



Bisterne Newsletter

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Dates for your diaries:

BINGO NIGHT

21 April

SHFT DRAGON BOAT RACE

5 May

BARN DANCE

23 June

BISTERNE SCARECROW FESTIVAL

12 August

Spring is upon us ...

and so are the litterbugs! With plastic in the headlines, it is appalling to find so much of it on our road sides which won't biodegrade or be recycled if just left.

Beer cans, spirit bottles, coffee cups, straws, burger bags, chip cartons, crisp packets, sandwich packs, sweet wrappers, cigarette packets, wipes, sheets of polystyrene, car parts ... you name it, we've got it.



In Cornwall there are campaigns running to collect rubbish on the beaches which has hit

the headlines. If as many people as

possible followed a similar campaign wherever they live, think how much nicer the countryside would look.

May I prey upon your consciences to pick up what you can from round and about where you live. Do it safely in broad daylight and wear a hi-vis jacket for your own safety but also to show the great British public who drive past and see you that we care about our environment.

A few years ago Bisterne won the best village in Hampshire competition. Let's be proud of where we live and keep it looking its best.

Thank you in anticipation for your help.

Lal Mills

Family Bingo Night

Bisterne Village Hall

21st April

7:30 pm



£2.50 on the door

Bring your own food and drink

Latest news from AV YFC

The Avon Valley Young Farmers have had a busy and social winter, starting with the South Avon & Stour Agricultural Society Ladies Night, followed by a brilliant Christmas meal at the Queen's Head, Burley, Christmas Wreath Making, guest speakers from BASC and a local charcoal maker, golf, scrapbooking, pheasant plucking and pancake making.



They are also planning a charity quiz to be held very soon, in memory of Jo Hordle and in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust. Date is still to be confirmed so please keep an eye on the Facebook page—Avon Valley YFC.

The spring programme will have some great highlights as well with a Farm Skills day, Badminton, a guest from the Countryside Education Trust and the New Forest Tractor Club.

In March they will be lending a hand (or rather a paintbrush) to the village hall committee to help spruce the place up and that month also sees the return of the YF Darts with matches being played throughout Hampshire.

The club always welcomes new members so if you are aged 10 and 26, love rural life and want to get involved in something new then Young Farmers is for you!

NEW TO BISTERNE VILLAGE HALL

Two new exercise classes are coming to Bisterne.

DDMIX

Starting Tuesday 6th March

Diverse Dance Mix

Created by Darcey Bussell and Nathan Clarke

A full body workout based on different dance styles and eras from around the world

Tuesday evenings 6.30 - 7.30pm

First session half price at £3 - future sessions £6

Contact Natalie Kirk

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Boogie Bounce Xtreme

Starting Tuesday 20th March

Boogie Bounce

A full body workout on mini trampolines with a safety bar, choreographed to chart topping inspiring music. Burn up to 800 calories per class

Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.30am

10.45 - 11.45am

Thursdays 6.30 - 7.30pm

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Stable Home Family Trust

SIGN UP FOR SFHT DRAGON BOAT CHARITY CHALLENGE 2018



On Saturday 5th May The Stable Family Home Trust based at Bisterne, near Ringwood, is taking part in the Poole Park Dragon Boat Charity Challenge.

We need lots of teams to sign up and raise funds for the people that we support with a learning disability to enable them learn new skills that give them the opportunity to lead more independent lifestyles and perhaps find employment.

This is a really fun event and a great team building opportunity. No experience necessary and all equipment, instruction and safety training provided on the day.

Just get your team together - 16 paddlers and 1 drummer for each boat - and go to our website to register your team and set up your fundraising page - <http://sfht.org.uk/dragon>

For more information about this event please contact:

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Simmel cake cupcakes

about 450g/1lb marzipan
275g/9¾oz caster sugar
150ml/5fl oz sunflower oil
50g/1¾oz honey
1 tsp vanilla extract
75g/2½oz full-fat cream cheese
4 medium free-range eggs
150g/5½oz currants and 75g/2½oz raisins
200g/7oz plain flour
2 tsp baking powder
2 tsp mixed spice
icing sugar, for rolling and edible gold balls, to decorate

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4 and put 12 paper muffin cases in a muffin tray

Roll the marzipan out to about 3mm/¼in thick, cut two sets of discs, 12 of each: one measuring about 5cm/2in in diameter and the other about 6cm/2½in. Stack these on a plate while you make the cake mixture.

In a bowl beat the sugar, oil, honey, vanilla and cream cheese until smooth, then beat in the eggs until mixed. Stir in the currants and raisins, then sift in the flour, baking powder and mixed spice and stir well.

Spoon about 1-2cm/½-¾in of cake mixture into each muffin case, lay one of the small marzipan disks on it and press it down gently to remove any air pockets, then spoon more of the mixture on top until ¾ full.

Bake for about 25-30 minutes, or until a skewer poked in comes out almost clean.

Take out of the oven and place a disc of marzipan on each, very gently press it down; the heat from the cupcake will soften the marzipan and seal it on. Then press eleven gold balls around the edge of the marzipan on each cake and



Quizical Evening

Back in December the Young Farmers arranged another one of their famous Quiz evenings. The hall was once again full of teams of people all munching on their nibbles and drinks that they had all taken with them. A lot of work had gone into putting the quiz together with various rounds in the quiz including a picture round of road signs! Harry Button (Chairman of YFC) was the compare for the evening and kept everything in order. There was a huge raffle with lots of prizes. Thanks to all that put the evening together and we look forward to the next one.

Tina Haughton

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE

18TH MAY. ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

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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 EMAIL ON BISTERNEWS@AOL.CO.UK OR CONTACT JULIA BREWER OR ANY OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Bisterne Village Hall Charity No 301747

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 01425 476703

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

Bisterne Village Hall Committee consists of a small group of people that 'look after' the Village Hall.

Throughout the year we organise a few local events to raise money to keep the Village Hall well maintained and in good condition and to also purchase new things to improve the facilities on offer. The events mainly consists of the Barn Dance in June, the Scarecrow Festival in August and the Bonfire in November.

We also like to keep the area in Bisterne looking clean so we do a Litter Pick in the Spring to clear the roadsides of dumped

rubbish and obviously there are always various maintenance jobs to keep on top of at the Village Hall and surrounding area.

We are always looking for more people to come and join us on the committee and share some of the fun we have. We meet for committee meetings every other month on a Wednesday night, the meetings usually last about one and a half hours and there is always Tea and Cake involved!

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Steve (Our Chairman) on 07525 688276 or by email :

admin@bisternevillagehall.org.



WILD ENTERTAINMENT

Dec / January

A Tree Creeper and a pair of Goldcrests were among our usual daily bird regulars, they have been visitors before but seem now to be here to stay.

On nice sunny days our bird bath was a mass of wings showing like transparent lace in the sun, I even watched a Jenny Wren bathing in a flower pot tray full of rain water, I had never seen a Wren in the water before.

Jan 31st R S P B bird count day, very low count on previous years but I think because it was mild that day they were not too bothered about the food station and were doing some hunting themselves

- 1 each Nuthatch. collared dove.
- 2 each Greenfinch. Jenny Wren. Goldcrest. Great spotted Woodpecker.
- 3 each Chaffinch. Coal Tit. Great Tit. Robin. Starling.
- 4 each Blackbird. Dunnock.
- 5 Goldfinch.
- 9 Long Tail Tits.
- 13 House Sparrows.
- 15 Blue Tit

Feb 18th A pair of Siskins arrived along with several Greenfinches and 9 Goldfinches.

During February a flock of 50- 60 Linnets and Chaffinches have been in the field just over our garden hedge feeding on a patch of weeded ground and are frequently in the oak tree of the outback garden.

Three Jenny Wrens have amazed us by roosting every night in a channel of metal in our garage roof, sheltered they may be, and huddled together tightly as they do so I guess they manage to keep warm and dry, but it doesn't look very cosy!

End of February and comes ' the freeze ', hungry birds everywhere, I could certainly not keep up with a bird count at the moment.



I, like many others, have flowers in bloom too early and they are going to catch a cold! I even have tulips in bloom in the open garden.

Eileen Gowen