

Your October 2023 BHRA Newsletter

HELLO from your Residents Association! With Christmas just around the corner and the year drawing to a close, we are as busy as ever, planning lots of exciting new events for Biggin Hill in 2024. Stay tuned to our social media for news of our next quiz night, our St Patricks day celebrations and the return of our Easter Egg hunt for all the family!

The redesign of our website continues, and we hope you will enjoy following the progress as we aim to make it easier for our residents to join the association and to engage with all things Biggin Hill.

October saw our AGM, held at New Life Church and we are pleased to say we had an excellent turn out. It was fabulous to meet with members of our community who came to hear more about the Resident's Association, The Biggin Hill Sheds and the relaunch of our Neighbourhood Watch 'Radar' scheme from our Local Councillors.



We know it has been a difficult few weeks and months here in our village with a growing incidence of Anti-Social Behaviour. Your Residents Association are here to represent you at the Safer Neighbourhood Panel meetings which are held quarterly with our local ward policing team. By working together as a community and signing up to the new Radar Watch, we can support our friends, neighbours, and businesses in helping to protect our village from ASB and other criminal activity. Further details on how to sign up and contact details for our watch representatives will be uploaded to our website shortly.

Our special guests at the AGM included our young winner of the Bob Shekyls award, Rodney Cairns, who received the award from last year's winner, Betsi Powley. Rodney received this award for:

His caring attitude and friendship directed toward former servicemen coupled with his enthusiasm in raising awareness of their cause. Rodney has ensured that they will never be forgotten and is a role model for his generation.

Keep up the good work Rodney, Biggin Hill are lucky to have you!



We were also joined by 5 members of our policing team who spent a great deal of time answering questions from the audience and hearing their concerns. They were able to share details of what changes are the pipeline in terms of additional recruitment of their teams and how this will improve the policing throughout all London Boroughs including here in Biggin Hill.



The evening drew to a close with an opportunity to put faces to names and to chat to members of the community over some cheese and wine. This was kindly donated to us by Waitrose, Biggin Hill and we are grateful to them for their continued support.

We have been overwhelmed to see the huge support this year for our poppy appeal. The Residents Association have been out in force throughout September and October collecting sponsorship for our village display and raising vital funds for the Poppy Appeal. Once again, your generosity will help the RBL Poppy Appeal and support the armed forces community and ensure our veterans will always be remembered. A remembrance service will be held on Sunday 12th November at the war memorial at 10:45am followed by a minute's silence and we hope you will be able to join us as we come together in this act of remembrance.

As thoughts turn to Christmas, we are excited to see the return of our Christmas lights display and Christmas Market, organised again this year by our Local Independent Councillors, the Business Association & New Life Church. On the 25th of November between 14:00 – 18:00, New Life Church will be hosting an indoor Christmas Market, including a Santa's Grotto and Nativity Experience to add to the festivities. Please come and join us as we gather in anticipation of the Christmas lights switch on and the opportunity to join in some early festive fun!

This year the BHRA are also thrilled to announce details of a brand new Biggin Hill Pantomime. The Shrinking Santa Suit is a brilliantly written original pantomime which will provide some Christmas fun for all the family! It is not too late to get your tickets so please read on for further details:



The Panto will be held at New Life Church on 1st and 2nd December. Tickets are £10 pp via our website at: info@bigginhillresidentsassociation.co.uk

Ticket sales are also being supported by some of our high street businesses and you can purchase yours here:

- On The Beach
- Caffè Isabella
- Blundell's

All children receive a free Christmas gift with every ticket, and we look forward to seeing you all there!

We hope you have enjoyed hearing about all things BHRA for the month of October and we look forward seeing you at one of the upcoming Biggin Hill events. The Residents Association aims to be a hub for our community where you can seek information, support and advice and engage with other residents, schools, and businesses.

If you haven't already joined us, please do consider becoming a member of the Residents Association and help us to improve Biggin Hill and the surrounding area. Our website is still under construction however you can still contact us here for further information on how to join:

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