

VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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June

Thursday	2 nd	Craft Club in Bibury Village Hall,	2 -4 pm
Wednesday	8 th	Gardening Club visit to Oxleaze Farm Gardens	6.00pm
Thursday	9 th	Rural Cinema in Bibury village Hall ' Death on the Nile'.	7 for 7:30pm
Tuesday	14 th	Bibury Parish Council Meeting in Village Hall	7pm
Monday	20 th	Bingo at Football Club starts at	7:30pm
Monday	20th	Deadline for July & August issue of Village Life	12 noon
Wednesday	29 th	Community Lunch at Arlington Baptist Church	12:30pm

July

Wednesday	13 th	Entry night for Bibury Show in Bibury Village Hall	7 – 8pm
Saturday	16 th	Bibury Show in Bibury Village All – for everyone !	2 – 4pm
Wednesday	20 th	Community Lunch at Arlington Baptist Church	12:30pm
Friday	29 th	Biblit Extra – Talk by Sandra Howard see poster	6:30pm

August

Wednesday	17 th	Community Lunch at Arlington Baptist Church	12:30pm
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September

Friday	2 nd	Biblit Extra – Talk by Sir Anthony Sheldon	
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BIBURY WITH BARNSELY AND WINSON CHURCHES.

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Dear Friends,

In an attempt to be aggressively balanced in my reading, I found myself facing, this week, Young, Woke and Christian edited by Victoria Turner, and The Coddling of the American Mind by Greg Lukianoff and Jonathan Haidt. You don't really need to read either book to take a guess at which one is a howl of frustration against bigotry, racism, and prejudice, and which one is a howl of frustration against victimhood, 'safetyism' and polarisation. How to handle such differences of opinion? One helpful way is to imagine the mind as an elephant with a small rider sitting on top. If the rider is the conscious, 'thinking' part of the mind, the elephant is everything else; our emotions, our intuition, our unconscious and automatic responses. And the thing is, that the rider thinks that he is in control. And most of the time he isn't. The elephant is. And the rider, desperate to justify the elephant's direction of travel, seeks to rationalise its emotional response. He convinces himself that he chose his direction of travel through logic and reasoned thought. How does this help? Simply this: When I find myself in disagreement with someone, recognising that my stated position is more likely to be rooted in my emotions, experiences, and intuition, than rational thought. That doesn't make the position wrong. But agreement is unlikely to be reached through intellectual

argument. Or to put it more simply, reconciliation and friendship are achieved through building trust, not by winning arguments.

And how, I hear you cry, is this relevant to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee? Because our Queen of 70 years has spent her entire reign seeking to serve everyone, no matter what they believe, where they come from, or who they are. This is achieved by building trust and by relentlessly resisting the elephant's desire to head off in its own direction. It is sometimes said that the Queen has no opinions. But that is nonsense. She has plenty. But she chooses not to express them, because she chooses to build relationship, rather than be seen as right. Putting others before her own desires. Being royal, as Gyles Brandreth surprisingly wisely put it, is about always thinking of others. Never yourself. Making others feel important, not worrying about yourself. As someone once put it: Humility isn't thinking less of yourself. It's just thinking about yourself less.

This servant attitude is the heart of true leadership. It is why Sandhurst has the words inscribed over its gates: To lead is to serve. It is why true leaders eat last. It is why I was involved with the publication of a booklet to mark the Queen's 90th birthday called: The Servant Queen and the King she Serves. And it is why it is striking that the one opinion the Queen does state, unashamedly, is her faith and trust in God, and God's steadfast love. A message she has returned to, again and again, in her Christmas broadcasts. Her belief in the power of prayer, and the power of God's love to transform, and the implications of that for each one of us both individually and as a nation.

And that is why in a few days' time, we will, together, with enormous joy, celebrate her 70 year reign, and inspiring example. So do please come and join us at St Mary's on Sunday 5th June as we sing, dance, play, eat, drink and laugh together

And if you can help in any way on Sunday 5th June, do please let me know. Baking a cake (There will be prizes for entrants to the Cakes fit for a Queen competition), running a stall, donating items for stalls or prizes (Bottles – preferably full – always go down well) organising a game. Anything. Lunch is free, all are welcome!

With every blessing Tim

· PS Last month I mentioned that the Barnsley Garden Centre was the vision of Church Warden, Rosemary Verey. I have, subsequently been reminded that both Rev Francis Bruce and Beryl Le Bars were foundational to the vision. It was an outstanding success this year. Congratulations and thanks to all involved.

· On Friday 27th May the spirit of BibLit lived on, with a visit from internationally acclaimed historian, Andrew Roberts. Two further BibLit extra events will take place this Summer. On Friday 29th July, Sandra Howard will launch her new book In Love and War in Bibury. She will be interviewed by Gloucestershire writer, Caroline Montague. And on Friday 2nd September, acclaimed political historian Sir Anthony Seldon joins us.

Pop up Teas at St Mary's are back
Occasional
Monday afternoons at 3:00pm
Watch the Church blackboard for details

8th – 16th May 2023
A Trip to the Holy places of Israel
led by Tim and Joanne Hastie-Smith

The 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.

COVER SKETCH.

This month's cover sketch was drawn by Daisy Walker of Arlington Fields in response to our request for cover sketches. Thank you Daisy – we loved your early bird catching the worm!

Hopefully once the Bibury Show has taken place we will have a supply of covers sketches for another year.

BIBURY UKRAINE SUPPORT GROUP (BUS GROUP)

The Whatsapp group has been a valuable resource for supporting one another, we now have a large group of hosts from the local area, Bibury parish over to Fairford, Quennington and Meysey Hampton all supporting one another to help our guests.

A drop in morning has started at Fairford United Reformed Church and English lessons amongst many services have been offered. Bibury primary school are ready to welcome any children and Farmors School for the older ones.

If anyone has a good quality single bed they would donate please contact us.

If you are considering hosting and would like more information on how to go about it we can advise and we can help match hosts and guests with friends and family of the families we are hosting Contact Sharon 07974785437

From the Panel.

We are aware that several Ukrainian families are due to arrive in our area shortly and nearly all of them have adults who are keen to find work locally either full or part time work. So if run a business locally - please think about contacting the above group if you might be able to offer work to these refugees.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH As the vicar mentioned in his piece elsewhere in this magazine
Humility isn't thinking less of yourself. It's just thinking about yourself less

Church Services June 2022	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
Sunday 5th June <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Platinum Jubilee Weekend</i> <i>Acts 2:1-21</i> <i>John 14:8-17</i>	11.00am Platinum Praise Followed by Fete, teas, Street Party, and barbecue lunch	9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy</i> <i>Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 12th June Trinity Sunday <i>Psalm 8</i> <i>John 16:12-15</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy</i> <i>Communion</i>	9:45am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>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</i> <i>Communion</i>		9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 26th June Trinity 2 <i>Psalm 77: 11-emd</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</i> <i>Communion</i>	9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy</i> <i>Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 10th July Trinity 4 <i>Amos 7:7-end</i> <i>Luke 10:25-37</i>	11.00am 'Moving on' School Service Blessing of year 6	9:45am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	
Sunday 17th July Trinity 5 <i>Amos 8:1-12</i> <i>Luke 10:38-end</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy</i> <i>Communion</i>		9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 24th July Trinity 6 <i>Psalm 85</i> <i>Hosea 1:2-10</i> <i>Luke 11:1-13</i>	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:45am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 31st July Trinity 7	11.00am A Celebration of God's Creation Outdoor Service		
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 arlingtonbaptist.org.uk info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

Happy Platinum Jubilee Ma'am !

Have you ever made a promise wondering if you would be able to keep it?

In 1947 Our future Queen dedicated her life to service saying "God help me to make good my vow" and we know she has more than kept that promise. Not only has she kept it she has excelled in her role as Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom ,the Commonwealth and Defender of the Faith.

In the bible book 1 Peter 3:15 it says In your hearts Honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect

Many times the Queen has addressed the nation and commonwealth witnessing her faith in December 2000 she said “For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life.

The Queen has lived her life in front of the world, experiencing all the same emotions and problems with families, friends and loved ones that we too experience in our lives.

In 2011 she said, “Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of Gods love.

Few people know it was her mother who read from the Bible to her daughters every night and through the mothers devotion and duty our Queen became intimately familiar and at one with the scriptures.

The importance of parents and guardians in providing a framework for a strong and hopeful life in Christian faith to Children is abundantly clear in this witness from the Royal family and whatever one may feel about the head of our country it has to be said she has led with gentleness and respect.

Celebrate Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee a Family Churches Together Celebration service at St Marys on Sunday June 5th at 11am where “The Queen” will make an entrance and the schoolchildren will be re-enacting the coronation, this will be followed by a fete in the Church grounds.

We are very pleased to report a large turnout for our first “Community Lunch” it was a fun and friendly atmosphere, very tasty food with several choices a great success, lunches will continue monthly through the summer.

The next few dates

Wednesday 29th June

Wednesday 20th July

Wednesday 17th August All start at 12.30pm with a Raffle for Tearfund DEC partner

Services for June and July

Sunday modern worship and prayer service at 10.30am all at Arlington except June 5th when we join St Marys for a Platinum Jubilee Celebration service 11am followed by Fete

CLEAN AND GREEN

Millie and Joe are the new ‘Clean and Green Officers’ for the Cotswolds District Council. The initiative is designed to bring people together to take action to maintain and improve the fantastic environment we have in the district. The officers will be on-hand to advise community groups, Parish and Town Councils and members of the public who want to take a more active role in looking after their neighbourhoods.

We will be patrolling and engaging with all residents across the District regularly. One of our goals is to present talks to community groups or schools about the importance of taking care and maintaining our local environments and engaging with all residents in the form litter picks and community projects.

We have a small pot of funding that we can use to help fund community led initiatives (a £200 limit), for example we have helped to the creation of a wildflower meadow in Bourton on the Water, we have been able to supply the funding for all of the seeds and the local Scouting group will undertake the work. If you can think of a similar project or something that would benefit your local area then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Millie’s contact details are Email: millie.lawlor@cotswold.gov.uk

Joe’s contact details are Email: joseph.woodfield@cotswold.gov.uk

BibLit Summer Extra

Two special events at St Mary's Bibury.

Admission free.

**Drinks from 6:00pm. Talk 6:30pm. Book signing,
arranged by The Mad Hatter Book Store of Burford.**

7:30pm

Friday 29th July

**Bestselling author, Sandra Howard in conversation
with Caroline Montague, author of *Burnt Norton***

**This is the Cotswold launch of Sandra's new
bestseller: *Love at War*.**

Caroline's new book is out later this year

Friday 2nd September

**Acclaimed historian and political biographer,
Sir Anthony Seldon.**

***The Good, The Bad, the Ugly Prime Ministers from
Robert Walpole to Boris Johnson***

PARISH COUNCIL BIBURY

Report of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 10th May 2022

There were 20 members of the public present, many of whom raised concerns over the damage which some of the proposed TRO measures would do to their ability to hold events in order to raise funds to support the Village Hall, School and Church. There were concerns expressed that notification of the proposed changes had only gone to a very limited number of houses and a plea

that the cut-off date for comments should be extended from 26th May to a time that all residents had been consulted. Possible costs beyond the £10,000 already paid by the Parish Council were raised and it was stated that Highways would bear costs not the Parish Council. It was noted that with all the TRO proposals there is nothing to show where there is parking; the Trout Farm charges £5 per day and closes at 5pm. It was pointed out that people from Winson, Barnsley & Ablington need somewhere to park when they support local events & businesses. Parking permits were raised but the Chairman said County Council would not do that; the meeting was asked if County Council would look at the possibility again. One resident was concerned about cars parking on the pavements from Arlington Fields to the crossroads and was advised to contact the Community Police Officer on the Police 101 e-mail.

'The Parish Council agreed to establish with the TRO organisation whether a consultation can take place with the wider community and an extension of the cut-off date for comments'.

The car park at The Swan Hotel appears to have stalled although it has planning permission, the ownership has changed to Fullers who, hopefully will complete the work. Attention was drawn to the real danger which Ablington Road caused and one Councillor said that it was easier to reach Ablington via The Pike.

Appointments:

Chairman – Richard Williams stood down with thanks and Craig Chapman was elected.

Highways – Craig Chapman will continue.

Village Life – Ann Haigh will continue.

Bibury United Charities Representative – Simon Brownless & Richard Williams.

Village Hall Representative – Victoria Summerley will replace John Phillips.

Flood Wardens: Philip & Wendy Challinor had kindly agreed to represent us as Flood Wardens and would appreciate advice on the definitive extent of our responsibility and feel that, with the landowners permission, an annual walk of that extent should be initiated.

Emergency Planning: Philip & Wendy were keen for us to establish a working group to consider emergency plans and Richard Williams agreed to pull together such a group. GRCC have very good publications to assist.

This meeting was followed by an informal talk over tea & coffee.

NEXT MEETING: This will be held on 14th June 2022 at 7pm in The Village Hall.

BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

At the time of writing we have just had the Open Gardens for the first time in 3 years. We were blessed with wonderful weather and a steady stream of visitors to the gardens and teas in the village Hall. We had not advertised it widely as normal - we needed time to get back in to the swing of organizing functions again in the Hall. We are very grateful to all those who opened their gardens, or who helped man the gates, donated cakes or helped serve the teas. We made a over £1100 on the day for hall funds – so thankyou everyone who supported us – especially the Garden owners, Carole and Perry Farmor, Janet and Barry Brandon, Edward Malinkrodt, Victoria Summerly and our own Chairman Angela Alderton and those who helped in any way!

Our next event will be the Bibury Show on the 16th July – the schedules should be dropping through your door shortly – so **read them, keep them safe until the Entry form night on the**

13th July and then bring your entries to the hall on the morning of the Show. Now is the time to start creating your entries,, taking photographs of the Jubilee celebrations. – there is something for everyone – Help keep this village Tradition alive and thriving !

Next month will see some hints and tips about flower arranging without oasis,!

RURAL CINEMA Thursday, 9 June, doors open 7.00pm, film starts 7.30pm

And the film is ... **Death on the Nile**

The champagne is sparkling, the wood decks are gleaming, the white linens are pressed to a crisp, and the glittering cast of Death on the Nile is all dressed up. Prepare for an entertaining whodunit when Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot's Egyptian vacation aboard a glamorous river steamer turns into a search for a murderer. Set against an epic landscape of sweeping desert vistas and the majestic Giza pyramids, Kenneth Branagh's adaptation of the Agatha Christie murder mystery, the follow-up to his 2017 Murder on the Orient Express, finds the filmmaker once again behind the camera and in front of it as the legendary detective Hercule Poirot.

And if you have ever wondered about the origin of Poirot's signature moustache, all will be revealed!

This is our last film before the annual summer recess (July and August) so, put on your glad rags and join us aboard this murder mystery cruise down the Nile.

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

HEAVEN'S ABOVE

As the month starts we are ready for fun and good times as when the full moon enters the 14th, it brings encouragement to find fulfilment with ourselves. Jupiter enters on the 20th and is known as the 'joybringer', so more positive vibes all around. So enjoy the month.

Royal Ascot

Well we thought we'd go to Ascot,
And I'll wear a great big hat,
And mingle with the racing crowd,
And talk of this and that.
So off we went in posh attire
And found the Ascot Route
And drove down quite happily
With a hamper in the boot.
The sun it shone from a cloudless sky
So we stopped and ate our lunch,
Then off we went to the paddock
And see the horses – what a bunch!
We waited for the Grand Parade
And wondered at the scene
All smiles and Singing for the Queen.
And when the day was over
We had only one regret,
With all the joys and things to see
We forgot to have a bet!

BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL A very special village school, serving Bibury and the surrounding villages.

Acorns Class: Acorns Class have been busy writing fables this month. The children have listened to a variety of different fables and we have been very impressed with the quality of the written fables produced this week. Early years have made great use of the outside learning area this month and they have been busy solving maths problems, planting seeds as well as engaging in some exciting role play ideas.

As a class we are looking forward to our Science trip next week which is linked to our work on plants and seeds. We will be visiting an organic nursery on the Highgrove Estate. Finally, we are very proud of our Year 2 cohort who have tackled their KS1 SAT tests with confidence and resilience.

Oaks Class Oaks Class has been working very hard across our topics this month. We've been learning about how to write an informative explanation text for our invention, a Butler-Bot. The children had to design a robot that cooked, cleaned and more before they then wrote a clear explanation of its features and how each of them worked. I think their finished texts could convince quite a few people to purchase this helpful creation! We've had the pleasure of some very beautiful weather whilst learning about living things and their environments in Science. Being able to explore nature in our playground and the churchyard has proved to be excellent inspiration for our printmaking in art lessons also.

Mighty Oaks Class: All the children in KS2 have been learning about the history of Bibury this term. We have created a timeline, learned about the wool industry and looked at the census records of 1851, where we found a huge variety of jobs in the village - including some we had to research further such as a 'cordwainer' and a 'monthly nurse'. To explore the Roman history of the area further, we visited the Corinium Museum in Cirencester and took part in workshops. The Oaks learned about everyday life and the Mighty Oaks learned how archaeologists use evidence to gather information.

In science, the Mighty Oaks have been learning about different plant and animal life cycles. We have been observing the changes in a group of caterpillars in our classroom - 3 out of the 4 have now formed chrysalides and we are eagerly awaiting the emergence of the butterflies.

It has been a busy time for our Year 6 pupils, who have just completed their statutory tests. They enjoyed gathering together each morning for a special breakfast and took the whole experience in their stride as we knew they would. All of the Mighty Oaks are now looking forward to our residential visit to the Wilderness Centre, where we will be spending a few days.

From the Bibury Primary School Governing Board We are thrilled that during the latest "Juniper Benchmark Analysis", which is a national analysis of teacher assessments of each child's performance in Maths, Reading and Writing during 2021/2022, that the percentage of pupils at Bibury that are meeting or exceeding their age-related targets are significantly higher than that of pupils from other Gloucestershire schools and schools nationwide. We would like to congratulate all the staff and children on this fantastic achievement.

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Bibury PTA can be contacted directly on ptabibury@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk

RURAL CINEMA

Bibury Village Hall – Thursday, 9 June

Death on the Nile– Drama Cert: 12A - Run time: 2hr 10min

A murder mystery directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot

Based on the 1937 novel of the same name by Agatha Christie

Starring: Tom Bateman, Annette Bening, Branagh, Russell Brand, Ali Fazal,
Dawn French, Gal Gadot, Armie Hammer, Rose Leslie, Emma Mackey,
Sophie Okonedo, Jennifer Saunders, and Letitia Wright

Doors open 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm Tickets £3.50

Come early and enjoy a chat and a glass of wine or soft drink before the film begins.

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

BIBURY CRICKET CLUB: the early years

The very first match played by the Bibury Cricket Club (BCC) was in July 1865, against Fairford. Fairford won by six runs. Afterwards there was a dinner at the Swan Inn.

The report in the Wilts & Gloucestershire Standard of 29th July noted that the Bibury Club had only been in existence since May of that year. Commenting on the outcome the writer observed that the Fairford team had included 'the Messrs Oliphant of Hatherop Castle, giving them a big advantage', whereas the Bibury team had consisted of 'only bona fide residents of Bibury'. From this and other press comments, it seems that there was regular debate about the ethics of bringing in players from outside to supplement a village team.

The Oliphant family, by the way, was very interesting. The 'Messrs Oliphant, who joined the Fairford team were two sons of Lieutenant Colonel James Oliphant (1796–1881), who in 1865 was the managing agent and private secretary to the then owner of Hatherop Castle and Eastleach estates.

The owner was no less than His Highness the Maharajah Dhuleep Singh of the Punjab, the last ruler of the Sikh empire.

Clan Oliphant was an old Scottish family from the Perth area. One of James' brothers became Chief Justice of Ceylon. Several family members became MPs. James himself spent his military career then India, then served as a director of the East India Company from 1844 to 1856, Deputy Chairman in 1853 and Chairman in 1854.

This was a high-achieving family, and apparently their talents extended to the cricket pitch. No wonder there were mutterings from the Bibury side about the brothers' inclusion in the Fairford team.

It may be no coincidence that the Bibury club was formed in 1865. This was the same year that one of the most famous cricketers of all time – W.G. Grace – started his first-class cricket career. Between c1870 and c1899 he played for Gloucestershire.

Cricket was attracting more and more public interest, and the new railways made it easier for players and fans to travel to matches. Not surprising, then, that villages everywhere wanted their own cricket team.

Then as now, the BCC's ground was on the hill called Lady Hill. By all accounts, the playing surface for those early games was not great, having been created simply by mowing the grass that was already there. So in 1866 the ground was levelled and re-turfed.

A report in the Wilts & Gloucestershire Standard of 12th May 1866 described it like this: 'The Bibury Cricket Club played last season against one great disadvantage – a bad ground. The situation, Lady Hill, is an exceedingly pleasant spot, and the members of the club determined to make it as attractive as possible to cricketers by making a new ground.

'Accordingly, at the commencement of the present year, a considerable outlay, to which the resident clergy and gentry contributed in a very handsome manner, was made in levelling and re-turfing the old ground, and the result is that Bibury now has a first-rate cricket ground'.

Matches played by the BCC with teams from Barnsley, Aldsworth, Sherbourne and other villages in the area were regularly reported in the local media. But then in the 1880s the club hit financial problems. No details have been found, relating to the cause of the problems. But a newspaper article reported that on the 11th December 1896 a concert was staged in the schoolroom 'to raise funds for re-establishment of the Bibury Cricket Club, which had been allowed to lapse for several seasons due to lack of funds'.

Fund-raising social events would continue to be arranged by the club over the coming years. The 'Whist Drive and dance' format was a popular event, first at the Swan Hotel, and later in the Village Hall that opened in 1931.

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BIBURY A.F.C

Well another football season comes to an end Bibury finishes mid table in 8th place winning 14 games drawing 2 and losing 14 games Archie Day top goal scorer with 15 goals.

We welcomed over 30 caravans from a caravan club from Hertfordshire at the start of May and had a very good weekend

June's bingo takes place on Monday 20th from 7-30

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

BIBURY CRICKET CLUB

The new cricket season is in full swing at Lady Hill. The Saturday League started with a narrow last over five run with over Langford. Bibury made 195 with a strong contribution from skipper James Richardson. But the man of the match was Alastair Taylor with a match winning 7 for 25. In fact Alastair was the man of the county as those figures were the best in Gloucestershire that weekend. Since then, fortunes have taken a downturn with defeats at home by a strong Central Hall team and a thrashing at Northleach where we were bowled out for 89 with five ducks. The selectors have been fired after that one ! On Sundays , the warriors have played two lost two

against Witcombe and Ascot under Wychwood . Both were close and competitive games. The first 20-20 midweek game was rained off.

Finally, with huge sadness I report vandalism at the club with the concrete plinth at the pavilion and the water trough I'm the field having been tagged with spray paint graffiti. If anyone knows who might have done this please let me know and I will report it to the police.

Leslie Smith
07867 467433

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)

The TRO aims to alleviate the appalling traffic problems currently experienced by the village. It is a set of suggestions put forward by the Parish Council. However, the restrictions proposed for Cemetery Lane and the B4225 through Arlington have been stipulated by the County Council and police respectively.

The Parish Council has been able to extend the consultation period to June 10th to enable all members of the community to participate. The TRO proposals set out by the Parish Council are malleable and are only a starting point. The community must decide what the best solution is and the Parish Council is facilitating this decision making process. Together we will formulate the TRO and improve what is currently a dire situation. Please engage with the process as we will only achieve the best solution if as many people participate as possible.

Please note that the questionnaire currently being circulated for comment has not been issued on behalf of the Parish Council and contains inaccuracies. The Parish Council has paid £10,000 to start the TRO process, but all other costs will be met by Gloucestershire County Council

The proposals, along with plans, can be found at www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk.

If you need physical copies, or further explanation, please contact me (Richard Williams) on my mobile handset 07846 041753 or Craig Chapman (07710 98 68 38).

Richard Williams Bibury Parish Council

For those wishing to comment on the TRO No 5227-17 deadline date of and how you think it will affect the village , you will need to write your response or email it to

wc@TROltd.co.uk or write to

Will Cox, Traffic Engineer, TRO LTD, ADL House, Oaklands Business Park, Yate BS£7 5NA for him to have received it by the new deadline date of 10th June.

BIBURY GARDENING CLUB

If you want to open your garden to the public, there is one thing you have to bear in mind. There is no perfect time to open your garden. Flowering plants are absolutely guaranteed not to cooperate; anything that has been in flower will have gone over, while anything that you hoped might be in flower (indeed, should be in flower) is still in resolutely tight bud. I was reminded of this when the gardening club visited Cerney House in 11 May. I'd never been before (I am ashamed to say), and I thought it was a fantastic garden. Unfortunately, a spell of weather with low temperatures and grey skies meant the peonies were not in bloom, and the roses showed no sign of action on the colour front. However, the tulips in the Knot Garden were spectacular, and there was enough lilac and viburnum blossom to provide wafts of perfume. One of things I liked most about Cerney House (apart from the fantastic cakes of course) was the information provided by the gardeners.

There were lots of signs – hand-written in chalk on blackboard sandwich boards, so not intrusive - which gave you information about planting jobs for the month, or what was going on in a particular area. The same applied in the medicine garden, where the plants were grouped according to their therapeutic properties. For example, there was one bed, complete with stately foxgloves, for plants that aided cardiac conditions; another for orthopaedic and so on. Not only does this provide information, but it also makes you feel very included in what is going on. A garden where a lot of thought is given to how visitors might enjoy their time is always going to be a good experience. Cerney House is open every day, and as well as the formal gardens, there are woodland walks. Dogs are welcome (on leads) so I will definitely be making a return visit.

This month, on Wednesday 8 June, the gardening club will be visiting Oxleaze Farm, near Filkins, where Chipps Mann has created a wonderful garden around the farmhouse. Chipps and her husband Charles also run a wedding barn, where the spacious courtyard can accommodate drinks receptions for up to 120 guests, but this is a chance to visit the private gardens which are normally only open for the NGS. Start time is 6pm. Entry is free to garden club members, and £10 for guests or pay-asyou-go. If you would like to join the gardening club, please email me on v.summerley@hotmail.com. Victoria Summerley

ROUND & ABOUT

It is lovely to see the belted Galloway cattle back grazing Rack Isle. They are part of the National Trust local Conservation herd of cattle used to create and maintain various wildlife sensitive sites around the area. A local team of cattle checkers have been trained to check on the daily welfare of the cattle and the cattle are checked weekly by the local NT Ranger and monitored remotely by the herd manager. Apparently we are told, that the cattle are like Toddlers, who prefer to eat pudding before vegetables!. The cows will eat all the tasty sweet grass before eating the more unpalatable plants that the NT wants them to eat to create a better wildlife habitat. Rack Isle may look untidy but it is carefully managed by the Trust to provide a safe haven for wildlife as diverse as water voles, frogs and toads and various nesting birds. The most noticeable birds this year are the pair of swans, who have decided to nest on Rack Isle and are now carefully protected from the cattle by an electric fence

Many appreciate the new road surface between the Street and the Oxfordshire border – but, as mentioned at the Annual Parish Meeting, all would have preferred Highways to have tacked the potholes just before the Pike rather than resurface a road in not too bad a conditions which leaves the village. Sometimes our Parish Council must feel they are banging their head against a brick wall in dealing with the CDC and Gloucestershire County Council. The Parish Council have managed to get the time for comments about the planned TRO extended until June 10th. Such a major change to the parking in the village does need to be properly considered by the whole village – not just those along the main roads. The TRO is still at the consultation stage – so give them your comments and views.

The blossom of the trees this year, especially the weigelas, has been spectacular and now the trees are in full leaf – we can see the devastation wrought by Ash die back and the planned road closures to enable dangerous trees to be felled will be with us for some time.

Local have spotted the arrival of some of our traditional summer migrants, the swallows, house martins and swifts. They seem to have arrived a bit later than normal – perhaps they are being affected by Global warming and now migrate further north? Other recent sightings have been nesting Sky larks in the unsown field below four windas, Ablington and others have heard the cuckoo.

There has been several new arrivals into the village. The renovations at Hinton Farm Cottages in Ablington are now complete and the new houses in Arlington just before Arlington Fields have begun to be occupied. Norma Wall has moved from The New Pike house to Wroughton. Norma has recently had a spell in hospital so we wish her a speedy return to full health and every happiness in her new home. If you are a new arrival to our village, please drop us a line with your name etc so we can welcome you properly to our village.

On a happier note – village events are getting back to normal with BibLit, Open Gardens, Village Festivals and Fetes, all taking place recently. Barnsley Festival was very well supported blessed by superb weather. But village events like these depend on villagers taking part! So do not sit back let others do all the work – get involved and make our village communities something to be proud of!

FROM THE PUBLICATION PANEL.

Some of you keen readers may have noticed that Neil Harvey our Technical Director is no longer listed as a member of the panel. Neil first retired from Village Life in 2005, but returned and we have benefitted from his wisdom, local knowledge and technical expertise for a further 17 years but he has now decided to finally retire for good – although he may still contribute the odd article from OMATP. We shall miss Neil enormously – a last link with the original foundation of the magazine in 1979. but we do wish him well in his second retirement!

This brings us on to the fact we need some new members. When the magazine was first founded it had representatives from each part of the village. Today we no longer have a member from Aldsworth Road or Bibury Village or Winson or Barnsley. We are a community magazine and would love to have representatives from these areas.

If you would like to find out more about what is involved please contact any member of the Panel.

We rely entirely on local volunteers who help us download and type the magazine, duplicate it and then we have a team of collators who take turns collating, stapling and then delivering bundles of the magazine to our large team of distributors who make sure you get a copy by the 1st of each month. Each task is only a few hours each month but the more people we have to undertake each task the fewer times each year we have shall have to ask them – so if you think you could help – please volunteer to be part of this unique community magazine.

Future Road Closure B4425 (From Cirencester to Barnsley)

Blanket Road closures for removal of Trees affected by Ash Die Back

These roads will be closed from 05/12/2022 to 24/03/2023 to allow for Ash Dieback Tree Works by Gloucestershire Highways. Notification of actual dates will be given on site, at least two weeks before. Emergency and pedestrian access will be maintained.

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

From Further Afield

Saturday 4 June; Ceilidh for the Queen with the Hilltop Ceilidh Band, Northleach Church: 7.30pm - 10.00pm. All ages welcome. Tickets £5, welcome drink included.

The Northleach and District Evergreens Club has started up again after a 2 year “Covid” break. We meet at the Westwoods Hall, Northleach, on alternate Friday afternoons (easy, free parking and no stairs) and have a full programme organised for the rest of this year, including speakers/entertainment (followed by a light tea and a raffle), 2 outings, a Jubilee themed tea, Harvest Festival, Christmas party and Carol Concert.

We have around 30 at each meeting, and would love to welcome more members (only over-60’s I’m afraid!)

For further details or a copy of the 2022 programme, please contact Jenny A’Bear - email jennyabear@outlook.com or ‘phone 01285 740412.