

VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,



MARCH 2022

VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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MARCH 2022

Thurs	3rd	Rural Cinema – Little Women	Village Hall	7 for 7.30 pm
Saturday	5th	PTA Jumble Sale	Village Hall	2pm-4pm
Sunday	6th	Tim Hastie-Smith's 60th birthday champagne and cake	St Mary's,	12 noon
Tuesday	8th	Parish Council meeting		
Thurs	10th	Demonstration Easter Flowers by Beth Bruce-Gardner	Village Hall	2 – 4pm
Friday	11th	BibLit 22 Helpers Meeting	St Mary's Church	6.00pm
Thursday	17th	Chin-wag at the Chapel	Arlington Baptist Church	2.30pm
Friday	18th	Cheltenham Gold Cup afternoon	Bibury AFC	bar open from midday
Monday	21st	Lent with Vincent Van Gogh 1	online on Zoom	6 pm
Wed	23rd	Demonstration Easter Flowers by Beth Bruce-Gardner	Bibury Village Hall	2 – 4 pm

APRIL

Friday	1st	Hilary James & Simon Mayor	Village Hall	7:30 pm.
Monday	11th	Lent with Vincent Van Gogh 1	online on Zoom	6 pm
Sunday	17th	Easter Sunday		
Sunday	17th	Open Day	Arlington Baptist Church	various
Sunday	17th	"Bunny Hunt", start opposite The Swan Hotel		2-4pm
Thursday	21st	Community lunches re-start	details to follow	
Saturday	23rd	BibLit 22; Bibury Literary Festival	St Mary's Church	various times.
Monday	18th	The famous Boxing Day Duck Race	Coln River, Bibury	11.15 am

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Victory comes from finding opportunities in problems.

Sun Tzu – 5th century

COVER SKETCH

This month's delightful drawing of a frog was drawn by Maggie Catlin some time ago when we last asked for drawings for the Front cover. As Spring is the normal time for frog spawn – we thought it appropriate. Thank you, Maggie

We always welcome drawings for the cover – what about doing one for April/ Easter or the Forthcoming Jubilee? From the Panel

VILLAGE LIFE PANEL

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BIBURY, BARNSELEY AND WINSON CHURCHES

Dear Friends,

Lent begins this month on Wednesday 2nd March, with Ash Wednesday, so have your frying pans at the ready for Mardi Gras. Fat Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday. It is that time of year again. Spring and the scent of pancakes will be filling the air, in the long build up to Easter Sunday, the high point of the Christian year. Whilst Christmas is the more famous and popular feast, and the dark is finally held back at the solstice, as the light breaks in, Easter really is the pinnacle of faith. And in the northern hemisphere it works so well, as the weather and the seasons continue to testify to the triumph of light and the miracle of new birth, as the dead earth returns to life.

Lent, as we know, is simply olde English for lengthen (as the days get longer) and it kicks off with Shrove Tuesday (Shriven Tuesday), the day of being shriven, or going to confession, a good starting point to the penitential season of Lent. Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday was simply referring to the using up of sweet stuff and fat in one big ‘whoopie’ as a time of fasting and self-denial commences. In Lent, the 40 days and 40 nights of Jesus’s time of preparation, and temptation, and fasting are recalled. And Christians seek to emulate that time with self-discipline (Not a popular concept, but essential if you actually want to succeed at anything.) and reflection. The period exceeds 40 days because, for Christians, Sundays aren’t counted, as they can never be fast days, because Sunday is a weekly celebration of the resurrection. (Explaining the dramatic shift from Saturday to Sunday for early Jewish Christians)

Four weeks into Lent we have a bit of a knees up on Mothering Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, a fun event, with no genuine connection to Lent, and then onwards to Easter.

As Easter draws closer we begin to enact the Jesus’s last week on earth, starting with Palm Sunday. The final week of Jesus’s life takes up almost half of the four Gospels which is odd if you think about it (How many biographies focus on their subject’s final seven days?) and is why the Gospels are clearly not biographies. Mark’s Gospel, for example, has been described as a passion narrative with an introduction, such is the dominance of that final week. Passion, as the children of Bibury School know, comes from the Greek word pascho, meaning I suffer, nothing to do with our headteacher, but everything to do with Christ’s suffering. And, of course, you will have noticed, Easter is a moveable feast, meaning that, unlike Christmas, it has no fixed date. It is linked to the Jewish Passover, the time Jesus died, which is linked, in turn, to full moons. The old prayer book used to have a table in it that helped you work out the date of Easter up to and including 2199. They built things to last, and it was something to do in long, tedious sermons. But the rule of thumb is that Easter is always on the first Sunday after the full moon, which takes place on or after 21st March.

How you choose to keep Lent is, of course, up to you.

We have several special services, but I would like to particularly invite you to a pair of ZOOM events to complement one of our Lent books. The book, written by a former pupil of mine, Henry Martin, Vincent van Gogh and the Good Samaritan is a wonderful read for Lent. Henry, former Senior Chaplain at HMP Strangeways, is brilliant and will join us from his home in France on Monday 21st March & Monday 11th April at 6:00pm. (Links after the Service schedule)

With every blessing Tim

Bibury Vicarage, Gloucestershire, GL7 5NT Tim.hastie-smith@hotmail.com March 2022

PS Please join me on Sunday 6th March at St Mary’s, at 12 noon, for a glass of champagne and a piece of cake to mark my 60th birthday. (later in the week)

Church Services March 2022	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
Wednesday 2nd March Ash Wednesday <i>Isalah 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 <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language 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 Holy Communion</i>	9:45am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language 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 Holy Communion</i>		9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language 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 With Mothering Sunday Gifts	
Sunday 3rd April Lent 5 <i>Isaiah 43:16-21</i> <i>John 12:1-8</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday <i>Liturgy of the Palms from Luke's Gospel</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>With donkey and followed by drinks on The Square</i>	9:45am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>	
Sunday 14th April Maundy Thursday	6:00pm Holy Communion		
Sunday 15th April Good Friday		2:00pm An Hour hymns, readings and music at the Foot of the Cross	
Sunday 17th April Easter Sunday <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>John 20:1-18</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 24th April Easter 1 <i>Acts 5:27-32</i> <i>John 20:19-end</i>	11.00am BibLit22 A Time of Reflection with Jonathan Aitken	9:45am CW Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	
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>

These are the two ZOOM links:

Topic: Lent with Vincent Van Gogh 1: Time: Mar 21, 2022 06:00 PM London Meeting ID: 944 0972 7025
 Passcode: 692637 - <https://zoom.us/j/94409727025?pwd=STd3d2RTMmNFQjBmV0NKM2RYK3pvZz09>
 Topic: Lent with Vincent Van Gogh 2 Time: Apr 11, 2022 06:00 PM London; Meeting ID: 988 3945 1264;
 Passcode: 760562 - <https://zoom.us/j/98839451264?pwd=NmpOZzQ5bXRPd2t1SE5lYitlRTQyUT09>

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Arlington Baptist Church www.arlingtonbaptist.org.uk info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

“Following in the example of Jesus, acting on Gods word by learning, growing and praying together in order to love and serve our community, all nations and the world”

Pun of the month; Life is like photography, you have to use the negatives to develop!

WANTED: Old photos of social or family events at the Baptist church and schoolrooms.

If you could let us borrow any photographs you may have for our open day exhibition we would be most grateful, also if you have any stories and memories of past times at the chapel we would be most interested to hear them, please contact either Jean Stringer 740415 or Gill Day 740404.

As part of our planned open day on Easter Sunday, 17th April, there will be various displays one of which will be the history and social history of Arlington Baptist Church.

In the Baptist Church records of 1851 the attendance on both Sunday morning and evening services was over 200 with 80 children attending the Sunday school hence the need for a large schoolroom, this also explains why the building has been extended at various times through history with varying architecture, this facility and access has been extensively modernised and we are proud to be re-opening for community use and invite everyone to come and view on Easter Sunday we will be open all day.

Also on Easter Sunday afternoon we will be running the popular “Bunny Hunt” for families, starting Opposite The Swan Hotel by the river to follow a trail around the village with prizes for all children and we will be serving refreshments from the new kitchen with an official opening ceremony of the new facilities at 4.30pm in The Old Schoolrooms.



For locals needing to drive to visit us we have a new car park for several vehicles and flat disabled access into the building around the back via the new Manse which is available for locals to use for events and services at ABC.

In the lead up to Easter we prepare with a time of reflection known as Lent when Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days and nights to spend time with God his father and prepare for his ministry, the first words of Jesus teaching after his time of contemplation according to the gospel of Mark in the bible are “The time has come” “The kingdom of God is near” “Turn away from your sins and believe the good news.” Lent starts on 2nd March and rather than the

traditional give something up for 40 days, why not do something positive each day? Perhaps spend a time of mindfulness each day as Jesus did quietly reflecting on those three sentences above.

On Sundays during Lent we will be reflecting upon the Lords prayer as a framework for a deeper more meaningful, powerful, prayer life with “The prayer series” from Restore church Loughton, these talks will also be available on our website if you would like to watch them at home.

Events and Services @ ABC on the Green, Arlington Everyone welcome

Every Sunday 10.30am Contemporary worship and praise

Chin-wag at the Chapel Thursday March 17th 2.30pm Tea / coffee cake, company and chat Everyone welcome, no need to book.

On Thursday 21st April the Community lunches will re-start more details to follow in April issue.

HOP ON OVER
TO THE
EASTER
BUNNY
HUNT

FAMILY FUN!

PRIZES TO BE WON

SUNDAY
17TH APRIL
2-4PM

STARTS FROM THE BRIDGE BY
THE SWAN HOTEL AND
FINISHES AT ARLINGTON
BAPTIST CHURCH WITH DRINKS

BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Sharing a passion for excellence!

The teachers and pupils have had a very busy start to the school year, with the new term being packed with learning, outings and activities. Acorns Class have been learning about traditional tales in English, honing writing techniques and developing their use of adventurous vocabulary. Their writing is becoming increasingly sophisticated using this approach and their knowledge of vocabulary is ever expanding! The class enjoyed a trip to STEAM museum in Swindon in January, where they learnt about George Stephenson and Isambard Kingdom Brunel for History. Our children were a pleasure to take away and impressed the museum staff with their attentive listening and beautiful manners. It was wonderful to be able to take the children off site to benefit from the hands-on learning available at this museum. In addition to all of this, our children have learnt how to program a computer, use a map to orienteer, play tunes as a group on glockenspiels (no easy feat!) and master yet more spelling rules! Oaks Class have been working extremely hard this term with some exciting topics. English work has seen them exploring the story of The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. Children have been using many exciting writing techniques so that their stories are as gripping as possible. Every child has participated in sharing brilliant ideas and has produced excellent independent work that shows off their talent for sci-fi storytelling. In Science, they have been learning about sound. Lots of loud musical instruments and buzzers were needed to test their understanding of how we hear sound. It may have caused some headaches but it has been very enjoyable and interesting! In Art, the topic of sculpture has taken inspiration from Alberto Giacometti, Henry Moore, Auguste Rodin and more. The sketches and sculptures produced have shown how wonderfully the children are developing as creative thinkers and artists. Mighty Oaks Class have been writing diaries based on the expeditions of Scott and Shackleton to the South Pole and learning about the difficulties faced by both explorers. In Maths, the focus has been on calculating with fractions and the children have all been able to demonstrate a really sound understanding of these difficult concepts and have risen with enthusiasm to the challenge. We have just concluded our Science topic on materials (usually with very messy results). The Worship Council and School Council have been considering ways of developing a reflective, spiritual area in the playground. One of their ideas was to have prayers hanging on the tree. To help with this, Mr. Steve Hutchinson visited the school on 24th January, to lead a workshop where the children used pyrography to burn children's prayers onto slices of wood, which we hope to install soon. To round off a busy few weeks, Friday 11th February was "Wear your Scarf to School Day", where the children and staff were encouraged to wear their favourite scarf to school, to celebrate the end of Children's Mental Health Week, and to reinforce the values of Safety, Caring Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. Our PTA is always busy raising funds for the school, and we would like to thank them sincerely for their initiative and hard work. Please support their Cake and Jumble Sale to be held in the Bibury Village Hall on Saturday 5th March from 2pm to 4pm, where there will also be a Raffle with some exciting prizes, all in aid of the school. We wish our school community a happy and restful break over the half-term holiday.

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.

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Bibury School PTA

On Saturday March 5th there will be a Jumble sale, cake sale and raffle in the village hall from 2pm-4pm. All very welcome and all profits go to the PTA to help the school fund extra learning resources and school trips amongst other things.

Over the half-term holidays and up to World Book Day on March 3rd all the children will be participating in our sponsored read. All the children at Bibury School love to read and we have challenged them to set an ambitious personal target to read as many books as possible over the holidays and ask friends and family to sponsor them. All the children will receive prizes from the PTA on World Book Day. If you would like to sponsor the children then please drop any money through the school letter box in a labelled envelope to the PTA. We appreciate your support.

BibLit 22 (see www.biburyfestivals.com)

The Committee of Bibury Literary Festival are delighted to announce the Festival's return after the Covid break of the last two years. It will take place on Saturday April 23, as usual in St Mary's Church, Bibury, with an impressive line-up of speakers. Among them are John Preston, already known for his television successes *A Very English Scandal* and *The Dig*, Andrew Lownie, whose book *The Traitor King* has uncovered conclusive evidence of Edward VIII's closeness to the Nazis - and which is being made into a documentary to be aired this May - and Simon Heffer on the twentieth's century's gossip supreme, 'Chips' Channon. All the authors will be around to sign books and say hello and the day will end with festive drinks. The following day, Sunday, former Cabinet Minister and ex convict, Rev Jonathan Aitken, will be preaching in St Mary's. And check out the excellent interview with Anne de Courcy in this month's edition of *Cotswold Life*.

All day refreshments and book sales will be available in the Village Hall on Saturday. Full programme and ticket sales at www.biburyfestivals.com. If anyone would interested in helping to steward on the day or decorate the church the week before, please get in touch with Jackie Colburn at jackiecolburn@me.com or just come along to the helpers meeting in church on Friday 11 March at 6.00pm, join us for a glass of wine or a coffee!

[Editor's note: There is a very fetching BibLit poster which sadly wont reproduce in these pages]



Saturday 5th March 2pm-4pm

In

Bibury Village Hall

*to include good quality clothes, baby items, toys, books,
DVDS, bric a brac and more!*

Cake Sale and Raffle

All proceeds go to

Bibury Primary School PTA

BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

Hilary James & Simon Mayor are coming to perform in the Hall on Friday 1st April 7 for 7:30 pm. Tickets cost £10 each – a bargain for such a talented musical performance across a whole range of musical instruments and Styles!

Numbers will be limited so buy your ticket early from either Angela Alderton 740241 or from Wendy 740021 or from the Post office and Trout Farm.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated from Thursday 4th June to Sunday 7th June. The Village Hall will be available for Village Events. We have not heard of any yet being organized in the village – but please let us know if you would like to book the Hall.

We have planned our normal events for the coming year so make a note of the following in your diary:

- Air in G performance from Hilary James & Simon Mayor – Friday 1st April
- Bibury Open Gardens Sunday 22nd May
- Bibury Show Saturday 23rd July
- Village Harvest Supper Friday 30th September
- Christmas Event Saturday 19th November.

BIBURY AFC

One win and one defeat so far in February a 3-1 defeat away at Tewkesbury Town Ben Knowles with the Bibury goal and a very good 3-2 win at home against high flying Falcons from Cheltenham on a very windy afternoon Bibury making the most of the wind in the second half Bibury's goal scorers were Joe Slack with a penalty and two goals from Archie Day including one of the best free kick goals for many years at Aldsworth Road

Simon Hilary MAYOR & JAMES

Will be appearing in

Bibury Village Hall

On

Friday 1st April

Witty, captivating and unique The Guardian



Just fantastic live BBC Radio 3

7 for 7:30pm start

Tickets £10 each

**On sale from Trout Farm, Bibury Post Office,
Or from Angela 740241 or Wendy 740021**

*Mirthful anecdotes, blurry fingered precision and sweetly sung
songs* Glasgow Herald

March Bibury AFC Fixtures

Saturday 5th home v Barnwood kick off 3pm

Saturday 12th away v Lydbrook kick off 3pm

Saturday 19th home v Chesterton this is the first real local derby we have ever had in the Northern Senior League a good crowd expected for this game 3 pm kick off

Saturday 26th away v Stonehouse Town reserves 3pm kick off

Other events in March

The Royal British Legion skittles competition continues we also hold our very popular Cheltenham Gold Cup afternoon on Friday 18th bar open from midday come and enjoy an afternoon of top class racing on the big screen. Six nations rugby matches will also continue being shown

Friday 11th of March Wales v France 8pm

Saturday 12th England v Ireland 4-45pm

Saturday 19th All three games from 2-15pm

March bingo will be held on Monday 21st From 7-30pm

BIBURY CRICKET CLUB

Bibury CC will open the 2022 cricket season with a home friendly against Witcombe CC on Sunday 1st May . The opening salvo in our CDCA Division 2 campaign will also be at home on Saturday 7th May versus Langford Cricket Club.

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 22nd March at the Catherine Wheel at 7pm . All welcome.

The famous Duck Race (held over from Boxing Day) will be run on Easter Monday 18th April at 11.15 am.

We need players for the new season. Everyone welcome , irrespective of age, ability and gender. Please contact Leslie Smith on 07867 467433 if you would like to get involved, you will be warmly received.

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting, 8th February 2022

15 members of the public attended to express their unhappiness at not receiving notification of a planning application before the Parish Council discussed it at a meeting on 25th January 2022 as they were concerned about the noise, traffic and ecological issues which the development at Shoecraft Barn raised. The Clerk recommended that the most certain way of being notified of planning was to register with the CDC Planning portal to receive notifications via <https://publicaccess.cotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/> . The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk would write to The Planning Officer, to say that whilst they have already submitted their response, they wish to acknowledge the overwhelming strength of feeling against the proposals. At the time the Parish Council considered this application, most of the residents were not aware of the application, so their views were unknown.

Clerk's Report:

Thames Water: reply to our request as to how we could help reduce the overflow of sewage into the river in heavy rain conditions to reduce the need for tinkering. They are working

through plans to alleviate the problem but nothing has reached the costing stage yet. They feel residents use of rain and greywater capture with water butts etc is the most helpful remedy which residents can make.

Playground Repairs: Work will begin week beginning 14th February to repair/renew failing items.

Highways - Hawker's Hill: The road surface has deteriorated badly and the triangle at the top of the road has been eroded by turning vehicles. Cllr Chapman will meet with Highways to discuss amelioration and possible signage to deter unnecessary access, the costs involved may have to be funded 50/50 by the Parish Council.

Projected Major B 4425 Roadworks between 4th April – 18th July 2022: - The Street, Bibury
- - The Vicarage to Arlington Pike - - The Vicarage to Kilkenny Cottage

Planning Applications

21/04214/TCONTR Ablington Manor - Fell several Ash, Reduce Chestnut crown & fell 1 Chestnut.

22/00077/FUL & 22/00078/LBC Ablington Manor – Roof investigation work including scaffolding, temporary removal of roof slate sections and temporary protective roof structure and associated works. Installation of temporary bat loft structure on garage roof.

21/04339/FUL 21 Aldsworth Road – Non material amendment re permission 21/00115/FUL to allow for materials to match.

22/00200/FUL & 22/00201/LBC William Morris – Proposed works to the rear garden including reconstruction of the garden retaining wall, drainage works, provision of a new stepped access to the garden, lowering of rear garden terrace, rebuilding of boundary walls with the strengthening of their foundations. Council supported but with a request that a close look at drainage was included.

Bibury Allotment Gardens: A request to CDC to restore these to Policy EN3 Local Green Spaces Item 1 as they are identified on the Conservation Map of Bibury which includes Cemetery Lane and Church Road.

Defibrillator - Agreement to purchase and install an unlocked metal cabinet defibrillator to replace the one near Rack Isle. It was agreed to defer this decision pending confirmation that it can be placed on the site of the existing one..

Wooden Litter Bins - Purchase was agreed for 3 wooden replacement bins & stub plates for Arlington Row, Batfield and Arlington Fields.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 8th March 2022.

BIBURY GARDEN CLUB

There's been a change of plan for the March meeting. Bibury Gardening Club is delighted to announce that this will now be a talk by Mike Jones, head of the Royal Parks nursery in London, and nurseryman Martin Greaves. They will be telling us about the work that goes into growing plants for the spectacular bedding displays in the Royal parks and outside Buckingham Palace. This behind-the-scenes look at some of the most high-profile flower beds in the world promises to be fascinating, and we have extended an invitation to members of one of the Cirencester gardening clubs to come along as well. Club members who have bought red geraniums from George Blackwell in the past couple of years may know that these were grown by Martin for the Royal Parks nursery. The variety is chosen to match exactly the colour of the Guards' uniforms outside the palace and indeed their

nickname among club members is the “Buckingham Palace geraniums”. Those who have been following the Downing Street “Partygate” saga may be interested to know that the Downing Street garden is also supplied with bedding by the Royal Parks. A member of the Downing Street staff is sent along to the nursery with a suitcase and ... no, I’m only kidding. It is true that the plants come from the Royal Parks nursery but they are delivered and planted in the normal way. Tickets for non-members will cost £2.50 and we will be serving wine and nibbles. If you are worried this means it might turn into a work event, could I please reassure you that it will be a bona fide garden club meeting. I hope it will be a very enjoyable one too. April’s meeting sees the return of garden writer Vanessa Berridge, who will be talking about her latest book on the gardens at Borde Hill, near Haywards Heath in Sussex. In May we are hoping to visit Cerney House and Gardens, to see their display of tulips, and in June, Chipps Mann has agreed to let us tour her fabulous garden at Oxleaze Barn, near Lechlade. As spring approaches, we will be continuing with the occasional newsletter and advice, and as the season progresses there will be opportunities to buy or swap seedlings. The end of February and the beginning of March is always a testing time for impatient gardeners. We want to crack on, to sow seeds, to plant out. Yet all those checklists for what to do in the garden at this time of year aren’t much good if it’s blowing a gale outside or pouring with rain. Remember that gardening is a journey, so enjoy the trip and stop asking “Are we there yet?” Instead, if the weather allows, walk slowly round the garden before you start on any chores. Look carefully, and you’ll find that the garden really is changing day by day at this time of year. Bulbs are shooting, buds are swelling, leaves are sprouting at a pace that will astonish you. And all to a chorus of birdsong. Victoria

WEDNESDAY CLUB

In March we will have a Demonstration on ideas for arranging **Easter Flowers** by Beth Bruce-Gardner, a talented Florist from Fairford and a founder member of the Fairford Flower Collective

Come along and get some ideas and inspiration. 2 – 4 pm in Bibury Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd March. Cost £3.

All are most welcome to join us for this informal group and a chance to meet up with friends and neighbours.

COLN CRAFT CLUB.

Meets the second Thursday of each month from 2 – 4pm, informally in the Village Hall. Come and join us for a chat and cuppa and the space to spread out your on going project – or get some ideas on creating something new.

Cost £3 including simple refreshments

The Wednesday Club

Will meet on

Wednesday 23rd March

In

Bibury Village Hall

2 – 4pm



Demonstration:

Ideas for Easter Flowers

Beth Bruce-Gardner

from the Fairford Flower Collective.

Talk will start @2:15pm and there will simple refreshments afterwards

Cost £3 - *Come and bring your friends, neighbours or partner for an informative afternoon with plenty of time for a chat and a cuppa*

Rural Cinema - *And the film is ... Little Women*

Film buffs will tell you that this is the seventh film adaptation of the 1868 novel of the same name by Louisa May Alcott. But have no fears. This Little Women is no 'also-ran'. Director Greta Gerwig breathes new life into the tale of the March sisters - Jo, Meg, Amy and Beth – growing up in rural New England. Four young women each determined to live life on their own terms. Featuring a stellar cast, this fresh take on the classic coming-of-age movie is not to be missed. This 2020 film garnered six Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture, Best Actress (Saoirse Ronan), Best Supporting Actress (Florence Pugh), Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Original Score, and won for Best Costume Design. It also earned five British Academy Film Award nominations, with a win for Best Costume Design, and two Golden Globe Award nominations.

What the critics said:

This is 'Little Women for a New Era' - the characters are ambitious, angry and they have agency. New York Times

A really thoughtful adaptation, incredibly smart and incredibly moving. Kermode & Mayo's Film Review

Secure your place

To reserve your seats please email biburycinema@btinternet.com or call Angela Staton on 01285 740078.

RURAL CINEMA
Bibury Village Hall – Thursday 3 March

Little Women
Based on the much-loved 1868 novel by Louisa M Alcott

Drama Cert: PG - Run time 2hr 15min
**Starring: Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Florence Pugh, Eliza Scanlen,
Meryl Streep**
Directed by: Greta Gerwig

Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm Tickets £3.50
Come early and enjoy a glass of wine or soft drink before the film begins.

Covid security. Chairs will be suitably spaced and hand-sanitisers provided.

ROUND AND ABOUT

It is with sadness that we have heard of the death of Sir Crispin Tickell of Ablington. He was known as a career diplomat and former ambassador and is credited as a senior advisor to at least four recent Prime Ministers. He was also a pioneering environmentalist and had a strong interest in South America. He was a familiar figure taking a 'constitutional' around Ablington and was often met out walking. Condolences to his family.

Nancy Bumford (nee Smith)

The following was sent to us by Clare Beveridge about her Mother.

“Nancy was born in 1930 at the Reading Room in Bibury, which became the Village Hall in 1931. She was the second of seven children born to Albert and Dora Smith. The family moved up to The Pike when the new houses were built after the war. Nancy went to the local school and left when she was 14 to work at the Co-op in Bibury, she worked in the shop and helped deliver orders in the van. Nancy also worked for Bill Brown the local garage and taxi owner, she did housework, scrubbed floors and looked after the children.

In 1954 Nancy married Trevor Bumford whose parents lived at 21 The Square. Nancy and Trevor were married for 19 years and lived in Cirencester, they had three children, Clare, Alan and Louise. Nancy worked at both Bibury Court Hotel and The Swan Hotel as a waitress for many years in the '60's and '70's along with her mother-in-law Maud.

Nancy loved Bibury, she was always returning, taking her grandchildren to visit the Trout Farm and for walks around the village. There have also been many family gatherings over the years at Bibury Football Club.

Sadly, after a short illness, at the age of 91, Nancy peacefully passed away on 13th January at home with her family.”

Just a thought:

It is to be hoped that if the expected further relaxation take place - then we might start as a village once again supporting all the clubs and activities we used hold each month. It would be good to see as the weather hopefully improves more contact between friends and neighbours. Already the village is busy with tourists and the hedgerows are full of snow drops, and hazel catkins. The daffodils are likely to be out by St David's Day 1st of March.

Power Cuts and things:

Thank you to the people who have worked through some pretty horrible weather to restore the supply after power cuts, and clear fallen trees. Bibury seems to have escaped but Ablington and some of Arlington were off supply for nearly 24 hours. Aldsworth we understand was without for nearly three days so we got off lightly.

This is a pretty friendly and caring place to live but this might just be a good moment to think about your neighbours and who checks up on who when the lights go off again as they surely will - winter isn't quite over yet.

A note from the Bibury Planning Impact Group - Keeping people informed about local planning applications

A number of people in Bibury have expressed concern that they knew nothing about the planning application to turn the house known as Shoecroft barn (next to the Trout farm, and inside the Bibury Conservation Zone) into an 'events venue' until it was brought to their attention by concerned villagers.

Regional planning authorities such as Cotswold District Council (CDC) are only obliged to notify people in adjacent properties that a planning application has been received. They also fix an A4 typed sign to the property, and place a notice in a 'local newspaper'.

Some people might consider that this is an inadequate approach when the application could affect people living much further away. In this case, an entire village.

In earlier times, the plans relating to local planning applications were routinely available for public inspection at the local Post Office. Nowadays they are on the Cotswold District Council (CDC) planning portal.

What can we and our local Parish Council do to improve the flow of planning information around the village so that potentially controversial plans can be identified in good time ? Anyone can register to receive an alert from CDC whenever a planning application anywhere in our Parish is received. But that could result in a flood of information, mostly about routine small-scale works.

In the case of the Shoecroft Barn planning application, an informal group of villagers calling themselves Bibury Planning Impact Group (BPIG) has been spreading the word among the local community by telephone, email and leaflet.

There will undoubtedly be future occasions when the scale or nature of a planning application means it deserves broader local consultation. When this happens, villagers will want time to examine the plans carefully, and exercise their democratic rights to contribute views and concerns at Parish Council and District Council levels. They can only do that if they know about the planning application in the first place.

It's our village. We care about it. And we need to know in good time what's being planned for it.

Bibury Planning Impact Group Email: bpig@btinternet.com

Re: CDC Planning application 21/04298 Land west of Stonebank, Ablington: a note from Jenny A'Bear

A property developer wants to build a large open market house in the meadow between Stonebank and Hinton Cottage, convert the historic small farm barns into 'ancillary accomodation', and construct a double carport, driveway, parking for 5 cars, walling etc. They intend to use the ancient Saltway track, a Restricted Byway and Public Right of Way/footpath for their access, with all the vehicles emerging at this dangerous junction. EVERYONE who drives through Ablington will be affected if this goes ahead and there is very strong feeling locally against this application.

Please support us in fighting this proposal and submit your objections (both on the access and the scale of the development) urgently to the CDC planners by email to chloe.buckingham@cotswold.gov.uk.

If planning permission is obtained it will be too late to act!

Any questions or for further information please contact Jenny A'Bear (740412).
Thank you.

Get Planning – Queen's Platinum Jubilee

H.M. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated in June.

Thursday 2nd is the Queen's Birthday Parade and Trooping of the Colour
Beacons will be lit.

Friday 3rd June - Thanksgiving service at St Pauls

Saturday 4th – the Queen will attend the Derby. There will be a live evening Concert at Buckingham Place.

The nation is encouraged to throw street parties for the Big Jubilee Lunch.

What are you going to do as an individual? Do you have plans or ideas, and what are we going to do in the village to celebrate 70 years of the Queen's reign?

HEAVENS ABOVE

The sugar Moon or Storm Moon is on March 18th – this will be the last full moon before the Sprig equinox on the 20/21st March. It's also in Virgo and that indicates health matters, so get yourself sorted!

Healthy diets, exercise so March is a good time to start.

March Winds and April Showers bring forth May Flowers

POEM - Below is a popular children's poem by an unknown author

March Wind is a jolly fellow
He likes to joke & play
He turns umbrellas inside out
And blows men's hats away.
He calls the pussy willow
And whispers in each ear
'Wake up you lazy seed
Don't you know Spring is here?

Old Man of The Pike

Well how have things moved on since I last put pen to paper. It looks like Covid 19 has been tamed and restrictions are being relaxed, may-be a little quicker than some of us may liked. But we do know we are going to have to live with Covid for many years and cope with it like we cope with Flu etc. I do hope that we can manage that and still get on with our lives. After that we have been blown to kingdom come not by one named storm but three of them. We have survived them not to badly except for a few broken panes of glass in the greenhouses and a power cut of nearly twenty hours. Let us hope that we can continue winter more calmly and mild till the spring! And it looks as if spring is just around the corner with the snowdrops and crocuses blooming well, with the catkins and daffodils blowing in the wind, things are looking brighter.

We have just seen the Winter Olympics and what a spectacle it was, the athletes doing things that would have been impossible a few years ago, well done to our Curling teams. What a game it is with so many ways of playing the stones, I would dearly love to know more about the game, makes Bowls tamer in many ways. Well done to all our athletes who start off with a disadvantage with very few winter facilities to work with.

Why is it there is always a fly in the ointment some where in the world. To this I am referring to Russia and Ukraine, I was alive at the time of Munich but of a age to not pass judgement and since then lived through all the other high tension moments. But this one has me worried more this time, again just one man doing the wrong thing could start World War Three and can we do anything to prevent this? it is giving me more grey hairs than I already have and I am too old to do anything about it. We all must hope that common sense prevails and everything calms down and we can get on with a peaceful life. Keep Well.

Village Histories: 1864 - The tragic death of John Hill, carter

A salutary story about the dangers of drinking and (carriage) driving appeared in the Cirencester Times & Cotswold Advertiser on 28th November 1864.

There had been a fatal accident near Barnsley earlier in the month when a 39-year-old carter called John Hill died after falling under the wheels of his timber carriage. It was only during and after the Inquest, held at the Three Horse Shoes in Cirencester's Cricklade Street that the full story emerged.

Mr Hill was working for William Lock of Cirencester, who had sent him and another carter called Richard Gaytor to collect timber from Aldsworth. Their two timber carriages were laden with poles stacked so high that they were obliged to sit on top of the loads. Each carriage with its load weighed an estimated seven tons, according to one newspaper report. As they passed through Bibury they stopped at the Swan Inn, where they each had a quart of ale. Then they set off up the hill towards Arlington, but had only gone as far as the Catherine Wheel when they felt thirsty again, and stopped for another pint of ale each. In Barnsley they felt thirsty again, so they stopped at the Greyhound Inn and shared a pint of 'gin-hot'. I expect they were cold (it was November) and in need of a warming drink. Mr Gaytor then set off towards Cirencester, leaving Mr Hill in the Greyhound.

Given that the pair seemed unable to pass a pub without stopping for a drink, one can't help wondering if they might have started their pub crawl at the Sherborne Arms before they even left Aldsworth.

It was 5.30pm when Mr Hill left the village. It was probably already dark. He was probably feeling tired. A short way along the road he slipped off the timber, fell onto the road, and one of the carriage wheels ran over his arm. A Mr James Adams of Arlington, travelling the other way, had just passed Mr Hill when he heard the incident.

He went back and helped Mr Hill, who was able to stand up, saying: "I have got my arm broke". But despite medical attention in Cirencester, including amputation of the arm, he died a week later on 16th November. As the newspaper put it in the official language of the day: "Mortification set in, and fatal consequences ensued".

The verdict of the jury was accidental death. No official mention was made of the role that alcohol may have played in the accident, but the Coroner and Jury did ask Sergeant Eyles to make enquiries at the Greyhound Inn concerning how much alcohol Mr Hill had consumed.

Sgt Eyles interviewed the landlady (Mrs Habgood) and found that Mr Hill had spent two hours in the pub. Mrs Habgood stated that she had refused to serve him any more drink, whereupon he had tried asking other guests to order drinks for him.

It may be that the John Hill who died in this tragic accident was the same John Hill who a few years earlier had been fined five shillings for being drunk and disorderly in Cirencester. Maybe also the John Hill whose shoes were stolen when he was living at Day's Lodging House in Cricklade Street in 1857.

And perhaps it was the same John Hill who late one Friday evening in May 1855 was taken into custody after being spotted walking down Cirencester's Cricklade Street carrying a ladder. His excuse was that he had found it "leaning against a wall" near the entrance to the White Hart Inn yard.

It turned out to belong to the town's lamplighter, who was having a well-earned drink in the inn after his duties were over. At the hearing on the following Monday Mr Hill was given a reprimand and discharged, in the absence of any evidence that he had taken the ladder "with felonious intent". {Story from the Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard, 19th May 1855}.
Footnote 1: What was 'gin-hot'. It seems that through the 1800s mixing gin with hot water was a popular way to drink it. But what was the ratio of gin to water ? More research needed.

Footnote 2: Timber carriages were large four-wheeled, horse-drawn vehicles specifically designed to carry long timber loads ranging from a single massive tree trunk to multiple poles. They were massively strong, but without a load of timber on board looked rather like a skeletal frame on wheels.

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FOR SALE - Reconstituted Stone Fire Surround

A reconstituted stone fire surround, complete with hearth and interesting carved details. There is a hairline crack in the top. It has been removed and is available for collection from Winson.

Heritage Basin/Sink on Chrome Stand – a Heritage brand new porcelain sink with chrome taps on a chrome stand. approximately 68cm at widest x 70cm high x 41cm depth at widest. Retails around £650. Can be collected from Winson near Bibury. Please contact Gillie Coghlan, Tel: 01285 720991, Mob: 07879 607248, or email: rowena@rluard.com

FROM FURTHER AFIELD

Spring Events at Northleach Church

Saturday March 12th 7.30pm - Da Capo a cappella chamber choir perform Soul Music. Da Capo's home base is Warwick, so it is a rare opportunity to hear them perform their uplifting repertoire of music for lent in the fine acoustics of Northleach Church
Tickets £12 at ticketsource.co.uk/dacapo

Saturday April 23rd, 7.00pm - Patrick Mackie talks about his book "Mozart in Motion" Patrick Mackie mixes biographical storytelling with deep dives into the experience of listening to Mozart's music, to reveal a musician in dialogue with culture at its most sweepingly progressive.
Tickets £8 at <https://northleachmozart.eventbrite.co.uk>

Saturday May 28th, 7.00pm - James Fleming talks about his book "Bond Behind The Iron Curtain"
James Fleming, nephew of Ian Fleming, shares previously unseen illustrations and material translated from the languages of Russia and its communist satellites, detailing their attack on capitalism and the character and morals of 007.
Tickets available soon. Cocktails, shaken not stirred.
Find future events at Northleach Church at <https://www.northleachbenefice.org/concerts-events>

Fairford & District Choral Society upcoming concert

Fairford and District Choral Society will be performing their next concert under their temporary Musical Director Katrine Reimers at St Mary's Church, Fairford at 7.30 on Saturday 2 April 2022. They will be performing various pieces including; Mozart Missa in b flat major (with 4 professional soloists); Brahms Geistliches Lied; Mendelssohn Hear my Prayer and Jauchzet dem Herrn; and Schubert Magnificat. Tickets are £15 and available from Fairford Opticians.

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