



# Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter No. 39, Autumn/Winter 2017

## Remembrance Sunday



The Service of Remembrance will be held at the War Memorial in Bisley from 10.45am on Sunday 12th November 2017.

Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

The Parish Council warmly invites everyone back to the Village Hall after the service for refreshments, to be kindly provided by the ladies of Bisley W.I., Bisley Parish Council and local sponsors.

### Please note:

Church Lane will be closed to all vehicular traffic (except for access), between the grassed triangle at the junction with School Close and the junction with the A322 Guildford Road at the Hen and Chickens roundabout, between 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of the Remembrance Day parade.



## Community Café at Bisley Village Hall

**OPEN NOW** in the Jubilee Hall

Monday mornings from 10.00 to 12 p.m.  
£1 for coffee / tea and biscuits £1 toasted tea cake-and butter

Sudokus and crosswords are available

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

The Community Cafe is open for everyone to enjoy and going from strength to strength. Now selling toasted teacakes. If you want to bring a book, magazine or newspaper with you to read, you are very welcome. We also have tickets for village events on sale and wi-fi internet access.

In Tim Price's book 'A Hundred Years Behind The Times' he tells us that when the Chapel of the Farm School and Shaftesbury School was built in 1874, it was not only large enough to accommodate the pupils & staff from both schools, but it also had a separate room in which villagers could buy a cheap cup of tea and meet friends. A lovely thought. Maybe we have gone full circle as the Chapel has been the Village Hall since 1962 and we have the Community Café on site!

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### BRA Diary Dates 2017/18

- ◆ 24th November 2017, Quiz/ Supper
- ◆ 21st March 2018 Open Forum
- ◆ 4th May, Fish/Chicken.& Chips Quiz Night.
- ◆ June Strawberry Fayre Stall
- ◆ 3 Issues of BRA Newsletter p.a.
- ◆ 10th October Open Forum & AGM
- ◆ Nov. Hi- Tech Quiz/Supper

## B.R.A Events

**Bisley Residents' Association's 24th Open Forum & 12th AGM was on 4th October 2017.** The main theme of the Forum was 'Countryside and Wildlife in Bisley' – with particular emphasis on maintaining public footpaths and 'Right of Way' paths in our community.

We had excellent guest speakers:- Katy Fielding & Leigh Thornton from Surrey Wildlife Trust, Trefor Hogg & Jerry Brownlee from Surrey Heath Tree Wardens Network and our old friend Brian Reader. Thanks to all who came and supported this event (and the A.G.M.).

This was followed by the AGM, where **these residents were elected to the B.R.A.'s Committee for 2017/18:-** Chris Bixley, Jim Clarke (Vice Chairman & Newsletter Editor), Liz Colvin (Secretary), Ray Colvin (Membership &



Webmaster), Norman Holden (Chairman), Jean Hope, Nicola Rapley, Alex Summers (Treasurer)-see photograph above.

**Next B.R.A. Event:- Hi-Tech Quiz & Ploughmans' Supper - Friday 24th November 2017 in the Village Hall. Get your tickets now from committee members ( see page 4).**

**Norman Holden - Chairman**

## Village Issues



### Teas on the Rec. 2017



The seventh year of our popular summer event finished at the end August, with the good news that £12,704.57 had been raised for a range of different charities this year. This takes the seven year total to just over £65,000.

To all those who helped set up and clear away, bake, serve refreshments, give to the raffle, sell raffle and tombola tickets, call out prize numbers, count the money, make and bring items to be sold, wash up etc, etc, **'THANK YOU.'**

Our special thanks this year to Mrs McConnell, the Headteacher of Bisley CofE Primary School and her staff and wonderful pupils who cooked cakes and came to the Pavilion to help us set up over the last weeks in such a disciplined and helpful way.

Finally - thank you to all of YOU who came and supported us, week after week, in sunshine and rain. Getting to know and help each other better is the prime reason for 'Teas on the Rec.'

*Chris Bixley*

### Coffee in the Pavilion

A real winter warmer- come and meet up with friends on the first Thursday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon for coffee, biscuits and raffle, in preparation for next summer's 'Teas on the Rec'.



### Songs of Praise

Come and sing some of your favourite hymns **on the second Tuesday of each month in Holy Trinity Church, West End. Start time 2.30 p.m.,** tea and cake from 3.15 p.m., finishes 4.00 p.m. If you wish to stay for communion there will be a short service from 4 to 4.30 p.m.

Further details if needed from: Alison Clay 01483 481249 or Pauleene Hammett, 01483 487912 (Pastoral Assistants).

*Next date: Tuesday November 14th.*



*Almac Bisley Brass Band*

Almac Bisley Brass Band's next concert, the Christmas Concert, will be at Bisley Village Hall on Saturday 9 December starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets: £8 (£6 concessions).



♪ The Band has also started tuition classes for learners and refresher classes for people who have played before and has linked up with Bisley School with a view to offering lessons there. ♪

Graham Davey: tel/text 07753672778/  
[grahamdavey6@aol.com](mailto:grahamdavey6@aol.com).

**BISLEY VILLAGE  
CHRISTMAS  
AFTERNOON TEA**

Everyone welcome!!  
1.30—4.30

**Wednesday 20th December**  
in the Village Hall.

**Tea and Cake**  
**Carols**  
**Tombola**  
Children's activities and Lucky Dip

This event is to continue raising money for  
the Village Hall Appeal Fund

Please come, have fun, meet friends,  
and  
**Help Our Hall**

Happy Christmas



## Briefly in Bisley

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

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[www.bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.bisleyparishcouncil.co.uk).

**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 and the Sports Enclosure**

Please contact the Clerk to the Council. The forms and terms & conditions for hire can be accessed on the Parish Council's website.

**The New Roundabout** was installed in the Playspace in October, in time for the half-term school holidays, by Bisley Parish Council. **Enjoy!**

### **Welcome to the new Parish Councillor.**

Following the sad vacancy that occurred on Bisley Parish Council earlier this year, notice was given, as required, by the Parish Clerk of this vacancy, via two stages. As a bye-election was not called for, applications were then invited for co-option.

Manda Price applied and after interview by Parish Councillors, we were delighted to co-opt her on to Bisley Parish Council for the remainder of this term i.e. until the local election in May 2019. We welcome Councillor Price to the Parish Council.

*Hester Clarke, Parish Councillor*

## Village Issues

### Bisley Village Hall update.

Over the summer break, the flat roof over the entrance hall and foyer had to be completely replaced. It had been leaking down through the walls of the building for many years undetected but more recently heavy rain was coming in through the ceiling of the foyer area. We fortunately were awarded £10,000 by the Big Lottery Fund which covered half of the costs. With help from the people below, our own funding and some money from 2017 Strawberry Fayre we were able to have the replacement roof and new exterior drainage installed. This has meant there is no longer a nasty smell in the entrance area and the roof should be good now for many years to come. As a consequence of the leakage of rainwater into the building we have also had to have the fire alarm system control panel replaced and the system extended to keep us all safe.

Many thanks go to Dave Grist who project managed all the Summer work and was constantly mopping up. He must have felt as if he never left the building at times.



**The Jubilee Hall has a new floor, as seen above.**

A huge thank you to Leanne Edwards School of Theatre Arts (LESTA) for their donation to pay for the new sprung floor. It looks lovely.

**Thanks to everyone who supports us and helps with all our fund-raising efforts throughout the year.**

**The 2017 Strawberry Fayre** has raised over £6,500 towards the new roof and the leaded windows we hope to replace with double glazed units that fit the original existing design.

This brings the total raised by Strawberry Fayres over its 25 years to over £100,000.

For more information about the hall and events see the website: [www.bisleyvillagehall.org](http://www.bisleyvillagehall.org)



### History of the Chapel (Bisley Village Hall)

**Can you help us ?** We are busy doing research about the Chapel of the Shaftesbury & Farm Schools.

We are applying for funding to replace the windows of the chancel with double glazed leaded windows in the original stone arched frames that can be seen in the picture. This will make the Main Hall much more energy efficient for many years to come and also improve the aesthetics of the building as you enter the car park.

We are also interested in any photos of Bisley Village Hall before the more recent addition of the Jubilee Hall, also Photos of any events held at the Village Hall over the years.

For the 50th Anniversary of Bisley Village Hall we were very grateful for pictures and videos of weddings (including the very first wedding at the hall) and photos of the opening show. We would be really interested in any other photos of the Chapel or Village Hall, past and present.

*(Sue Smith) Bisley Village Hall Management Committee*

**Reminder of the date for this upcoming event for ticket holders.**

*Thanks to AB Hire for donating tables for this event.*

**Everly Brothers Tribute Event**  
with some "Rock and Roll"

**BISLEY VILLAGE HALL**  
**Saturday 18th November 2017**  
**7.30 for 8 p.m. start**  
Bring your own drinks

**TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT ARE ALL SOLD OUT**  
**Raising funds for Bisley Village Hall Roof Fund**  
Charity No. 304978

See the video for their national tour starting April 2018  
Where tickets are available [www.walkrightback.com](http://www.walkrightback.com)

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Our thanks to Richard Devonshire for delivering the previous 38 issues to Bisley Households since 2005. Best wishes for your retirement Richard.

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**Bisley Residents Association Committee for 2016/17**

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**Membership Secretary:** Ray Colvin ([membership@bisleyresidents.org.uk](mailto:membership@bisleyresidents.org.uk)) and webmaster.  
**Committee members:** Chris Bixley, Jean Hope and Nicola Rapley.

**1st Bisley Scouts**

***Bonfire and Fireworks***

**Saturday 4th 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 minimum donation of £3 per  
adult, £2 per child or £10 per family.**

**No Sparklers Please.**

***With thanks to Sainsbury's Local, Kingswood  
Pallets and Jewell Windows for their support in  
holding this event.***

**Andrew Scott (Reg. Charity 267694)**

**The Bisley Scout Group**

This continues to be well subscribed for all 3 sections - Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts. This summer, our Monday Akela (Joyce Westcott) retired after 40 years dedicated service to Scouting. Joyce will be known to you, not only as Akela, but for her work in The Post Office Stores, Londis, and latterly the Sainsbury's Local, managing admirably with each change of ownership. Once again this year we are holding our main fundraising event - The Bonfire and Fireworks on the village green on Saturday 4th November at 6:30pm. We thank Jewel Windows, Sainsbury's Local and Kingswood Pallets, and to parents of current and former Group Members for their help in holding this event.

The success of the event is naturally very weather dependent. We thank you in advance for supporting the Scout Group again this year by attending the event.

**Andrew Scott**

**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.**



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 2017/18 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. **Mrs. J. Flannery won the recent Forum draw.**

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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 2018, 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](mailto:membership@bisleyresidents.org.uk)  
**Please make cheques payable to Bisley Residents Association.**