

VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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May 2022

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| 1 May | Sunday | Cricket Sunday side Home v. Witcombe | 2pm |
| 7 May | Saturday | Cricket League Home v. Langford CC | |
| 10 May | Tuesday | Annual Meeting Parish Council followed by Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm Bibury Village Hall | 6.30pm + 8pm |
| 12 May | Thursday | Rural Cinema, Bibury Village Hall, 'Belfast', Village Hall. welcome drinks at 7pm | 7pm for 7.30pm |
| 12 May | Thursday | Coln Crafters, Bibury Village Hall | 2-4pm |
| 14 May | Saturday | TableTop Sale, Baptist Church, New School Rooms, the Green | 11-3pm |
| 14 May | Saturday | Barnsley Festival and Open Gardens | 10.30-5pm |
| 15 May | Sunday | Barnsley Festival Praise for Barnsley Village Garden Festival | 11am |
| 20 May | Friday | Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Barnsley Village Hall | 6pm |
| 21 May | Saturday | Football – Pavo the Singer | 8pm |
| 22 May | Sunday | Open Gardens, Bibury Village | 2-5.30pm |
| 23 May | Monday | Football – Bingo | 7.30pm |
| 25 May | Wednesday | Wednesday Club, Bibury Village Hall | 2-4pm |
| 27 May | Friday | BibLit Talk by Andrew Roberts, Bibury Church | 6pm |
| 28 May | Saturday | Northleach Church – Bond Behind the Iron Curtain | 7.30pm |
| 29 May | Sunday | Beating the Bounds – Walk for Ukraine around the 3 Parish border BBQ to follow | |

June 2022

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| 2-6 June | Thurs- Monday | HRH Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee : Bank Holiday | |
| 5 June | Sunday | Platinum Jubilee Praise | |

July 2022

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| 16 July | Saturday | Bibury Show, Village Hall <i>NB this is the corrected date from Feb.issue</i> | |
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May 2023 - Visit to the Holy Land 8-16 May 2023

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

With all the news about at the moment and the lack of judgement of some prominent leaders, wise words from Benjamin Franklin

Wise men don't need advice. Fools won't take it

COVER SKETCH

We found this lovely sketch in the village Life Folder at the Trout farm. It was done by Jennifer Johnson age 10. It even had the correct month 😊

VILLAGE LIFE PANEL

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BIBURY, BARNSELY AND WINSON CHURCHES

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Dear Friends,

Let us begin and end with gratitude. For a grateful spirit is a triple blessing, bringing health and comfort to our own souls; gladness and peace to those on whom we bestow it and joy to the heart of an all giving, all generous God.

A quotation from..... well, me actually. I just wanted to say thank you, and it ended up sounding a bit pompous, so I thought I would attribute it elsewhere, as I happen to believe it, and thought that you might be more convinced if some ancient saint had said it.

So, thank you, to all those who made our Easter celebrations so joy filled, (especially our donkey, Easter bunny, and guest pony) made the church so beautiful, and the Easter garden so inspirational. Thank you too, to those who risked life and limb to put up the flags, to welcome all Ukrainian visitors to our country. Thank you too, to all those who braved the Coln, to resurrect the Duck Race, and thank you to all involved in BibLit22. Jackie, Anne and Michelle (Fons et origo) Victoria, Tracy-Anne, Joanne and Jacqui. And so many more. An amazing weekend to be hosted by such a small village. The presence of Jonathan Aitken, whose beloved wife, Elizabeth had died only a few days before was a particular honour. So, thank you, one and all, for all that you do to make our villages such unique and wonderful places to live our lives together.

Much to give thanks for.

Much to look forward to.

And help required at every turn.....Just contact me

- On Sunday 15th May there will be Barnsley Festival Praise at 11:00am (There will be no service at Bibury that day) to mark the 'return' of the Barnsley Village Garden Festival, established over 30 years ago by Rosemary Verey.
- On Friday 20th May the Annual Parochial Church Meeting of our united benefice of Bibury with Winson and Barnsley, takes place at Barnsley Village Hall at 6:00pm. All are welcome, and light refreshments will be served.
- On Friday 27th May the spirit of BibLit lives on, as internationally acclaimed historian, Andrew Roberts comes and speaks about his latest book which reassess the life of George III. Drinks from 6:00pm at the Church. Entrance free.
- On Sunday 29th May We shall be 'Beating the Bounds' and doing a sponsored Walk for Ukraine. Our promenade will take us around our three churches of Bibury, Barnsley and Winson, and will involve food and drink at every stop, and a BBQ at the end. You can just do a little bit of the walk if you wish. It's up to you. If you want to be involved or need a sponsorship form, contact Alastair Taylor (Tayloralastair1@gmail.com)
- On Sunday 5th June Platinum Jubilee Praise will take place at St Marys. A Churches Together in Bibury celebration. This will be followed by a traditional fete and Street Party lunch. If you would like to help in ANY way please contact Alice Taylor (Alice.helm96@gmail.com)
- Finally, our proposed 2020 trip to the Holy Land of Israel was, inevitably postponed, but a new trip is now planned for May 2023. We plan to leave on Monday 8th May and return on Tuesday 16th. Leaflets containing details can be found in all three churches. Do please get in touch if you would like to know more.
- Pop up teas restart very soon. Look out for details

With every blessing

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| Church Services May 2022 | Bibury | Barnsley | Winson |
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| Sunday 1st May 3rd Sunday after Easter <i>Acts 9:1-6</i> <i>John 21:1-19</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 8th May 4th Sunday after Easter <i>Acts 9:36-end</i> <i>John 10:22-30</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 15th May 5th Sunday after Easter <i>Acts 11:1-18</i> <i>John 13:31-35</i> | | 11.00am Barnsley Festival Village Praise | 9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i> |
| Sunday 22nd May 6th Sunday after Easter <i>Psalms 67</i> <i>Acts 16:9-15</i> <i>John 5:1-9</i> | 11.00am Morning Prayer | 9:45am Morning Prayer | |
| Sunday 29th May Sunday after Ascension | <i>Beating the Bounds</i> Starts at Bibury Church at 9:30am | A Family Walk around our churches Refreshments | Barbecue at the finish. |
| Sunday 5th June Pentecost Platinum Jubilee Weekend <i>Acts 2:1-21</i> <i>John 14:8-17</i> | 11.00am Platinum Praise Followed by Fete, Street Party, and parish lunch | 9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i> | 9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i> |
| Sunday 12th June Trinity Sunday <i>Psalms 8</i> <i>John 16:12-15</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 19th June Trinity 1 <i>1 Kings 19:1-15</i> <i>Luke 8:26-39</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 26th June Trinity 2 <i>Psalms 77: 11-end</i> <i>2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14</i> <i>Luke 9:51-end</i> | 11.00am Morning Prayer | 9:45am Morning Prayer | |
| Sunday 3rd July St Thomas <i>Habakkuk 2:1-4</i> <i>John 20:24-end</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 July Trinity 4 <i>Amos 7:7-end</i> <i>Luke 10:25-37</i> | 11.00am School Moving on Service Blessing of year 6 | 9:45am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i> | |
| Churchwardens , Jackie Colburn 01451 860212, Dominic Spacie, Lavinia Sidgwick 01285 720682 Vicar Revd Tim Hastie-Smith 01285 740301 | | | |

What a great Party we had on Easter Sunday! Firstly the celebration of The Risen Christ at our morning service with a great talk from Rev.J.John on the screen the Chapel resplendently decorated with local flowers and wonderful prayer and songs , then the Bunny Hunt which was even more successful this year with many families taking part, finishing in the New Schoolrooms for prizes cake and drinks. The open day history display was very popular, then the champagne corks popped and canapes enjoyed for the opening ceremony as the donors plaque was unveiled by Jean Stringer our oldest member who has been part of the Baptist church most of her life. A speech by Sharon and the prayer below from Zena to finish off the day that was a great community occasion, it was a joy to see!

Father God we praise you for the gift of unity, you place others perfectly in our lives and inspire us to work together using the gifts that you have blessed us with. Thank you for the ideas that you have spoken life into here today and for the contributions of each and every participant. In each one of us lies a puzzle piece, and one by one we see our individual pieces moving into place as we continue to serve your will. Father we praise you for Jesus`s sacrifice as we celebrate today his perfect love that defeated sin upon the cross. We thank you for loving us perfectly and for layering our lives for unique purpose. As we leave here today we pray your will over our lives. Let your will be paramount in all our plans, today and always Amen

The History display and old photographs of The Baptist Church and Arlington Green residents some of around Bibury were supplied from locals and a number came from a collection of the late Stan and Olive Wort especially of the Trinder family who lived in quite a few of the cottages on the Green one cottage No5 housed 22 members of one family! Also great old photos of the Bakery thanks to Janet for those. This display will live at the Church and can be accessed for viewing if arrangements are made.

Many visitors came to see the new Schoolrooms with car park, disabled access new loos and a new kitchen for community use and most were surprised at what we had achieved with double glazing, new carpets and décor the new rooms are now warm, sweet smelling and fresh looking also ready for use so if you need a venue for a community or family function, clubs, exercise classes or get togethers this is here for you to use please email info@arlingtonbaptist.org for more information.

When you receive this copy of village life the first community lunch for over two years will have taken place along with our second Ukraine cake sale but have no fear there are more.....

All day breakfast is the menu for **COMMUNITY BRUNCH** on **WEDNESDAY 18th MAY** for Christian Aid week with a **CAKE SALE** for the DEC Ukraine appeal 10am-2 pm in the schoolrooms, everyone welcome to either stop for brunch or just pop in to buy a cake. All cakes are available for a donation to the DEC payment by Cash or Cheque to Arlington Baptist Church. We'll send it all off as we did before and display a receipt from the last sale at the next. Please come and support this community initiative!

TABLETOP SALE - SATURDAY 14TH MAY 11am – 3 pm in the NEW SCHOOLROOMS on THE GREEN. TABLES £5 please book in advance 01285 740366 **COFFEE, TEA AND CAKE AVAILABLE ALL DAY ☺**

SERVICES

Every Sunday at 10.30am modern worship service - Everyone welcome!

BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Acorns Class: March has been another busy month in Acorn Class.

Our Explorers Day completed our history topic on Famous Explorers and we had a very enjoyable time with our friends at North Cerney Primary Academy. We took part in some challenging orienteering tasks, we found out quite how hard it is to pull a heavily loaded sledge and we found out how to light a fire before enjoying some toasted marshmallows and some campfire songs.

Oaks Class have enjoyed a very busy and enjoyable March both inside and outside of the classroom. We were also able to support a good cause this month by inviting our whole school to wear the colours of the Ukrainian flag and paint some bright and beautiful pictures of sunflowers. Both of these actions allowed Bibury to raise money to support Ukrainian refugees. Oaks Class were incredibly kind and thoughtful when painting and discussing the ways in which we must continue to support others. Our Year 4s also had the opportunity to take part in a willow weaving workshop to make wind chimes and a cross for our worship area on the playground. As March drew to a close, we were able to go on a fantastic trip to the Ernest Cook Trust in Fairford to take part in a river study. This was a chance for Oaks and Mighty Oaks to apply all of their learning from their geography topic into a real setting. They measured the speed of different parts of the river, measured the depth across the width of a meander, and completed some excellent field sketches that our trip leader was very impressed with! Oaks behaved wonderfully and the whole trip was incredibly fun!

Mighty Oaks Class: We have come to the end of another very busy month of learning. In Geography, we identified the different ways that rivers can begin, learned about the features of each course of the river and followed the course of the River Thames on maps. We have also looked at major rivers in the UK and around the world. The highlight of this term's learning was our field trip to the River Coln in Fairford where we were able to make field sketches and record width, depth and speed measurements for different parts of the river.

Annual Nature & Wildlife Quiz: April brings Spring and of course the Primary Schools Nature and Wildlife Quiz which is run by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. Our team was selected and so began lots of revising, using school resources as well as bringing in samples to share and discuss. After a practice quiz and a nature walk in Bibury the team was ready. They travelled to Southrop (along with Bibury Bear), filled with nervous excitement. It was a very close match and it came down to the final round which was the sample round. They scored 6 out of 8. Our incredibly dedicated team were amazing and all are very excited about reaching the 2nd round which will take place against Ampney Crucis next term. Well done to our team for working so hard - we are incredibly proud of you all.

Suki Pascoe, Head Teacher **Great Oaks from little acorns grow** Bibury C of E Primary School
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BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

There were no members of the public present at our meeting on 12th April 2022 when the following items were discussed: **Apologies** were received from Victoria Summerly. **Craig Chapman declared an interest** in the planning for changes to fenestration at Church Barn.

Reports from the County and District Councillors:

Cllr. Lisa Spivey reported that work to do with the refugee crisis was ongoing. CDC & GCC have about 27 people coming into the county. Work for the Jubilee continues. The Tour of Britain is coming here in September (not in Bibury). Work on roads continues and, thanks to Craig Chapman, ours have got a lot of attention. She has been working on river condition and sewage and it has been picked up by the BBC. Children's

Services have come out of “failing” and is now in “in need of improvement”. At County Council and CDC recruitment and retention of staff continues to be a problem.

Cllr. Raymond Theodoulou reported that when he was first elected roads were a significant problem and they continue to be so; they are good on emergencies. CDC still have the issues on planning and have met with some of the parishes regarding a contribution of Parish Councils and parish system which does not seem to be functioning in the way people want. It is very important and we must get it right. Sewage discharges are not suitable for the modern age. The Boundary Commission is looking to split Cotswolds into two with about 72,000 per constituency. We do not have much say in it but there is a consultation going on. There has been activity on a new form of finance, crowdfunding, to the tune of £300,000; it does give everyone a chance to contribute. There is a proposal to do work on Trinity Road (CDC’s offices); it is now rather large for the way people work and office space will be created and let out, details are still in the making. UBICO is under some stress.

3 new litter bins have been ordered, 1 for each of Arlington Row, Bat Field + Arlington Fields.

Government Rebate: Households in tax bands A-D will be eligible to receive a non-repayable £150 Council Tax Rebate from the Government. Payments will first be made to people who pay their Council Tax Bill by Direct Debit in April 2022. Residents eligible for the rebate are encouraged to sign up to pay by Direct Debit using the online payments system **Open Portal** which will allow you to be issued the rebate as quickly as possible.

Friendship Communities: We have had a request to build an inform relationship with Arlington Heights Community of Arlington County, Virginia and the Parish Council will enquire further into this.

Bus Stop at Arlington Fields: The bus operator has not stopped by Quarry Bungalows for over a year and as it was felt that the safety of children was important the Parish Council have agreed to pursue the possibility of this.

Traffic Regulation Order: It was agreed that proposals would be on view at our Annual Meeting on **10th May 2022** in The Village Hall. The majority of the Parish Council supported the recommendations

Planning: The following plans were agreed by Councillors,

22/01116/TCNR Arlington Lodge: Tree works.

22/01026/FUL Quarry Point Cottage: 2-storey extensions on SW & NE elevations and demolition of single storey extension on NW elevation with associated works.

22/01026/FUL Sunhill, Welsh Way, Poulton: Redevelopment to provide a mixed use development together with a solar thermal heating system and PV array.

22/00708/CLOPUD Church Barn: 22/00708/CLOPUD Church Barn: The Council agreed to object to this application..

Date of the next meeting – 10th May 2022 at the following times in The Village Hall.:

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (this is the business meeting)) **6.30pm**

Annual Parish Meeting – **8.00pm.**

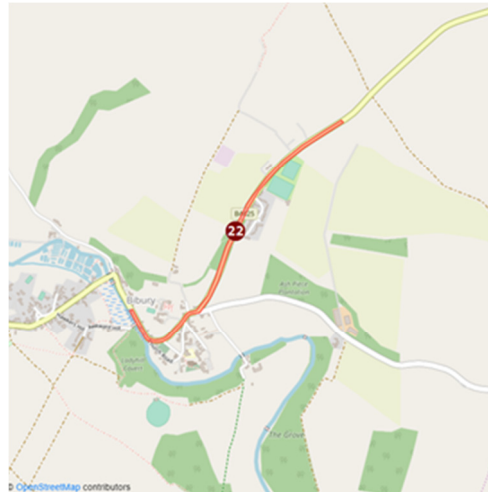
BIBURY ROAD RESURFACING – B4425

Significant resurfacing works will be taking place on the main road through Bibury, B4425.

The Bibury to Aldsworth Road will be closed from Wednesday 4th May to Monday 16th May 2022 between 9.30 to 15.00 (Highways reference 11357305-853747). Gloucestershire County Council has helpfully agreed to requests from Bibury School to stop works each day in time for children be collected safely according to usual school hours.

The area involved starts from mid-way down The Street to just beyond Bibury Football Club.

Please note that further works are due to take place in Ablington later this year / early next. A summary of all Highways activities are included on the Bibury Parish Council Website (About



BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

Those lucky enough to be in the audience for Hilary James and Simon Mayor performance in the Village Hall last month were treated to a virtuoso musical evening. The Committee is aware that without the support from Air in G we would not be able to host such evenings. Air in G was set up to help small venues like our hall to have access to high quality professional entertainments of all kinds and we look forward to seeing what they will offer for next season. Thank you to all those who attended the event and to all those who helped organize the event especially Roger and Angela Staton for all their hard work.

Bibury Show – Saturday 16th July. Please note that the correct date for the Bibury Show is the 16th July we printed the incorrect date in February's issue. The judges have been contacted, the schedule has been decided and it should be delivered to your doorstep sometime in May.

The Bibury Show started in the late 19th century (Have you seen the poster in the Village Hall Committee Room advertising the 4th Bibury show held in 1895?) Over the years it has not been held for a variety of reasons including both world wars and more recently the Covid two years! We are hoping that everyone will come and enter and support the Show this year. By doing so you will help maintain a long-established traditional event held in the village for villagers and their families. So read the schedule when it comes, keep it safe until July and start planning to take part.. It is not too late to start taking photographs, grow some vegetables or flowers, get creative for the craft for all, and plan to take part in the cookery section. This year the Flower Arranging section will fall in line with the RHS and other shows in requesting that entrants do not use florist oasis. Ideas for using other techniques to make a floral arrangements will be given in next month's Village Life

Bibury Open Gardens will take place on Sunday 22nd May from 2 to 5:30 pm. There will be 5 gardens open and you can either pay £2 a garden or £5 to see all five gardens. There will be teas in the Village Hall, Car parking in a field nearby, thanks to Mr Kennedy. If you would like to help in any way please contact Wendy Challinor (740021) for the Teas (cakes always welcome) Angela Alderton (740241)for the car parking rota. Some of the garden owners might like help in manning their entrance gate to free them up to talk to the visitors. So far we have, Garden Cottage, Awkward Hill Cottage, Saltway House, Dovecote Cottage and Church House gardens open – More gardens are welcome – just let us know.

COLN CRAFT CLUB

We continue to meet on the second Thursday of each month so our next meeting will be on Thursday 12th May from 2 – 4 pm. Some of us are making progress in learning to crochet thanks to Lynn Edwards and YouTube! Others are still working on unfinished embroidery or patchwork projects. Some of us might even start to make our creations for the Bibury Show ! Come and join us for inspiration and help. Cost £3 including refreshments.

DID YOU KNOW THAT BIBURY HAS SOME FLOOD WARDENS?

We have been nominated by the Bibury Parish Council to be the Bibury Flood Wardens. Flood wardens help locals at risk of flooding, to know what they can do to prepare for a possible flood and who to contact if a flood occurs. Wardens bring local knowledge to those organisations that have responsibility to prevent or deal with the flood incidents. Flooding is not just a result of rivers overflowing their banks but can be the result of intense rainfall causing increased run off on roads causing flash floods, or problems with blocked or undersize drains.

Our training is due to start in May and we would like to produce a local map of potential flood problems. Some we are aware of, such as parts of Church Road and Arlington Row that have flooded in the recent past, the man hole cover near the Arlington Manor which lifts during heavy runoff, or the flooding of the road at the bottom of Quarry Hill. If you know of other problems – in Ablington or Aldsworth Road or elsewhere in the Parish – please help us compile a list of potential flood areas. If we know where the local danger spots are, we can try and get the organisations responsible to act before it floods again rather than deal with an actual flood event and its aftermath .

If you would like to contact us or help us as a Flood Warden do not hesitate to contact us .
Wendy & Phil Challinor 01285 740021.

PLATINUM JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE MUGS.

To commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Village Hall Management committee is going to present each child at Bibury School with a commemorative mug at the end of May. The mugs are bone china with a picture of the Queen surrounded by the flags of the commonwealth nations.

We have a small number of spare mugs for sale either for older or younger siblings of the school children or for anyone else who would like to buy one. They cost £7 each. Please contact Angela Staton 01285 740078.

WEDNESDAY CLUB

Over the last few months we have had talks on Steeplechase Gin, Men in sheds, Easter Flowers and Poetry. Nothing is organised yet for the May meeting on Wednesday 25th May so just join us for a very informal meeting to discuss future events and talks. Ideas are always welcome, come along for tea and Cake on Wednesday 25th May 2 – 4pm. Cost £3

BARNSELY WOLD S.S.S.I.

Barnsley Wold Site of Special Scientific Interest is now open for Public Access.

The access route is way marked and the public are asked to adhere to this route and to follow the Country Code.

People visiting the site do so at their own risk and dogs are not permitted on the site to avoid disturbance to wildlife.

Any queries should be referred to CWB Baillie-Hamilton. on 07976 287744 or email: cbh@shiptondowns.co.uk

ROUND AND ABOUT

Good to see that the Parish council have organized some repairs to the Bibury Playground at the Batfield. Many of us grandparents find it a really useful amenity to use with visiting grandchildren.

We do hope that the missing noticeboard on the Green will be replaced – it is probably the noticeboard most read in the Village.

The planned road closures in May will be an inconvenience but good to see that the timing has been altered to accommodate the school pick-up and drop of times. We wonder what effect it will have on the visitors to Bibury. The numbers seem to back at pre-covid levels but so far the number of large coaches seem to be slightly fewer!

A reminder that the Bibury Parish Annual meeting on the 10th May is the time we shall be able to view the proposals Re; the Traffic Regulation Order.

Well done Sharon Petchey and her team at the Baptist Church for overseeing the refurbishment of the old school room and kitchen in a new community room and kitchen. The official opening was held on the 17th April and was quickly followed by the resumption of the monthly community lunches and a cake sale for the Ukraine.

We look forward to welcoming some Ukrainian Refugees to the local area. The flying of the Ukrainian flags in the churchyard is a reminder of not only what suffering is taking place but also how lucky we are to live in a peaceful village.

So many of Bibury Residents seem to suffering – not so much with covid but with chest infections. Even our typist for this month Karen Gray is still recovering from pneumonia. Let us wish all those who are under the weather for what ever reason a speedy return to full health.

Sadly, we have heard that Michael Pritchett died towards the end of April, just two weeks after his 90th Birthday. Michael was formerly of Arlington Farm and was a well-known local farmer and contractor. He moved from Arlington to Minchinhampton. We send our condolences to his family.

BIBURY UKRAINIAN SUPPORT GROUP (BUS GROUP)

A small support group has started in our community to help support refugees and families hosting.

It has become very useful for information help and sharing, we are operating the group on WhatsApp. This group is only for people genuinely involved in the government scheme or heading local community groups who can offer help whether that be for fundraising or counselling or anything relevant. We are looking for voluntary offers not to be paid for services. If you wish to be added please contact Sharon who will initially need to know in what capacity you wish to join this group. Please understand that these refugees are coming here as very vulnerable people and we need to ensure they have the respect and privacy they deserve.
Sharon 07974 785437

THE OLD MAN OF THE PIKE

Hi there, in this issue I am taking up a completely different line. At our last Panel meeting someone passed comment about the noise of a certain aircraft taking off from RAF Fairford most mornings and not seeing it. So, this got me thinking, how much did most people know about this plane. Of course, we are talking about the Lockheed U2 or Dragon Lady the high-altitude Spy Plane. This is no new plane, but it has been kept up to date over its lifetime, so now I will try to give you some of its history.

The plane started its life in the Skunk Works in America under the guidance of Kelly Johnson (a very clever man) in about 1955, he took the frame of a F 104 Starfighter and made it into the first U2. He changed about everything except the engine, which was the J 57 that produced 11,000lbs thrust. The size of the Starfighter was wingspan 21ft 11ins, length 54ft 9ins & ht 13ft 6ins, this was turned into the U2 of wingspan 80ft length 49ft 7ins & ht 16ft a max speed of 460mph and attitude of 66,000ft. This was making it into a large glider with an engine. With the passage of time the plane has increased in about every directions and the capabilities of spying to become now an aircraft with a J 75 engine of 17,000 lbs plus thrust, max speed to just under 500mph wt of 41,000lbs of which more than 75% is fuel and its size has increased to 103ft wingspan, length of 62ft 9ins & a ht of 16ft and an operating height of more than 80,000ft and this is what we are told. All this information could be away out of date and the plane is still flying strongly, some LADY. Is it any wonder when it takes off it is away in a few seconds and making all that noise?

BIBURY CRICKET CLUB

The Duck Race was finally run on Monday 18th April after being postponed from Boxing Day. It was a lovely sunny day and there were many visitors in the village who participated in the event and seemed to enjoy it . Ticket sales were less than would be expected on Boxing Day but that is generally attended by many locals specifically for the Race. On Easter Monday, its visitors from afar that are our target audience. A big thank you to all our volunteers on the day.

On the cricket field, the Sunday side open up our season on Sunday May 1st at home v Witcombe, 2pm start. The league season starts on Saturday 7th May home v Langford CC.

We still need a larger pool of players to ensure we can field eleven in every game so if you would like to get involved and play some cricket in glorious surroundings then please do contact me. We welcome all ages, abilities, and genders.

Leslie Smith, Chairman, 07867 467433

RURAL CINEMA

Thursday, 12 May, doors open 7.00pm, film starts 7.30pm

And the film is ... “Belfast”, written and directed by Kenneth Branagh

Belfast, Kenneth Branagh’s semi-autobiographical ‘end of innocence’ drama, centres on a young boy’s childhood amidst the Troubles in Northern Ireland in the 1960s. It stars newcomer Jude Hill as Buddy, a nine-year-old boy growing up in a warm and garrulous family, whose carefree childhood is shattered when a loyalist mob rampages through their peaceful, largely Protestant community, smashing windows and screaming: “Catholics out!”

Written and directed by Branagh, the film was nominated in eight categories at this year’s Academy Awards, winning an Oscar for best original screenplay. In his acceptance speech Branagh described Belfast as his “most personal film” and said the story is “the search for hope and joy in the face of violence and loss”.

What the critics said:

“It’s a memory piece, evoking a specific time, place, and political crisis in a way that is indelibly, achingly personal”- *Rolling Stone*

“You would really have to be a Grinch not to come out of this film smiling” - *Mark Kermode*

“**If you have tears**, prepare to shed them roughly two thirds of the way through Kenneth Branagh’s sublime new film” – *The Times*

“There is a terrific warmth and tenderness to Kenneth Branagh’s elegiac, autobiographical movie about the Belfast of his childhood” - *The Guardian*

To reserve your seats please email biburycinema@btinternet.com

Or call Angela Staton on 01285 740078.

RURAL CINEMA

Bibury Village Hall – Thursday, 12 May

Belfast – Drama Cert: 12A - Run time 1hr 40min

*A coming-of-age drama set at the advent of the Troubles in Northern Ireland,
written and directed by Kenneth Branagh.*

***Starring: Caitríona Balfe, Judi Dench, Jamie Dornan, Ciarán Hinds,
Colin Morgan, and newcomer Jude Hill.***

Doors open 7.00pm 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.

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THE BIBURY & DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

After a two year absence, the skittles tournament for the Henriques Cup took place over seven weeks in February and March. It ended with Bibury Football Club team having victory over Bibury School in a strongly contested final. Raffles and players' entry fees resulted in a total of £849 being raised which will go to help the Legion's welfare work in Gloucestershire. A big thank you to all the players, those who bought raffle tickets, those who gave prizes, the sandwich-makers, Liam for valiantly doing the sticking-up, Tim Hastie-Smith for his generosity and especially to the Football Club for the use of their alley, opening the bar and for their help, support and much-appreciated donation.

BIBURY GARDENING CLUB

Vanessa Berridge's talk about Borde Hill at the gardening club meeting last month was quite simply a delight. The garden at Borde Hill in Sussex is the subject of her latest book, which was published at the end of April, and Vanessa split the talk into two parts - a history of how the garden came to be created, and a virtual tour of the gardens. The photographs for her book, entitled Borde Hill Gardens: A Plant Hunter's Paradise, were taken by John Glover and they were stunning. I've been to Borde Hill, but not since the 1980s and 1990s when it was going through a bit of a makeover, and thanks to Glover's beautiful images and Vanessa's fascinating talk, I found myself vowing to go back one day. Borde Hill was bought by Colonel Stephenson R Clarke in 1893, who commissioned the great plant-hunters of the late 19th and early 20th century to bring back specimens from all corners of the world to adorn his garden. Since then, four generations of the Clarke family have cared for the garden.

Only two generations of the Angus family have been involved with Cerney House, with its walled garden and woodlands, knot garden, gazebo and espaliered fruit trees. It is a garden for all seasons, but mid-May is a fantastic time to see any garden, and that's where the gardening club will be going for our next meeting. We will meet at Cerney House in the car park on Wednesday 11 May at the earlier time of 6pm, and be given a tour by the owners, before being served with refreshments. If you are not a member of the gardening club, or you are coming as a guest of a member, entry is £10. If you are planning to come and you have not already let me know, please email me on v.summerley@hotmail.com . Victoria Summerley

BIBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

We have only played 2 matches since last month's VL one Home draw 3-3 v Frampton Reserves Bibury goal scorers were Archie Day with 2 and Greg Carter we were due to play Falcons away but unfortunately we could not raise a side and in our other match we narrowly lost 2-1 to Vinney St Swithens Matt Jones with our only goal.

We still have seven games to fit in before the mid May cut off only one of these is at home. However it is not all doom and gloom we did manage to win the British Legion cup skittles competition many thanks go to the organisers of the popular competition we have a caravan rally back at the start off next month Other events include.

- Saturday 21st of May from 8pm the popular musician Pavo this is open to all and is free entry
- Monday May 23rd Bingo from 7-30

THE TWIG

Open for tea, coffee, sandwiches, snacks and some groceries

8:30 am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday

9:00am to 4:30 pm Saturday and Sunday

SWALLOWS

Every year we wait expectantly for our swallows to return. It is always sad to see them depart in the autumn because we can never be quite sure that we will ever see any of them again. At the moment (Easter Sunday 2022) we have only got three; hopefully others will return soon. I have written this poem to sum up just how precious our swallows are. Judy Phillips

Swallows here, swallows there,
Swallows flying through the air.
This is what we hope to see.
But at the moment only three
Have made it safely back.

They are so vulnerable and small,
To face what dangers may befall
Them as they fly up, up, up,
Higher, higher in the sky.
Back to England from afar.

A journey from Africa, can it be true,
So many miles, can they really do
Such a long journey on their own
No maps to guide them, no telephone?
Yes, it is a miracle.

What a relief it really must be
When they fly and fly and suddenly see
The home they left those months ago.
The journey is over and they can know
They're safe at last!

FROM FURTHER AFIELD

NORTHLEACH

Ian Fleming's nephew James, talks about his book "Bond Behind The Iron Curtain"
Saturday May 28th at 7.30pm in Northleach Church.

Don't miss out on an evening of Bond music, drama and cocktails - shaken not stirred!
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Did new free-wheeling cycle technology cause 1903 downhill death in Bibury?

If you're a cyclist, you don't need telling about the delights of freewheeling down a gentle hill. It's the reward you get for the effort of pedalling up the other side.

It wasn't until around 1898 that a freewheeling option became commercially available on new bicycles, and as a modification for existing machines. But it brought with it risks as well as advantages. With a freewheeling bike, a rider could no longer control downhill speed by putting pressure on the back pedal. Everything depended on the brakes.

This change may have contributed to the death of a 26-year-old cyclist called George Lake in Bibury in April 1903.

George was a well-regarded general fitter working for Mr H Tovey, ironmonger, of Market Place Cirencester. That day he had been working on an electric installation in Aldsworth. He was described in newspaper reports as 'a most respectable and quiet man, a great supporter of his father, and a member of the Church of Plymouth Brethren'.

The Gloucester Citizen of 22nd April reported that he was seen 'descending the sharp hill into Bibury at a tremendous speed, having evidently lost control of the machine. He hit the wall on the right and was pitched forward, striking his head on the coping stone of the wall.' Several people rushed out of their houses to give assistance, but he died shortly afterwards from what was later diagnosed as a broken neck.

The article refers to the hill finishing with sharp turns left and right. Whether this refers to the two bends higher up near The Square (where the sequence is right then left) or the final sharp turn right into The Street, is not clear from the description. Cyclists taking the final right-hand bend too quickly are most likely to hit the low riverside wall on the left, not on the right.

It's the comments about his bicycle that are particularly interesting. He was said to be an experienced rider, and had recently had his machine turned onto a 'freewheeler with two rim brakes'. A report in another newspaper referred to 'a front rim brake and backpedalling rear brake'. Take your pick.

It was noted that he rode in toe clips, and that the brakes seemed to be perfect, except that the rear brake was found jammed. The bike was described as 'a high gear, and of the racer pattern'.

The report in the Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle was headed 'An uncontrollable machine', and referred to the 'High-geared, racing, freewheel bicycle'.

It's perhaps not surprising that a 24-year-old fitter would have wanted to have the state of the art in bicycle technology. And it's easy to imagine how he might have been looking forward to freewheeling down the steep hill that he had climbed up that same morning, on his way to Aldsworth. Quite probably, on the outward journey he had needed to dismount and push his high-geared bicycle up the hill. He would have noticed that the road surface had recently been upgraded to a 'proper macadamised and rolled' surface - perfect for a high-speed, freewheeling descent. Or so he thought.

All the factors needed for an accident were in place. A steep hill with sharp bends, a new tarmac surface, a freewheeling 'racing' cycle, a young rider, and the limited braking effectiveness of those early machines. In his excitement to race down the hill at the end of the day, George mis-judged the dangers.

An enquiry* was held by Mr A J Morton Ball, coroner for the division, a few days later in the Bibury Reading Room. A verdict of accidental death was declared. The jury added a recommendation that 'in view of several accidents at this turn in the road after a long run down Aldsworth Hill' the current 'caution' warning board should be supplemented by a 'danger' warning further down the hill.

Although the term wasn't invented until several decades later, it seems that already by 1903 the hill down into Bibury from the Aldsworth direction was becoming an accident black spot - at least for cyclists.

- An enquiry is similar to an inquest, but can consider a broader range of issues.

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