

Bisley Residents Association

'Your Bisley' Newsletter Issue 8 Autumn 2007

BRA's Second AGM

The Chairman, Norman Holden, welcomed members and visitors to the second Annual General Meeting of the Association, held on September 5th in the Jubilee Room. The meeting was quite well attended, but sadly, no nominations were put forward to provide some "new blood" for the Committee.

However, the present committee members were willing to stand again and were elected unanimously. Norman Holden continues as Chairman, Jim Clarke as Vice-Chairman, Susie Atkinson as Secretary, Angela Hollinshead as Treasurer and Jonathan Atkinson as Membership Secretary.

The committee thank members for electing them to run the Association for a further year and they wish to assure you that they will do their best to serve the residents of the village well.

The Chairman reviewed the second year of the Association in his report, and members were reminded that we have had a busy year with two themed Open Forums on issues affecting the village, ('Highways and Transport' held in January and 'Sport and Leisure' in July). We ran a stall at the Strawberry Fayre and attended Hearings, Passenger Transport Forums and Parish Council Meetings.

The Chairman thanked Bisley Parish Council, who had recently voted to grant the Association the sum of £200 to assist with the production and distribution of the Newsletter to households in Bisley.

The one-off funding received from the Surrey Heath Local Com-

mittee last October, which covered the printing costs of four issues, has now come to an end. The Association covered the distribution costs.

We had two entertaining guest speakers at the AGM, Barry Woodhead related humorous tales of his eight years as Chairman of Bisley Parish Council, and Borough Councillor Stewart Stevenson recalled highlights of his Mayoral year.

Sarah Johnson from the Verdant Group gave an update on the Green Waste Club, which is a joint venture with Surrey Heath Borough Council.

With thanks to all who supported us over the past year.

Sport & Leisure Forum

The Jubilee Room at Bisley Village Hall was buzzing on the evening of 4th July 2007 when Bisley people were able to meet and chat with representatives of 25 sports, leisure and hobby groups. Everything from Archery to Yoga, from Football to Scouting was on display and attracting a lot of attention. We were delighted to welcome The Mayor of Surrey Heath, Councillor Mrs Patricia Pearce and her Consort, Professor Robert Pearce, as well as our County Councillor Lavinia Sealy, Borough Councillors Stewart Stevenson and Wynne Price and the Chairman of Bisley Parish Council, Councillor John Tilbury – plus a welcome crowd of Bisley folk of all ages.

The two main objectives of the Forum were, firstly, to show Bisley people how many and varied are the opportunities for sport, leisure activities, hobbies and participation in community groups in the village – and, secondly, to give all these clubs and groups a chance to attract more members – and hopefully, more helpers.

Thank you to all who supported this event.



The Mayor of Surrey Heath, Councillor Mrs Patricia Pearce, her Consort Professor Robert Pearce and BRA Chairman Norman Holden.

Happy 40th Birthday!

This September our village school celebrates 40 years of being located on its present site - previously the school occupied the old Victorian building on the Guildford Road, which is now used by the Youth Club. As September is such a busy time with welcoming our youngest new pupils to school, we decided to hold a premature birthday party in July.

We had a special birthday assembly in the school hall in the morning, where we lit the candles on the cake and sang our birthday song, and enjoyed a huge birthday party in the afternoon.

Past pupils and people associated with the school were invited to come and see how much the buildings have changed since they last visited us, and many brought photos with them which our children loved looking at. The one thing that hasn't changed in all these years is the warm, welcoming atmosphere!

Jo Hastings, Head of Bisley School



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BRA Diary Dates 2007/08

Newsletter: 3-4 issues p.a.
Themed Forums: 1-2 in 2008
Stall at the Strawberry Fayre
Next A.G.M.: Wednesday 3rd September 2008

BRA at the Strawberry Fayre

The Association's stand at the June 2007 Strawberry Fayre attracted a steady stream of visitors all through the day, despite the dull weather and frequent showers. The Bisley Treasure Hunt we ran was as popular as ever and raised £36.85 for the Village Hall funds.

Our Chairman's 'Know your Bisley' Quiz was *slightly* below Mastermind standards, but was enthusiastically



cally contested by many visitors to the stand – and this resulted in £50 being raised. The winner of the Quiz was D. Whiteley of Cobbetts Walk, henceforth to be known as "Brain of Bisley"! **Thank you for all the support received.**

A highlight of the Association's stand at the Fayre was a display by Mike Potter, Area Co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch for six villages in Surrey Heath, including Bisley.

There are now nine active Watches in Bisley, but it would be of great benefit to the village if there were more! **Contact Norman Holden, see p4 for details.**

Congratulations to the Strawberry Fayre Committee and their supporters for all their hard work in raising £4,000 for the Village Hall funds, in spite of the uncertain weather.

SURREY TRADING STANDARDS AND SURREY POLICE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT

TRICKSTER



the musical

www.trickster-musical.co.uk

A cast of three professional actors present this musical and energetic live story-telling event. George is an elderly gentleman who has become the victim of a distraction burglary.

Wednesday 7 November at 2.15
Old Woking Community Centre,
Sunbridge Road,
Old Woking,
Woking,
Surrey

Thursday 8 November at 10.30
Binscombe Church,
10 Loseley Road,
Godalming,
Surrey

FREE ENTRY

Refreshments and Free Entry
into Prize Draw

Thursday 8 November at 2.15
Mychett Community Centre,
140 Mychett Road,
Mychett,
Camberley Surrey

FOR FREE TICKETS OR ENQUIRIES PLEASE PHONE: 01372 371637
Transport is available on request



Briefly in Bisley

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btinternet.com. Chairman:
Councillor John Tilbury.
Council meetings are open to the public and usually held at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays and August) in the Jubilee Room. See notice boards for agenda before the meetings.

Police Surgery:
P.C.S.O. (Police Community Support Officer) Maria Budd now holds this **on the first Tuesday of each month** between 6-7pm at the Youth Centre (194 Guildford Rd). Come and discuss any law

and order concerns you may have. A Parish Councillor may also attend.

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 W.I. (Womens Institute) hold their monthly meetings on the **SECOND** Wednesday of the month, with craft afternoons on the **FOURTH** Wednesday, at 2pm in Bisley Village Hall. New members and visitors welcome; call Judy on 01483 481296.

Apologies from the Editor for incorrect Wednesdays given in previous issue!

Mayor of the Borough of Surrey Heath Charity Appeal:

Fortnightly Charity Quiz nights continue on alternate Tuesdays at 8.30 pm in the Officers Social Club, Mainstone Road, Bisley.

The Butts Bisley Centre (for near-to or retired residents), invites you to their Open Day on Tuesday 16th October 2007, from 11am to 2pm in the Jubilee Room. Come & find out about joining us.....

The Friends of Bisley School invite you to a Car Boot Sale. The event will be held at the School on Saturday 22/9/2007 from 10am-1pm. £5 per car / £1 p.p. entrance.

Refreshments available.
Please give your support- Phone 01483 487443 to book YOUR pitch!

'Transform'- the joint churches' prayer group meets monthly, usually in Bisley Jubilee Room, on the 4th Monday, from 7.30-9pm. Do come and join us!

WebCare (West End and Bisley Care and Good Neighbour Group)
Please phone 07713 915393

Monday to Friday 10 am to 12 noon, to speak to our 'Duty Officer' and ask

for or offer help.

Email address:

webcare@btinternet.com



Village Issues

Local Post Office still under threat of closure.

A decision about whether or not our local Post Office will be selected for closure has not yet been made. The fate of post offices in the GU postal areas will be decided in November 2007.

Until then, it is business as usual— please support Bisley Post Office Stores.

As Janet Iveson (the Bisley P.O.Stores co-owner) pointed out in the Chobham News & Mail 16/8/2007 issue- 'It would be a huge loss because the post office acts as a centre point for the village and brings the community together. If it were lost the village spirit would die.'

Fox Garage Development—Hearing Postponed.

The Hearing by the Planning Inspectorate, to consider the appeal against Surrey Heath Borough Council's refusal of the planning application to build 22 dwellings on the site of the Fox Garage on Guildford Road Bisley, was convened on the 24th of July at the Council's Camberley headquarters.

BRA Chairman Norman Holden attended this meeting. The Applicant requested an adjournment of the Hearing, stating that they wished to bring forward more information arising from discussions with other bodies. Representatives of SHBC agreed to the postponement and the Inspector reconvened the Hearing for 6th November 2007.

Update on the Queens Road 'Footpath'

In the BRA Spring Newsletter survey last year, residents were invited to give their views on the problem of pedestrian safety along Queens Road. The respondents were emphatic in their views that Queens Road was dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists, particularly along the sections that have no footways (pavements) and exacerbated by speeding.

The results were referred to the Parish Council by our previous Chairperson Hester Clarke. Following a written presentation to Surrey County Council, their representative Mr. Ian Haller met our current Chairman Norman Holden (and former Parish Clerk Sylvia Stevens, who had originally raised this issue at a BRA Forum) in Bisley to discuss this problem.

Mr. Haller gave us a clear picture of SCC's position, especially its

ability to meet villagers' needs in this way. He pointed out that budget constraints usually play a big role – and in the case of Queens Road, negotiations would be needed with the Ministry of Defence and some property owners.

He was optimistic about being able to take some action. In the short term he will try to arrange for verges to be cleared and bushes cut back on the stretches of Queens Road where there is no 'footpath'.



Would you feel safe walking or cycling along this road?

Neighbourhood Watch Tips



Excerpts from the Autumn 2007 issue of **Heathwatch**-the quarterly Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter from Surrey Heath:-

From page 3: Did you know that in the last 6 months, 18 burglaries have involved the theft of car keys??

From page 2: Letterbox burglaries- Implements, including fishing rods and bamboo canes have been pushed through letterboxes to access keys left on view and in close proximity to the letterbox. Subsequently cars to which the keys belong have been stolen from the driveway.

Robin Wood ,Crime Reduction Advisor, suggests the following to prevent this

type of theft:--Keep all keys away from the front door and hallway. Hide them in a none too obvious place.

- Install a deflector on the inside to cover the letterbox. This allows post to be delivered but deflects other objects downwards.
- Keep vehicles in garages or out of sight.
- Ensure all house doors and windows are secured.
- Install outside lighting to the front and rear of the premises.

Also on page 2: from 'PC Palmer's Pocketbook':-Did you know that some thieves who steal satellite navigation consoles have used them to burgle homes too?! They use details stored in them to find the owner's address, SO —do not save on it details of your home address, post code or other (useful) information.

New Parish Councillor co-opted for Bisley (and new N.H. Watch started)

Mick Raynor of South Road began work as a co-opted Parish Councillor in September (in place of Jocelyn Iveson). He is a Community Warden for Spelthorne Borough Council. This summer Mick instigated the setting up of the latest N. H. Watch Scheme in Bisley, which at present covers 70% of the households in South and Mainstone Roads, and is their Watch Co-ordinator. The new Watch was set up after Mick contacted the BRA to express interest and was referred to Mike Potter, the N.H.W. Co-ordinator for Bisley. Mick and his neighbours then met with Mike and P.C. Ed. Griffiths to launch the new Watch.

More watches needed please!

Congratulations on 40 years of Guiding

During 2007 Bisley Guides and 2nd Bisley Brownies have been celebrating 40 years of Guiding. Bisley has a thriving District and long may we continue. Maralyn Mellor started the Guides in Bisley. Before that they had to go to Knaphill. Jill Burns started the 2nd Bisley Brownies at the same time. We have had a great year so far and hope to finish with a super Gang show in November.

If there is anyone out there who would like to join us, we are always looking for adult help.

Rita Steadman,
District Commissioner

Bisley Residents Association Committee Contacts.

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Bisley C. of E. Primary School Travel Policy 2007

This is the outcome of a meeting held on the 11th June 2007 between the School governors, parents, staff and local residents, where a draft policy document was considered. 50 written responses were also taken into account. The updated Travel Policy was then adopted at the full Governing Body meeting on the 4th July and then distributed to school parents and local residents.

Introduction:

This policy is designed to lay down our 'best practise' guidelines when dropping off and collecting our children from school. It is our intention to formalise existing arrangements, so that we all work together to ensure that our children are not at risk from accident or injury and that we are considerate to our neighbours.

We would like to encourage everyone, where possible, to leave the car at home and make your way to school on foot. This has the benefits of being environmentally friendly, cuts down on local traffic and also gives the children some exercise and fresh air, which will help with their concentration at school.

Statement:

It is the Governors' aim that the

children be dropped off and collected from school in a way that will be safe, courteous to other drivers and considerate of the school's neighbours.

Guidelines:

We would like to implement a one-way system to be followed by all members of the school community and also local residents from 8.30am-9.00am and from 2.45pm-3.15pm (This is a voluntary arrangement, not a legal arrangement) as follows:-

1. To approach the school between the above times the one-way system is from **Elm Grove** turning right into **Hawthorn Way**, turning right into **Pilgrims Way**, turning right into Elm Grove. Please see the map.

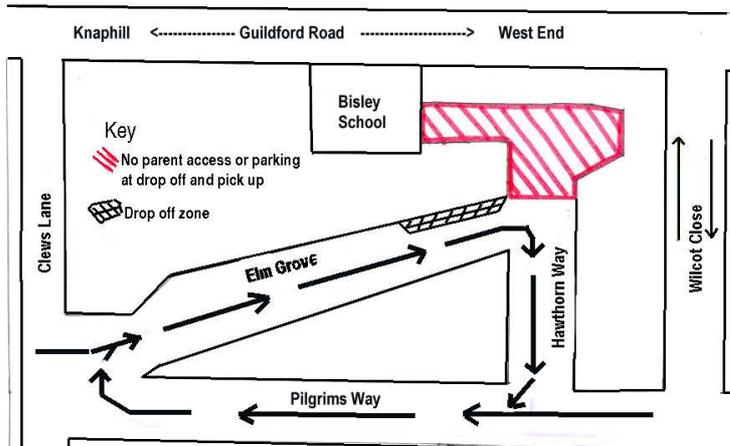
2. There should be no parent parking or entering left into **Hawthorn Way** (the cul-de-sac area from the top of **Elm Grove** up to the school gates). This is vital for the safety of the children and to

ensure that emergency vehicles can access the school.

3. When parking please do so according to the Highway Code. Please do not obstruct neighbour's drives, park on grass verges or round road junctions. When parking in Elm Grove please park on the school side of the road.

4. Please drive with care around the one way system with a **voluntary 20mph** instead of the **legal 30mph** speed limit.

5. By leaving 2-3 spaces at the top of Elm Grove would give parents an opportunity to drop off their children without the parents having to get out of the car.



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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 for the year ending 30th September 2008, for which I enclose my subscription of £..... Date:

Title(s): Name(s): Email:

Address: Telephone No:

Annual Subscription: Individual £7.00 , Student / Senior Citizen £5.00 , Couple / Family* £12.00 (please tick box)

Method of Payment Cash Cheque (*please state number in family and ages of children/.....)

Please send to: Jon Atkinson, Membership Secretary, 8 Mainstone Rd., Bisley, GU24 9EU or see website for form or email membership@bisleyresidents.org.uk **Please make cheques payable to Bisley Residents Association.**

✂..... Tear-off receipt

Bisley Residents Association Membership Receipt 2007 / 2008 Received with thanks.

Name(s) £ Date