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Bisterne News



BISTERNE JUBILEE

STREET PARTY

AND BARN DANCE

Sunday 5th June from 1pm

To celebrate The Platinum Jubilee of HRH Queen Elizabeth
We would like to warmly invite you to join us for a street party

We will provide the tables and chairs

Bring Your Own food and drinks to share

We will be holding a Cake Competition so please bring along your finest Jubilee themed cakes—winner gets a rosette.

In order to gauge numbers please would you visit

Our new Bisterne Village Hall website
where you can book free tickets.

Following the street party, we will be moving into the barn
at Kingston Farm for a barn dance.

We look forward to seeing you all

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Dates for your diaries:

14/05 sfht Virtual Silent Auction

28/05 NGS Bisterne Manor

28/05 YFC Steam Rally

05/06 Jubilee Street Party and Barn Dance

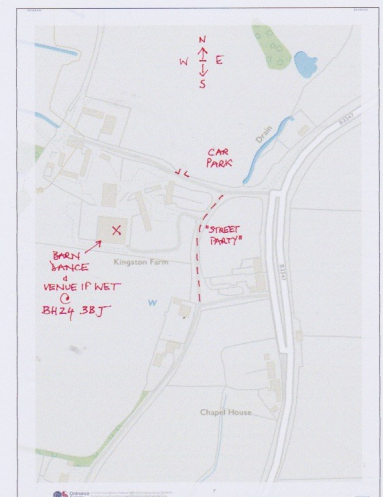
12/06 Open Farm Sunday

30/07 sfht Jubilee Summer Fayre

31/07 closing date for Scarecrow entry

14/08 Scarecrows out on display

29/08 Last day for Scarecrows out on display



Map of the street party location

2022 Scarecrow Festival

We are hoping for a big turn out of Scarecrows this year so please get your thinking caps on for an entry. There is no theme or rules on what you can or can not do – they just must be displayed in the Bisterne catchment area so anyone can participate.

Please contact us if you need to find somewhere to put one if you do not want it outside your property, we would be so grateful for many people to get involved as this is a far and wide loved event. We have had so many lovely years of doing this competition and festival and people now travel for miles to come and see us with quite a few even building it into their holiday plans when holidaying in the local area!

We even have a Youtube video from 13 years ago! See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=leeKBIGqoYo> to see former Village Hall committee member, Norman Light being interviewed about the festival.

There are 1st, 2nd and 3rd awards in three classes and a champion scarecrow prize who also gets awarded the Jocelyn Gratwick memorial cup.

If you would be interested in sponsoring the competition either as the main sponsor for the prizes, the rosettes or the map printing then please get in touch with Tina Haughton 07795 468261.

Once the festival has ended, the scarecrows will be strapped on to a trailer for their day out at Ringwood Carnival in September, everyone always loves to see the scarecrows leave Bisterne and do their annual ride around town.

The Scarecrow festival is one of the main events the Village Hall run each year to help raise much needed funds that get reinvested into the maintenance and upkeep of our Village Hall.

We hope that many of you will continue to support this wonderful festival that brings joy to so many.

Please see more information on the entry form

Bisterne Village Hall

The hall has undergone some maintenance and decoration and is open and available for parties, clubs or events.

- * The hall is a registered charity, (Charity No. 301747)
- * The hall is licensed by New Forest District Council
- * Licence for 100 persons.

Please get in touch if you wish to hire the hall
Booking Enquiries: Gayle on 07869 284727

General Enquiries: E Mail -
admin@bisternevillagehall.org

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Bisterne Manor

Bisterne,
Ringwood,
BH24 3BN

With the
RINGWOOD &
BURLEY BAND

Saturday 28 May
1 - 5pm

Adults £5 Children free

Two spectacular gardens in one visit,
Bisterne Manor & Stable Family Home Trust.



More information at ngs.org.uk



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2 great events for your diary at The Stable Family Home Trust Charity this Summer....

Virtual Charity Silent Auction, Saturday 14th May 2022, 7-8.30pm

The Stable Family Home Trust supports people with learning disabilities to lead more independent lives in the community. They are hosting a Silent Auction on Saturday 14th May 2022 from 7pm-8.30pm which will be streamed live on their Facebook page. The auction site is open from 6th May so you can bid early if you cannot make the live event then sit back and relax!

There are some amazing prizes up for grabs at great prices; 2 weeks holiday accommodation in sunny Spain 2023, luxury penthouse apartment in Falmouth or a staycation in St Ives, Cornwall; bottomless champagne afternoon tea at The Rubens in London, family overnight stay experience at London Zoo, limitless 1 year Odeon cinema passes for 2 people plus loads more..... Just go to www.sfht.org.uk/silentauctionbid to see what's on offer and raise money for a fabulous cause.

Jubilee Summer Fayre, Saturday 30th July 2022, 1-5pm

After 3 years of not being able to hold their flagship event, SFHT will be hosting a Jubilee Summer Fayre in the beautiful grounds of the Stable Family Home Trust, Bisterne, nr Ringwood. Come along for an afternoon of fun for all the family with plenty of stalls and entertainment throughout the day. From artisan crafts, handmade pottery, woodwork items, vintage attractions, dog show, cream teas, BBQ and refreshments there is something for everyone. Plus live music from King of Swing 'Paul Walker' and SFHT performances throughout the day.

Funds raised from these events will go towards supporting adults with learning disabilities in the community.

Thoughts from Ringwood Benefice—Times and places

I wonder whether there are particular places that are special to you? Places can have important emotional connections for us, and often a particular church can have a special connection for a family, perhaps it is a place where you were married, or where your family has worshipped and served.

I have recently been on a tour of the Holy Land, visiting different historical and religious sites in Jordan and Israel. While I enjoyed visiting these two countries, there were some places that held more connection for me, where I could imagine Jesus living and working. In some ways, I was struck by how these sites differed from my image of how they might be when Jesus would have been there. Clearly there has been quite a lot of change in 2000 years, so in many ways that seems obvious, but some sites had a different connection, and felt special either because they had been preserved or because their natural features were still the same. For example, it was easier to imagine Jesus being baptised in the Jordan River or walking along the edge of the Sea of Galilee teaching his disciples.

One of the churches we visited in Jerusalem was St Peter in Gallicantu. This church had been built on what was believed to be Caiaphas's house, where Jesus was questioned and imprisoned overnight, and where Peter three times denied knowing Jesus. The church was outside of the old town and had an amazing view of Jerusalem. Being in the place where Jesus suffered, where he was beaten and rejected, helped me connect with him and to others who are suffering.

During times when we are suffering, the question that is often asked is, 'Where is God in this suffering?' At the present time we see great suffering in Ukraine, as cities are bombed, families divided and people are killed, and we cry out for God for peace in Ukraine. You may yourself be suffering with illness or bereavement or through other circumstances. As we look at Jesus, we know that He understands our suffering, he journeys with us and is present in our suffering. We can cry out to him as he did to the Father. Archbishop Stephen Cottrell has said that when he is asked the questions where is God in our suffering, he points to the cross, saying that is where Jesus is, he carries our suffering.

Isaiah the prophet, speaks about Jesus in Isaiah 53. 'He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.'

As Christians, we believe that God sent his son to reveal his love to us. Jesus is with us in our sadness, suffering and grief. He bore the weight of our pain and sin on the cross, so that we could know God's forgiveness and love. God is with us, as he has promised in our joys and in our sadness. If you feel alone in your suffering, look to Jesus at the cross, talk to him in prayer, he walks with you, you are never alone.

Deadline for the December issue**18th November 2022.**

We are always looking for people to contribute to this newsletter so if you have any announcements, a Bisterne business to advertise or interesting articles that you would like to add then please get in touch

Any contributions to:

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The Hall is available for private parties, clubs, meetings and organized functions. It has an entertainment license for 100 people and is the ideal venue for a number of events at a reasonable price. For viewing and booking, please telephone 07869284727

Ringwood and Bisterne welcome Ukrainians

The war in Ukraine seems to have dominated the world's headlines since the end of February – and so it should. The plight of those poor innocent people, minding their own business and getting on with their daily lives, just like the rest of us, only to be invaded and torn apart by a country intent on grabbing what they think should be theirs, is repugnant. Has nothing been learnt from the two world wars lived through by our parents, grandparents and great grandparents?

Ringwood is one of the most pro-active towns in the whole of Hampshire to take in Ukrainian families and there are about 30 families coming into the area. It has been encouraging and uplifting to be part of the group, led by the All Churches Group, Town Council, schools and food bank who are offering their time and resources to help these poor refugees. Bisterne is hoping to play its part in receiving a family, so feel much heartened to be part of this warm spirited team, along with the other host families, who are all supporting each other. I'm sure when they arrive, we too will need that support from Bisterne and Ringwood friends, as we get to know them and vice versa, and they get used to their new life far from home, in a foreign country. Lady Mills, Hallam's grandmother, hosted evacuee children from bombed Southampton during the last war so the story continues in another form.

On that note, if anyone has any toys/games/bicycles etc. appropriate for a 7-8 year old girl, that they no longer need and wouldn't mind giving us, we would be most grateful. We have been given a lot of clothing but can always take more, of the quality and condition you would dress your own children in please, to make her feel good and less of a refugee. Just send me a message and I will pick up whatever you can kindly offer.

We hope that by early June Yevheniia and Diana will have recovered enough to come and join in the Jubilee Street Party at Kingston on the 5th June to which we're hoping as many of you as possible will come. Please sign up if you are intending to come so we can provide enough chairs for everyone. It is a great opportunity for everyone, particularly tenants on the Bisterne Estate, to meet and get to know each other. We all lead such separate lives owing to our rural surroundings, so gatherings such as this are a vital way to make everyone feel part of the community. The Barn Dance following the lunch should be great fun too. We really look forward to seeing you there.

Yevheniia and Diana come from Kharkiv, and have had a bad time. Their home has been destroyed and parents and other family members have been left behind. They don't speak English but we are hoping Diana (7) will be able to go to school and in time Yevheniia might be able to get a job in a hospital. She is a trained dermatologist.

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