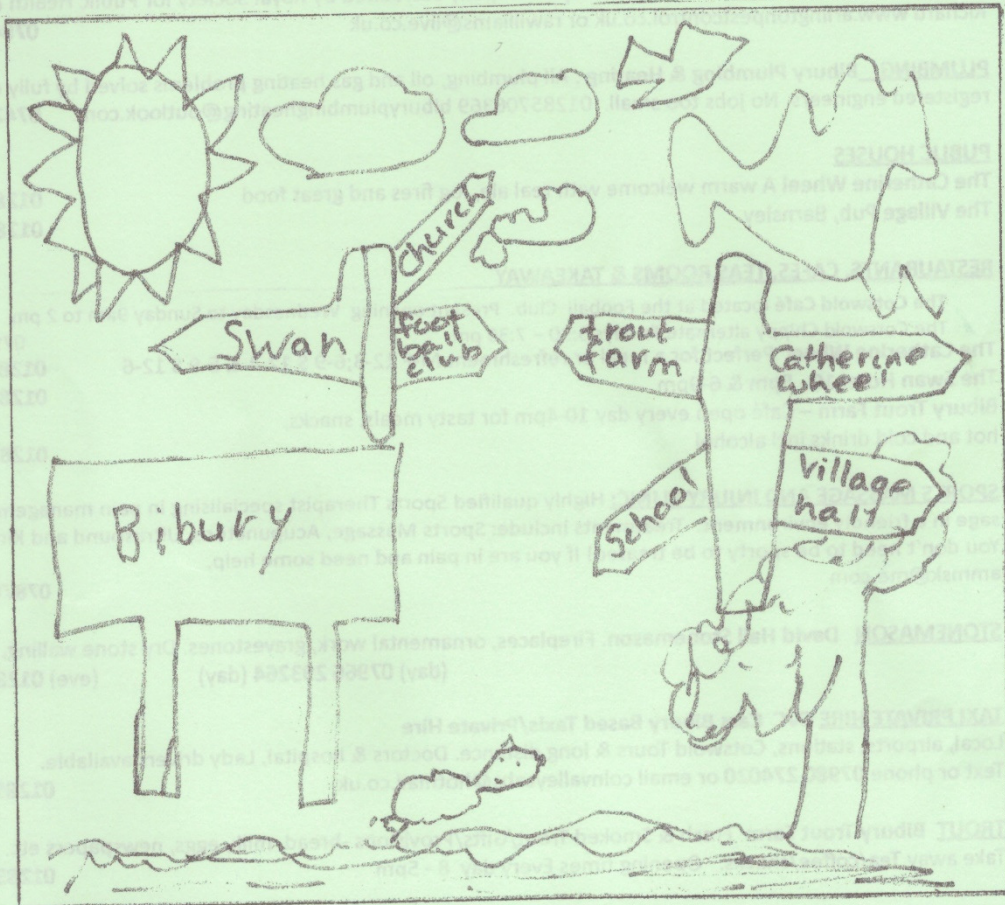


VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

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February 2022

Thursday 3 rd	Rural Cinema - Bibury Village Hall, The Courier,	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Friday 4 th	Cotswold Chippy Night, Bibury Football Club	5.30pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 8 th	Bibury Parish Council Meeting in Bibury Village Hall	7.00pm
Thursday 10 th	Craft Club, Bibury Village Hall	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 17 th	Chin Wag, Tea, Cake and Company at the Baptist Church	2.30pm
Friday 18 th	Cotswold Chippy Night, Bibury Football Club	5.30pm - 7.30pm
Friday 18 th	Rural Cinema - Bibury Village Hall, No Time to Die	6.15pm for 6.45pm
Saturday 19 th	Bibury AFC V Falcons - Home - Bibury Football Club	Kick Off 3.00pm
Monday 21 st	Bibury AFC Bingo, Bibury Football Club	7.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Cotswold Volunteers & Men in Sheds Talk by Rob Platts at Wednesday Club, Bibury Village Hall	2.00pm - 4.00pm

March 2022

Thursday 3 rd	Rural Cinema - Bibury Village Hall, Film TBA	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Saturday 5 th	Bibury School PTA Jumble Sale - Bibury Village Hall	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 9 th	Garden Club Meeting, start of the year	
	£25.00 Subscription Due - Bibury Village Hall	7.15pm
Thursday 17 th	Chin Wag, Tea, Cake and Company at the Baptist Church	2.30pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Easter Flower Demonstration at Wednesday Club, Bibury Village Hall	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday 29 th	Road Closure in Ablington	

April 2022

Friday 1 st	Air in G - Hilary James and Simon Mayor, Bibury Village Hall	
Wednesday 13 th	Garden Club - National Garden Scheme Speaker - Bibury Village Hall	7.15pm
Friday 22 nd - Sunday 24 th	BibLit22, St. Mary's Church, Bibury	

May 2022

Saturday 14th Barnsley Village Festival

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH – two ways of saying the same thing?

Work expands so as to fill the time available .

Parkinsons first law.

To get a job done quickly – ask a busy person !

COVER SKETCH

This month's cover sketch was one of those made at the last Flower & Art festival. It was drawn by someone named Thomas who was between 8 and 11 at the time. The signposts to the various parts of the village – seemed an appropriate topic for the re- opening of village businesses and the relaxation of the Covid Restrictions

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BIBURY, BARNSELY AND WINSON CHURCHES

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Dear Friends,

Looking out on a sunny, frosty morning, it seems impossible to believe that Spring is almost upon us and that the season of Lent (Old English, lengthen, the days are getting longer) is nearly upon us. But now is the time, alongside marmalade making, to plan for 2022, and for me, BibLit22 is a particular source of excitement and anticipation, among the many things that I am looking forward to, including weddings and Birthdays.

The reasons are many and varied

- 1) The obvious. I love books and reading. And to spend a weekend celebrating one of my great pleasures which is also a main spring of my life, work and ministry is a real joy. (Find a job you enjoy, and you will never work again)
- 2) Writing is a fundamental form of creativity. The reason that literature (like art and music) are embraced so enthusiastically by the Church is that the act of creation is seen as a core attribute of God, and therefore to celebrate creativity is to be drawn close to the heart of God. In Peter Shaffer's *Amadeus* you will recall the jealous Salieri agonising over his personal realisation that God is speaking sublime beauty, revealing Himself, in music, through the loathsome, potty-mouthed, man-child, Mozart.
- 3) Writing is so very personal, like all forms of art (Drama, and sport are now drawn into our broad definition) and involves exposing our very being to others to judge, comment upon, and sneer at. Writers, musicians, actors, sportsmen and women, poets, artists, sculptors, all who create, display amazing courage. This term, at the school, Courage has been our key value, and it has been fascinating, exploring, with the children, the many and varied ways that courage is daily displayed. BibLit is a celebration of the bravery of writers
- 4) And to meet the writers of the books we love or books that we are yet to read is a revelation. Because, whilst sometimes writers have poured their souls into a book with searing, painful honesty, in others, like Aticus Finch, they have inhabited the flesh of another. Often at extreme cost, to help us to understand.
- 5) And so BibLit challenges me. Do I have the courage to publish? The discipline and perseverance to write a book? 2022 will show me.
- 6) And, of course, writing as I am, at the tail end of the Christmas season, I remember that the Word became flesh. When God wanted to make Himself fully known, His words took on human form. The ultimate form of self-actualisation and revelation.

So do put **BibLit 2022** in your diary. **22nd-24th April 2022**. Internationally acclaimed local writer, Anne de Courcy launches her latest biography on Nancy Cunard. Andrew Lownie speaks about his controversial works on The Duke and Duchess of Windsor and Lord Mountbatten. Jane Ridley speaks about her new book on George V, whilst Simon Heffer will reflect on editing the unexpurgated diaries of 'Chips' Channon. Jesse Childs on her new book about the civil war siege of Basing House; John Preston (who wrote the Netflix drama, *The Dig*) will reflect on his books about Jeremy Thorpe (also televised) and Robert Maxwell; Sir Christopher Meyer, and Boris's sister Rachel Johnson, complete the line up.

And to round it all off, on the morning of Sunday 24th April, former cabinet minister, ex-convict, and prison chaplain, Jonathan Aitken will be speaking in place of the normal 11:00am service.

Much to look forward to. You can book tickets now on the website www.biburyfestivals.com/biblit2022

With every blessing

Tim

PS Please join me on Sunday 6th March at St Mary's, at 12 noon, for a glass of champagne to mark my 60th birthday.

Church Services February 2022	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
Sunday 6th February 4th Sunday before Lent <i>60th Anniversary of the Accession of HM the Queen</i> <i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i> <i>Luke 5:1-11</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 13th February 3rd Sunday before Lent <i>Jeremiah 17:5-10</i> <i>Luke 6: 17-26</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	9:45am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	
Sunday 20th February 2nd Sunday before Lent <i>Revelation 4</i> <i>Luke 8:22-25</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>		9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 27th February Sunday next before Lent <i>Psalms 99</i> <i>Exodus 34:29-end</i> <i>Luke 9:28-36</i>	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:45am Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday <i>Isaiah 58:1-12</i> <i>John 8:1-11</i>	2:45pm School Ashing Service	5:00pm Holy Communion	
Sunday 6th March Lent 1 <i>Deuteronomy 26:1-11</i> <i>Luke 4:1-13</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Followed by Champagne and canapes as the Vicar marks a significant birthday</i>	9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 13th March Lent 2 <i>Philippians 3:17-4:1</i> <i>Luke 13:31-end</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	9:45am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	
Sunday 20th March Lent 3 <i>1 Corinthians 10:1-13</i> <i>Luke 13:1-9</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>		9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 27th March Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday) <i>Psalms 34:11-20</i> <i>Colossians 3:12-17</i> <i>Luke 2:33-35</i>	11.00am Mothering Sunday with Bibury School	9:45am Morning Prayer	
Churchwardens Vicar	<i>Jackie Colburn</i> <i>01451 860212</i> <i>Revd Tim Hastie-Smith</i> <i>01285 740301</i>	<i>Dominic Spacie</i>	<i>Lavinia Sidgwick</i> <i>01285 720682</i>

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH CIO 1192458

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If you are waiting for a waiter in a restaurant doesn't that make you the waiter?

Waiting can be frustrating, we live in a world where people expect things to happen instantly waiting is seen as a hindrance.

Here at ABC we have just received our 5 star hygiene rating for the new kitchen facilities, it has been a long wait getting this far and we are proud to say we can now open legally to serve food as a church to our community and let you come and use our facilities for your own celebrations etc.

Although the Pandemic continues, we plan an Open day in April so everyone to pop in and check out the new facilities, followed with Easter bunny Hunt on Easter Sunday afternoon and a community lunch later that month, so watch this space for news.

We hold regular bible study for everyone and anyone to join in, at the present time this is held via zoom on a Thursday evening from 7.30-9pm for more info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk Last week we were considering, What did Jesus do between the ages of 12-30? We know it was a time when Jesus spent a lot of time in the temple listening and learning, waiting for the time to come that God had chosen for him to do his thing. And wow when he unleashed all that waiting and quiet learning and praying it was world changing..... life changing, waiting until Jesus was 30 years old and baptised by John the baptist for the spirit of God came down from the heavens and fill Jesus body enabling him to do the work he had been waiting to do, to give us all hope, in a new way of life following his example. Awesome stuff. So waiting is worth it whether it be a day or 30 years!

The bible book of Ecclesiastes chapter 3 verse 1 says "There is a time for everything ,a season for every activity under heaven" so we must wait for the time to be right with God ,God has plans for everything its says in the book of Jeremiah chapter 29 verse 11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. .

So while we wait for the spring and community life to re start after another winter of virus peaking, let us wait patiently and use this time to plan, look forward and hope, we look forward to inviting you to view the new facilities on the Green at Arlington in April meanwhile enjoy waiting and watching the season of spring emerge.

Services @ABC on the Green, Arlington Everyone most welcome

10.30am every Sunday Modern worship and praise

Chin-wag in the Chapel 2.30pm Thursdays 17th February and March 17th Tea/coffee cakes company and chat Everyone welcome

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting which should have taken place on Tuesday 11th January 2022 has been re-convened to **Tuesday 25th January 2022** in the Village Hall which means, unfortunately, there will be no report of our activities until the March issue of Village Life.

BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sharing a passion for excellence!

A very special village school, serving Bibury and the surrounding villages

Small classes allow our experienced teachers the space and time required to nurture and support every child. This individual attention helps our children develop in confidence, alongside academic success. "Pupils' behaviour in lessons and at play is outstanding. Staff have instilled a culture of high expectation, kindness and respect." (*Ofsted*)

Every day is an open day so come and visit us to see for yourself or follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see what we have been up to this week.

From the staff and children at Bibury Church of England Primary School, may we wish you all a Happy and healthy New Year!

Suki Pascoe, Head Teacher "Great Oaks from little acorns grow" **Bibury C of E Primary School** * Tel: 01285 740268 * E-mail: admin@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk *for more information take a look at our website: www.bibury.gloucs.sch.uk or come and visit us. **Bibury PTA can be contacted directly on ptabibury@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk**

BIBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Join us in the village hall on Saturday March 5th from 2pm-4pm for a jumble sale, cake sale and raffle. All proceeds go to the school PTA

BIBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

Two defeats and one win in December the win coming at home against Winchcombe as I write this we have not played since 18th of December Covid and frozen pitches causing the postponements.

February fixtures are

12/2/22 Away to Tewkesbury Town 3pm kick off

19/2/22 Home to Falcons 3pm kick off

26/2/22 Away to Kings Stanley 3pm kick off

Six nations rugby returns in February and the club will be open to show the following matches on the big screen

Saturday 5th Ireland v Wales 2-15pm Scotland v England 4-45pm

Saturday 12th Wales v Scotland 2-15pm France v Ireland 4-45pm

Sunday 13th England v Italy 3pm

Saturday 26th Scotland v France 2-25pm England v Wales 4-45pm

Bingo returns on Monday 21st from 7-30pm

The club are actively seeking a social secretary if anyone is interested please contact chairman Steve Turner on 07811022759

February bar openings

Friday 4th open from 5-30pm. Cotswold Chippy night

Saturday 5th open from 2pm Six nations rugby

Sunday 6th from midday

Saturday 12th from 2pm Six nations rugby

Sunday 13th from midday Six nations rugby

Friday 18th from 5-30pm Cotswold Chippy night

Saturday 19th from 2pm Football at Home

Saturday 26th from 2pm Six nations rugby

RURAL CINEMA

Exciting news for Bibury Film Fans:

There will be TWO Village Hall Film Nights in February

**Thursday 3rd February:
The Courier, starring Benedict Cumberbatch,
7 for 7.30pm**

The Courier is a slow-burning cold war espionage thriller based on real events. It stars Benedict Cumberbatch as Greville Wynne, an unassuming British industrial sales consultant who in November 1960 was recruited by M16 to meet a high-ranking Soviet intelligence officer while on a trip to Moscow. As the story unfolds, Wynne is drawn into events leading up to the Cuban Missile Crisis

**Friday 18th February:
No Time to Die, starring Daniel Craig, 6.15 for 6.45pm**

No time to Die is, of course, the latest Bond film - Daniel Craig's fifth and final outing as the secret M16 super-agent James Bond. And what a film! Its big on action, big on laughs, and with plenty of big stunts. And at 2h 45m long. It's the longest Bond film to date. That's why we will be starting the film at 6.45pm sharp, and have a 15 minute half-time interval. We can't promise cocktails (shaken or stirred) but there will be wine and soft drinks available to buy from 6.15pm on.

Rated PG13, so teenagers are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

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Secure your place

To comply with Covid regulations (whatever they are by then) it would help us to know how many people are likely to attend each film, so we can plan the seating layout and the catering. To reserve your seats please email biburycinema@btinternet.com or call **Angela Staton on 01285 740078**.

Get on the Film Night email list for details of future attractions

Given the uncertainties of Covid, we plan to issue information about upcoming films via email, in addition to the pages of Bibury Village Life. This will allow us to keep you posted about any late changes caused by Covid or other factors.

We will be gathering email addresses at forthcoming Rural Cinema evenings, so please add your own contact details if you want to be included.

In line with data protection requirements, all email addresses are kept securely, and will only be used by Bibury Rural Cinema organisers to circulate information about Film Night matters, using blind copying so no-one can see other email addresses..

WEDNESDAY CLUB

I contacted our planned speaker re; the planned talk next week and we have agreed to postpone the talk until **Wednesday 23rd February** to give time for covid cases to hopefully decline further and for any new rules to be more relaxed.

Hopefully it will also mean that more of us (and our partners and new neighbours) will be able to come and hear about the work of the

**Cotswold Friends and specifically about the 'Men in sheds' initiative.
on Wednesday 23rd February
2- 4 pm in Bibury Village Hall
Cost £3 to include refreshments**

We have all missed the social contact over recent times - this is a chance to regain the strong community events we used to have!

So we shall hope to see you all

CRAFT CLUB

We will restart the Club on **Thursday 10th February 2- 4 pm in Bibury Village Hall.**

Bring your on-going craft projects, knitting, crocheting, embroidery to do whilst we meet and chap and have a cuppa!

It is a very friendly and informal group. Everyone is most welcome to drop in – even it is only for a chat! Cost £3 per person to include refreshments

BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

We welcomed 2 members who attended, with the committee members, our AGM on Thursday 20th January. The Chairman and Treasurer reviewed how we coped during lockdown; the improvements made to the Hall facilities, thanks to some government grants and how we are looking forward to the future.

Hopefully 2022 will see the Hall usage increasing as more village events will take place that had to be cancelled in 2020 and 2021..

Most events planned in January were cancelled due to the risk from the more infectious variant of Covid but we are hopeful that from February all planned events will take place.

To that end the Rural Cinema will be showing two films in February 'The Courier' – postponed from January on the normal first Thursday i.e. 3rd February and on Friday 18th February will be showing the latest James Bond Film. As this is a 12 rated film we are hoping that families with teenage children will come and enjoy the Rural Cinema Experience.

Air in G (**Arts in Rural Gloucestershire**) are helping us to host the return visit of Hilary James and Simon Mayor on **Friday 1st April**. Hilary and Simon very talented musicians and vocalists.. They perform a wide range of music on a variety of stringed instruments interspersed with Simon's gentle humour and tales and Hilary's beautiful singing voice. **Definitely not to be missed.**

Tickets cost £10 per person and will be available from mid February from Committee members Angela 740241 Wendy 740021 and hopefully from our local shops. Put the date in your diary and remember to buy your ticket early as numbers will be strictly limited.

BIBURY GARDENING CLUB

You've probably noticed that the price of everything - from energy and petrol to food, clothing and household goods – is rocketing up. Plants and garden sundries are no exception to this trend. Two or three years ago, you could have bought three bags of multipurpose compost for £12 (on a buy two, get one free deal). Today you'd be lucky to get three for £20.

Packets of seeds are more expensive than ever, and contain even fewer seeds. If you're buying something like tomato or cucumber seeds, you're lucky if there are more than half a dozen seeds in the packet. Raising plants from seed is one of the things thrifty gardeners have done for centuries to save money. However, when you add in the cost of compost, equipment such as seed trays, and watering - never mind heating a greenhouse - the expenses start to mount up.

It is this issue that George Blackwell and I will be discussing at the March meeting of the Bibury gardening club. We'll be looking at how to get more bang for your gardening bucks: is it cheaper, for example, to raise from seed or buy garden-ready plants online or at the garden centre? Are you better to buy one hardy perennial with a good established root system, from which you can take cuttings or split to create more plants? Or is it still less expensive to sow your own?

March marks the start of the club's year, so we will be taking subscriptions at the meeting in the village hall on Wednesday 9 March at 7.15pm. The rate is £25 per person, which has been the same for the past three years. Having just talked about rising prices, the last thing we want to do is add to people's financial burdens!

April's meeting will be on Wednesday 13 April, and our guest speaker will be Vanessa Berridge, garden writer and National Garden Scheme county organiser for Gloucestershire. She will be talking about her latest book, on Borde Hill Garden, near Haywards Heath in West Sussex. Borde Hill is a tribute to the intrepid plant hunters of the 1900s, and contains plants from four continents. The estate was bought by Colonel Stephenson in 1893 with the specific aim of creating a magnificent garden, and he sponsored plant-hunting expeditions to Burma, China, Tasmania and the Andes.

We welcome new members, so come along and enjoy the evening, even if it is just for the home-made cake.
Victoria Summerley

ROAD CLOSURE IN MARCH

3/146 Village Street Ablington

The main road to Northleach, from near John Browns Cottage/Salt Way footpath corner, to the junction near Hinton Barn, Ablington from will be closed on 29/03/22 to allow for internet ducting repair work by Severn Trent Water.

Emergency and pedestrian access will NOT be maintained

If you should require further information please email: streetworks@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
The Dog is my Favourite
But your OK too!

LOCAL NEWS FROM 1899

Lucky escape for 16 people when day-trip wagon overturned on Ablington Hill

A shocking accident occurred on Friday 11th August 1899, when a horse-drawn wagon taking 16 people on an excursion overturned on Ablington Hill.

It marred the final day of a gathering of the Gloucestershire Archaeological Society being held in Fairford. A highlight of the three-day event was the daily outings in horse-drawn 'brakes' to Cotswold sites of special historic and archeological interest. ('Brakes' were open-topped wagons fitted with seats that could be removed when the wagon was needed for agricultural work. Not at all a luxurious way to travel, and with no protection from sun, wind or rain).

There must have been a party atmosphere as the brakes, each with a dozen or more people onboard, set out from Fairford. On the day of the accident, the party had an ambitious itinerary that included visits to the church of St Swithin and the Hospitallers Gate in Quenington, the church and manor house in Coln St Aldwyns, and the manor houses of Bibury and Ablington.

After Ablington, they were due to visit Barnsley church and Barnsley House, then finish the outing in Cirencester where afternoon tea was being provided by Wilfred Cripps and his wife (Countess Bismark) in the grounds of their private home 'Walnut Trees' in Thomas Street.

Cripps, from an old Cirencester family, was a banker by profession, but had a strong interest in antiquarian subjects and local archeology. During the visit the guests were expecting to take a look at the latest additions to his private museum.

Not all the delegates made it to the tea party. As the wagon train was leaving Ablington early in the afternoon, the un-named driver of one of the brakes unwisely tried to drive up Ablington Hill with his 16 passengers onboard. (Press reports are unclear about whether this was the driver's decision or at the passengers' insistence).

Two horsepower was not enough for the steep hill. The wagon stopped, and then started rolling back down the hill. It veered to one side, hit the verge and tipped over. All the passengers were thrown out; some into a hedge.

It was a miracle that no-one was killed. Everyone was badly shaken, and injuries reported in the *Cheltenham Chronicle* and other local newspapers ranged from cuts and bruises to dislocations and fractures. Fortunately there were several doctors on the trip, and they were able to deal with the injuries. Some passengers were taken to local cottages to regain their composure, and some were later sent to hospital.

A lady from Frome was so badly cut around the face that she spent the night at The Swan Hotel ... or at Ablington Manor, courtesy of Mrs Monk Gibbs, depending on which newspaper you trust. There was no mention of what happened to the horses.

Footnote: The newspaper reports stated that the accident happened on 'Ablington Hill'. But where is this ? As the wagon train was leaving Ablington and heading for Barnsley, it seems most likely the incident happened on the road that climbs steeply up towards The Pike. Does anyone know if this was ever known locally as Ablington Hill ?

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HEAVENS ABOVE

We start the month with Aquarius the water bearer with her feet on the ground. She brings that cosmic vibe of no need to rush this month - relax and take your time for many of us. On the 4th decisions will be made and the 13th is good as the moon connects with Neptune bringing dreamy moments for many. We get a "Snow Moon" on the 16th and positive vibes will be all around till the month ends.

ROUND AND ABOUT

We have had a period of cold frosty weather but the snow drops and aconites are out in the gardens and the hedgerows hazels are full of long yellow catkins – so spring is on the way. The ravages of Ash Die-back are becoming more visible as spring progresses and roads get closed with falling trees or for their removal. So it was heartening to drive pass the back of Barnsley Park the other day and see the long drift of newly planted tree saplings on the roadside verge.

The new houses between the Rossers and Arlington fields are now finished and they appear to have been sold – so hopefully we will have some new residents to welcome to our village.

Lister Wilders have moved into the industrial unit formerly occupied by Tallis, at what was Meadowlands Farm. Listers will use it at their base for Kubota support. We welcome them and their expertise to the village.

We would like to welcome Jean Stringer back to the village after her spell in hospital recovering from a fall. It is lovely to see her once more around and about in the village. Terry French from Arlington Fields has also had a spell in hospital but is now home and recovering. We wish them all a speedy return to full health.

FROM THE PANEL.

Annual Accounts for the year 1st January 2021 to 1st January 2022

PAYMENTS	AMOUNT	INCOME	TOTAL
Copier repairs	£134.71	Donations	£1190.00
Paper, rubber bands etc	£508.46	Adverts	£ 511.00
Stamps	£ 211,20	Postal copies	£ 30.00
TOTALS	£945.37	TOTALS	£1731.00
Balance at Lloyds 1.1.22	£3687.00	Balance at Lloyds 1 1 21	£2910.37
Final figures	£4641.37	Final Figures	£4641.37

The Village Life accounts are very healthy, thanks to some kind and generous donations.. The income from adverts also helped. The income from postal copies was less than in previous years as we did not charge for most of previous years as Covid reduced the number of issues we sent out.

But this January reminders were sent out to all out Postal recipients and already we have already received two thirds of the moneys due by the Panel meeting. Thank you for all your continued support.

BARNSELY FESTIVAL

More info will follow in the coming months, but for now Save the Date in your diaries - Saturday 14th May

FROM FURTHER AFIELD

Da Capo a cappella chamber choir, perform Soul Music at Northleach Church, Saturday March 12th at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 from Northleach outlets and at ticketsource.co.uk/dacapo

FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES (Reg. Charity No: 1180059)

100 CLUB

100 Club is running again this year to help our fundraising efforts. Half of all the money raised each year is distributed in cash prizes, the remaining half is added to our charitable funds. Thank you to everybody that has joined the 100 Club for 2022, draws take place on the last Saturdays of January, March, May, July, September and November.

AGM

The AGM will be held at 19:30 on 1st March 2022 at Fairford Community Centre. All welcome!

EVENTS FOR 2022

We are currently planning several fundraising and community events for 2022. Provisional dates for your diaries include:

10th April: Craft Fair, Lechlade Memorial Hall

29th June: Open Gardens, Langford Downs Southrop

27th November: Craft Fair and Annual Raffle, Lechlade Memorial Hall

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADMINISTRATOR

Kerry Simms joins our team as our new administrator. After many years we are sad to see Christine Barker leaving our organisation. Christine has provided fantastic support for the Charity and has been a huge asset to us. We wish her all the best for the future. If you have any queries or questions, please note the new administrator's email is admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk.

BEREAVEMENT CAFE

For people who have suffered a loss and would like to talk. No booking required. Donations welcome. 10:00-12:00 at The Heritage Room, Fairford Community Centre first Friday of every month, starting Friday 4th February 2022. If you have any questions, please call 07938244335 or email admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Require volunteers to assist in our Lechlade shop and to join our team of drivers. If you can help or would like to learn more, please get in touch:

Patient Transport: Val Harvey 07540 798 226 or voluntarycarservicelof@gmail.com

Lechlade shop: 01367 252 189 or pop in and talk to Nicola.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORT – REMAINS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

To date from 57 applications grants of approximately £55,424 have been made providing financial support to 39 different charities, organisations, families and individuals within our area of benefit.

Please refer to our website for details of how to apply and the criteria we use to assess applications (www.friendsoffairford.org.uk).

If you want to make a donation you can do so online through our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk or by sending cheques made out to 'Friends of Fairford' and posting to Ms Andrena Miles, AMM Bookkeeping and Accountancy, 2nd Floor, 11 High Street, Fairford, Gloucestershire GL7 4AD

Information on what we do can be found on our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk and the names of our existing team of trustees are listed on the Charity Commission's website.

Shelley Welsh, Chair

Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (Reg. Charity No. 1180059)

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We have just heard of the Death of Margaret Clark on 15 January 2022, who lived at Ablington with her late Husband Len, before moving to Poulton, Cirencester and Stonehouse, The Funeral will be held on Wednesday 9th February at Poulton Church 12noon.