

Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 37, Spring 2017

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

The Electoral Review of Surrey Heath

To the Joint Annual Parish Assembly and the B.R.A. Spring Forum on Wednesday 15th March 2017, in the Jubilee Room of the Village Hall, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

The main theme of the 23rd B.R.A. Open Forum will be "Things to get involved with in Bisley and beyond".

Local groups and organisations will make presentations and our principal guest will be The Deputy Mayor of Surrey Heath, Cllr Valerie White, accompanied by her Consort. It is a joint event with The Bisley Annual Parish Assembly.

Please come 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



The draft recommendations are out for the **final** stage of consultations – have your say!

This looks at the new electoral arrangements, i.e. new ward boundaries across Surrey Heath, and were published on the 24th January 2017. Surrey Heath Borough Council will go down from 40 to 35 Borough Councillors.

This consultation period closes on the 20th March and the final recommendations will be published on the 9th May 2017, and are then put before Parliament. These will then be effective for the next local elections, in two years time.

-Page 8 of the draft recommendations:- a map shows Bisley and West End as one combined ward (instead of two separate wards) with 3 Borough Councillors (instead of our current 2 each). This includes 'Bisley Detached.'

-Pages 9 and 10 provide a little more information on this.

WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR BISLEY??

PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY!

www.lgbce.org.uk or write.....

Also look out for the next stage of the 'proposals for the new Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries in the S.E. region of England', which will be published in Spring 2017. An initial proposal is that Bisley Ward be moved from Surrey Heath to the Woking constituency !!

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Hester Clarke



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Further information on our B.R.A events in 2017....

Quiz & Fish & Chip Supper - Friday 21st April 2017, Teams of 4 to 6, (Bring your own drinks and glasses). There will be a raffle as usual. Get your Tickets from committee members now (see page 4). They are £7.50 for B.R.A. members, £8.50 for others (but why not join now?!!) and ALL are invited.

B.R.A. Family Picnic and Almac Bisley Brass Band 'Brass on the Grass' concert on Sunday, 9th July 2017 from 3.30 p.m. on the Village Green.

24th Open Forum & 12th AGM, Wednesday 11th October 2017 .

Hi-Tech Quiz & Ploughmans Supper - Friday 24th November 2017.

Norman Holden

B.R.A. Chairman

Bisley Village Annual Awards

These will again be awarded by Bisley Parish Council at the Strawberry Fayre on Sunday 25th June.

Nomination forms for **Business of the Year** and **Citizen of the Year** will be delivered to homes by the end of April and will also be available at the Post Office and from the Parish Council office and website.

For more information about these awards please contact Bisley Parish Clerk, Jill Biden.



Almac Bisley Brass Band's Spring Concert is on 20th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall . To order tickets (£8 / £6 concessions) contact Graham Davey on 07753672778 or graham-davey6@aol.com. All Welcome.

- ◆ 15th March Joint Open Forum / Annual Parish Assembly.
- ◆ 21st April Fish/Chicken & Chips Quiz Night.
- ◆ 25th June Strawberry Fayre stall
- ◆ 9th July Family Picnic & Brass on the Grass.
- ◆ 11th October Open Forum & AGM
- ◆ 24th November Hi Tech Quiz.

Village Issues



25 Years of Strawberry Fayres in Bisley

The Strawberry Fayre Committee is busy preparing for 2017 Strawberry Fayre and this will be our 25th Anniversary.

The first 2 fayres were organised by Bisley Youth Club to raise funds for a pool table and other equipment. Members of the Youth Club ran many of the stalls with the help of Bisley Almac Brass Band and Chobham Morris Men providing the entertainment, the Ladies 8 O'clock club providing the refreshments, the W.I with their cake stall, Ralph & Joan Cheeseman providing the tractor rides around the green and Woking Young Farmers with their Duck Racing.

Since that time the event has grown much bigger and when the Youth Club leaders decided they could no longer run the event the Village Hall Management Committee were asked if they would like to take the organisation of the event on. The rest as they say is history and we continue to be extremely grateful to all our supporters.

The event raises much needed funds each year for the Village Hall which is at the heart of the community providing activities for all age groups and a venue for social events. Over the years the Strawberry Fayre has raised just under £100,000 for various projects, which can all be seen, as well as pictures of the fayre on the website www.bisleyvillagehall.org

We are proud of our Strawberry Fayre, as we have continually been told that it is one of the most loved fayres in the area. Traditional in nature but with new ideas each year we hope this will long continue. The committee works very hard and we always need lots of extra help on the day itself. We would like to thank everyone who has served on the Strawberry Fayre Committee over the last 24 years and all our many helpers.

If anyone has any ideas for additions/improvements please email us your suggestions or let one of the committee know your thoughts. Email: susan.smith983@ntlworld.com

Current Committee members : Paul & Kim Cox, Sue Smith, Barbara & Peter Rothwell, Thea & Steve Groombridge, Steve & Beth Barrett and Catherine Smith.

Sue Smith

The Strawberry Fayre will be, as usual, on the last Sunday in June. (Sunday 25th June 2017)

REVITALISING BISLEY VILLAGE HALL

UPDATE ON ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2016 AND PLANS FOR 2017 AND BEYOND

On the whole 2016 was a good year for the Village Hall. We gained a new kitchen, raised well over £8000 for future projects and agreed what we want to do (funds permitting) in 2017 and beyond.

In 2016 When our update in the June edition of this Newsletter was published we were on the point of starting work on the kitchen: filling the underfloor area with concrete and installing new flooring and high-standard kitchen units and equipment. Well, all of that was done over the summer and we have been making full use of the state-of-the-art facilities since September. The new kitchen was officially opened in November by Jim Henbest. The new kitchen was two-thirds funded by Surrey County Council and Surrey Heath Borough Council, under the Surrey Community Buildings Grants Scheme, with a third from our own funds.



We have also, with the help of Sainsbury's Local, been able to place signage on the Village Hall itself and replace the old sign on the A322, along with cutting the trees back.

We have been successful in 2016 in obtaining grants from funding organisations and schemes and we are extremely grateful both for the funding and the good advice we have had. But alongside our funding applications we have worked hard to raise our own funds. The Strawberry Fayre, which raised a whopping £7250, has always been our largest fund-raising event. Other big contributors to our funds were Teas on the Rec in July, (£875), and the Christmas Teas at the Village Hall (£482). With £1000 from County Councillor Adrian Page's Members Allocation we were able to install double glazed windows in the Committee Room and on the staircase leading to it upstairs.

In 2017 Something is spoiling the atmosphere – a nasty smell. There's a flat roof above the entrance hall and when it rains hard the water comes in and causes a smell. Fixing the problem is our mission for summer 2017. It will probably involve reconfiguring the roof and putting in new drainage system so we are now urgently trying to source funding for this.

This year we are also developing our plans for the future. We want to improve the energy efficiency of the Hall. We have already started replacing old windows and we are currently looking at an alternative heating system for the whole property; replacement windows for the Main Hall and improved insulation. Installing a new heating system is likely to be our main project for 2018.

Of course, we can only do these things if we have sufficient funds. We will be making further grant applications and organising more fund-raising events (see this newsletter for further information about some events).

Thank you! We would like to say a big thank you to the Bisley community, friends and users of the Hall for your continued support. We will continue to do our best to keep you informed and to take your views into account. 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: www.bisleyvillagehall.org or our Facebook page.**

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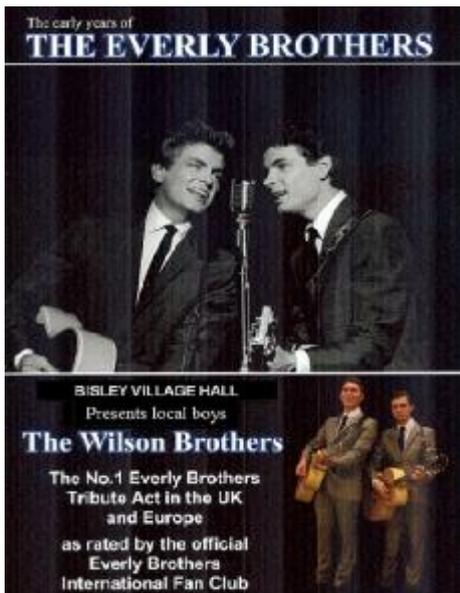
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Bisley Village Hall Fund-raising Concert

This promises to be a great night out - please come and support us in the Village Hall on **Saturday 8th April 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

Tickets on sale now — £12 each, phone 01483 487843. Bring your own drinks.

See www.bisleyvillagehall.org for the News and Mail report about this duo.



Community Café at Bisley Village Hall

We have been approached to see if Bisley Village Hall could provide a community café using the Jubilee Hall. We are going to trial this on Monday mornings from 9.30 a.m. to 12 mid-day. £1 for coffee / tea and biscuits, 50p for squash & biscuits.

The café will be open to all and will be in addition to the monthly Thursday 'Coffee in the Pavilion' run by Chris and her team. It will be open until the weekly 'Teas on the Rec' starts on 1st June.

The Community Café will be open each Monday from 20th March and be open for the first week of the school holidays Monday 3rd April. The café will then be closed for two weeks over Easter and re-open on Monday 24th April.

We hope you will be able to support this venture.
Bisley Village Hall Management Committee.

The printing and distributing of this issue of 'Your Bisley' Newsletter to residents, in full colour, was funded by Bisley Parish Council. We thank them for their support.

To our loyal readers, if you reached this point, we hope you enjoyed our newsletter with information about our village. If so perhaps you would consider joining your Residents Association which only costs a maximum of £7 per person per year. We would really appreciate having more members (currently we have less than 10% of the village) as it gives us more weight when pressing for change and improvements to our village and it would help to fund the newsletters. As a member, you would also qualify for a reduction at our events and be entered into Prize Draws in each Newsletter and at our Forums.
Ray Colvin (BRA Membership Secretary)

The BRA would like to encourage all members to renew their membership for the year 2017 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.

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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 2017, 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 tick if you require a receipt

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.