, the Village Hall, 7.30 pm, Friday 6th May. Come along with your picnic and fancy hats and take part in this interactive, team-based, Race night.

- ◆ **Almac Bisley Brass Band Spring Concert** in the Village Hall on Saturday 21st May, the proceeds from which go to the revitalisation programme;
- ◆ **The annual Strawberry Fayre** on Bisley Village Green on 26th June; and
- ◆ **Teas on the Rec.** on Bisley Recreation Ground, Thursday 28th July.

You can find further details about these events; news about the revitalisation programme and information about the Hall and user groups on our website - <http://bisleyvillagehall.org/> - or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/bisleyvillagehall>

How you can get involved

We are committed to doing things that really help the community of Bisley and the users - and potential users - of our Hall. We will try to ensure that we keep everyone informed and that they have the chance to contribute.

If you would like to know more or would like to contribute ideas, resources or money please get in touch with Graham Davey at grahamdavey6@aol.com or visit our website or Facebook page.



Bisley Strawberry Fayre



Sunday 26th June 1:30pm - 5:00pm

Come and join us for a Traditional Country Fayre.

Strawberries & Cream, PIMMS Tent, Hog Roast, Children's Fun Fair, Almac Bisley Brass Band, Chobham Morris Men & much more. Over 60 stalls, including Crafts, Games and Food. Fun & entertainment for all the family
Entrance by lucky programme: Adults £1, Children Free, Website: www.bisleyvillagehall.org

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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 or web site for the agenda before meetings. **All welcome.**

Hiring of Bisley Parish Pavilion

Please contact the Clerk to the Council. The forms and terms & conditions for

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

Closure of Tringham / Butts in Bisley.

Since September 2014 Tringhams Day Centre in West End, which was running two days a week, have run an extra day in Bisley on Tuesdays. The Trustees have now decided to close down the work in Bisley due to financial difficulties. It is with great sadness that we have been advised that Tringham / Butts in Bisley will close on Tuesday 22nd March, 2016 in Bisley. Clients are welcome to attend Mondays and/or Fridays in West End. We warmly thank Ruth, the leader, and Daphne the cook, the clients, and all the

supporting team of volunteers who have made the Bisley Day Centre the happy and special place it has been.

Hester (one of the volunteers)

WebCare A.G.M

To be held on Thursday 12th May 2016 at 12.30 pm, for a 1 pm start, at West End Bowls Club, Rosewood Way. Light refreshments will be provided. The speaker will be Joan Kerr from Camberley Care Trust. *RSVP Angela Astall, 01483 480342.*

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

Bisley Village Annual Awards.

These will again be awarded by Bisley Parish Council at the Strawberry Fayre on the 26th June. Nomination forms will be delivered to homes by the end of April and available at the Post Office and from the Parish Council website. The three categories are: **Business of the Year**, **Citizen of the Year** and **Junior Citizen of the Year**.

Message to Bisley Council Tax Payers

Bisley Parish Council has carefully reviewed its budget requirement for 2016/17 and the decision to increase the tax due to the Parish Council has not been taken lightly. The 21.25% increase equates to 18p per week or £9.50 for the year for a band D property. The Parish Council is also having to use £15,000 from reserves. Primarily the increase is required to resurface the sports enclosure on the Recreation Ground but it is also needed to meet the increasing costs to maintain those parts of the village for which we are responsible, particularly the Pilgrims Way Play Space, Parish Pavilion, Millennium Clock, War Memorial, Village Green and Recreation Ground. You can be assured that every penny of the increase will be spent in maintaining and improving Bisley.

If you have any queries please contact the Clerk to Bisley Parish Council at 194 Guildford Road, telephone 01483 480172 or email clerk@bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk.

Bisley Pilgrims Way Play Space Upgrade, Feb. 2016



Play Space users may have noticed that the two swings for infants, four swings for older children; log ramp, noughts & crosses game, platforms and wooden tunnel-ends on the multi-play equipment, have all been renewed. Many thanks to Norman Fosterkew for installing the swings. There is also a new blue bin (soon to be seen throughout the village).



Bisley CofE School

The building works at our village school culminated in the Official Opening in Autumn 2015 of the new wing comprising three new classrooms and ancillary rooms, providing many more school places.

Other Changes: -There have been some changes to the school uniform. The school badge has been changed from the familiar green frog to an impressive crest (*picture from the school website*).



-Friends of Bisley School (FOBS) contributed to a new library, which opened on the 4th December 2015.

-The School Governors are advertising for a new Headteacher, as the present one, Robert Howell, will be leaving the school soon. We thank him for all that he did in his time at our village school and wish him well in his next post. *Hester Clarke*

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal- 2015

As at 24 January 2016 the Poppy Appeal in Bisley, Knaphill and West End raised a total of £17,842.92. Joyce Cadwallader wouldn't say this, but the tremendous amount raised was mainly due to her very hard work in organising the Poppy Appeal in our villages. *Norman Holden*



Editor- Joyce & Chloe both deserve our very warm thanks.

Chloe's Coffee Morning for Woking Hospice.

Former Pupil of Bisley School and Bisley Junior Citizen of the Year 2015, Chloe Boyes held a coffee morning in January to raise funds and awareness for the new Woking Hospice in Goldsworth Park.



Chloe was supported by many friends and family and raised an amazing £660.13 and a good time was had by all. Thank you to all those who attended and sent donations. Left picture shows Chloe handing over the money to Nigel Harding, Hospice C.E.O. **Well done Chloe!** (*Ruth Cliff / photos from Irene, Chloe's Mum*)



Bisley Remembers

Barry Spink 1944-2015

With great sadness we report the death of our good friend Barry Spink who died on 27th December 2015 after a courageous fight against ill-health.

Barry was born in Fambridge, Essex in 1944. Later his family moved to South London. Barry was in the Metropolitan Police for 28 years, spending much of that time on duty at the Palace of Westminster. Judy and Barry moved to Bisley in 1999. Barry was a key member of the Steering Committee that organised the Questionnaire and Open Days and produced the 'Proposed Parish Plan', which led to the formation of our present Bisley Residents' Association in 2005. We offer our sincere condolences to Judy and the family and we hope they will gain comfort from remembering that Barry was held in great affection and respect in Bisley and beyond. *Norman Holden.*

John Lucas 1939-2015

Many gathered in Bisley Church to remember John's life with love and affection. He died after a brave battle against Motor Neurone disease. Apart from a memorable and adventurous trip overland to and around Australia with two friends, John lived in Bisley all his life. He attended Shaftsbury School, followed by various jobs in engineering, frequently in the aircraft industry. On his return to Bisley from Australia, he met his future wife Mary in the Hen & Chicks, playing darts. John was a founder member of the Bisley Cricket Club, invited to join by 'The Colonel' Alan Evans. He and Mary continued to support the team long after he retired from playing. He loved the water and boats and Mary has fond memories of a trip they took together on the Rhine from Amsterdam to Basle. He and Mary were members of the Hardway Sailing Club and enjoyed sailing and fishing in the Solent.

We extend our deep sympathy to Mary and family.

I have many pleasant memories of times chatting about cricket and sailing with John & Mary in the pub. *Jim Clarke*



