

VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



Remember ...
Bibury Show
Cricket Club Fun Day

JULY/AUGUST 2022

VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SSUE No:471

July

Thurs	7th	Craft Club; Village Hall	2pm
Tue	12 th	Bibury Parish Council; Village Hall, Bibury	7pm
Wed	13th	Entry night for Bibury Show in Bibury Village Hall	7 – 8pm
Sat	16th	Bibury Show in Bibury Village All – for everyone !	2 – 4pm

Wed	20th	Community Lunch at Arlington Baptist Church	12:30pm
Friday	29th	Biblit Extra – Talk by Sandra Howard see poster	6:30pm
Mon	18th	Bingo – Bibury Football Club	from 7-30 pm

August

Wed	17 th	Community Lunch at Arlington Baptist Church	12:30pm
Sat	27 th	Annual Bcc Fun Day – Cricket Club	all day
Mon	22nd	Bingo – Bibury Football Club	from 7-30 pm

September

Friday	2 nd	Biblit Extra – Talk by Sir Anthony Sheldon	tbc
Thurs	8 th	Rural cinema will restart	
Friday	30 th	The Annual Harvest Supper will take place in the Village Hall	

COVER SKETCH.

The cover sketch this month should may recognised as it one from this years Bibury Show – we thought it might remind you to read the schedule, decide on what you are going to enter and just take part in a traditional village event.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Two perhaps related thoughts this month, both unattributed:

In a conversation speaking is the craft but listening is the art and

Friends are the rare people who ask we are and then wait for the answer.

FROM THE PUBLICATION PANEL.

We would like to repeat last months invitation to become involved with the production of Village Life. We rely on people locally giving news and content, so rely on representatives from each part of the parish. We would love to have representatives from Barnsley, Winson, and the Aldsworth Road area. We would also welcome anyone who can assist the team of duplicators and collators who take turns printing, collating and delivering the magazine – even if not a regular commitment. If you would like to find out more about what is involved please contact any member of the Panel.

BIBURY WITH BARNSELY AND WINSON CHURCHES.

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Dear Friends,

This weekend I do something that, in 35 years of ministry, I have never before achieved.

I take a baptism, two weddings and a funeral in a single 24 hour period (although not the same day) When I mentioned this to a friend, they asked how I moved between such varied emotional and Spiritual experiences. Initially I wanted to answer: compartmentalisation and professionalism (as if..) but that would have been neither true nor particularly helpful.

Because, of course, the question wasn't about me at all. The question was really a reflection on the mixed tapestry called life, where good and bad things live alongside each other.

And that took me that the famous passage from Ecclesiastes chapter 3 that is so often read at funerals.

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and time to dance;*

There is a time. But we don't know when it is, or what it is time for. But we have no choice, but to accept it. As the old ditty about weather reminds us: *Whether the weather be dry, whether the weather be hot. We'll weather the weather, whatever the weather, whether we like it or not.*

And that took me to the classic Peter Sellars film, *Being There*, because, whatever the time is, the only option open to us is how we react to it. And to react we need to be present. Because we cannot change it. We have to accept it. As a gift. I often say to brides, before we enter the church. Be present. Don't be worrying or hurrying. Just be there. And notice. No video or photographs can capture the moment in the way that the memory of being there will. By the same token, death asks us the extent to which we were there both for, and with, the deceased when they lived. But it also challenges us to be present with the bereaved, not offering false comfort, or pious platitudes, but simply being there with them. In the midst of loss and grief.

And if *Being There* reminds of presence, it also contains one of the most brilliant scenes in movie history, when Peter Sellars, an, apparently, mentally retarded gardener, who has been taken for a brilliant adviser to the President, as others impose their hopes on to him, is interviewed for television.

He is asked his views on the economy. And the simple gardener responds '*There is Spring, there is summer, there is autumn, there is winter, and then there is spring again*'. This is taken for profound economic wisdom because it is, of course, true.

I had the rather depressing experience of listening to, former Chancellor, Philip Hammond, at a private dinner last week. His prognosis of the UK economy was pretty down beat, to say the least, and his contention was that there is a real need to be completely honest with the public about just how bad things are, and just how long

they are likely to be bad for (some might argue that he has a vested interest in playing the part of Cassandra, but I digress) My point is simply that in the season of winter it is unwise to expect a bumper harvest. You can take actions that will help to ensure a good summer harvest, but there is a time and a season for everything, and our actions should be appropriate to the season, just as our attitude should be a willingness to embrace the season, whatever it is.

Is the church currently in autumn/winter? I don't know, but it doesn't feel like harvest time at the moment. Therefore, embrace the current season, but never give up hope.

And never let go of the love that unites, embraces and makes meaning of it all.

So I conclude with two thoughts.

In Janine Di Giovanni's recent book, *The Vanishing*, written during Lockdown in Southern France, she chronicles the demise of the indigenous Christian communities of Gaza, Iraq, Egypt and Syria. It should be a tale of unrelenting gloom, but she concludes with these words: Whether one is religious or not, in the time of plague or fearsome torment, hope is all we have.

She goes on to quote Thornton Wilder's classic book *The Bridge of Santa Luis Rey*, 'There is a land of the living and a land of the dead and the bridge is love, the only survival, the only meaning'.

So love and hope, both of which require faith, are how we live in, and embrace the mixed complexity of the present moment. And that leaves us with the classic wedding reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church. *These three things remain. Faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

With every blessing

Tim

The next edition of Village Life comes out in September so do please put into your diaries our various harvest celebrations.

- **Sunday 18th September at 9:30am Harvest Festival at Winson.**
- **Sunday 25th September at 11:00am Family Harvest Festival at Bibury with the children of Bibury School**
- **Sunday 25th September at 6:00pm Harvest Praise at Barnsley followed by Harvest Refreshments**
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Church Services July/August 2022	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
Sunday 3rd July <i>St Thomas</i> <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 <i>Trinity 4</i> <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 Holy Communion</i>	
Sunday 17th July <i>Trinity 5</i> <i>Amos 8:1-12</i> <i>Luke 10:38-end</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>		9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>

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Sunday 24th July <i>Trinity 6</i> <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 <i>Trinity 7</i>	11.00am A Celebration of God's Creation Outdoor Service		
Sunday 7th August <i>Trinity 8</i> <i>Isaiah 11: 1, 10-20</i> <i>Luke 12:32-40</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 14th August <i>Trinity 9</i> <i>Isaiah 5:1-7</i> <i>Luke 12:49-56</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 21st August <i>Trinity 10</i> <i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i> <i>Luke 13: 10-17</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 28th August <i>Trinity 11</i> <i>Psalm 81: 1-11</i> <i>Jeremiah 2:4-13</i> <i>Luke 14: 1-14</i>	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:45am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 4th September <i>Trinity 12</i> <i>Philemon 1:1-21</i> <i>Luke 14:25--33</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>
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
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Summer is here! Its time for Holidays, Fresh fruit, Wimbledon and picnics, and silly summer jokes for the children amongst us!

Why did the strawberry turn red ?

Because he saw the salad dressing!

What kind of tree fits into your hand?

A palm tree!

How do you know the sea is friendly?

It waves!

What did the beach say to the sea when it came in?

Long time no sea!

It was so good to be involved in celebrating the Jubilee and to see our communities come together again for some fun, although there wasn't one large gathering there were many smaller groups joining together in festive spirit which was probably sensible due to the forever lurking coronavirus.

During the summer we tend to meet neighbours more often as we venture outside so hopefully we will all find time to stop and chat once again and community spirit will be completely restored.

Community spirit is a very special thing to be nurtured and never to be lost, we are born to be social animals, God made us that way to love and support one another.

1 John 4:12 says "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives In us and his love is made complete in us"

If you see a neighbour you haven't spoken to for ages why not say hello how are you?

Lonely people often present as grumpy, unhappy or miserable and look the other way but given a cheery greeting will respond in a positive way its worth a try, it also gives you a positive feeling when you do get a pleasant response. Make someone's day happier, smile and say hello.

Community Lets do Lunch will be on the following dates please come along

Wednesday 29th June

Wednesday 20th July

Wednesday 17th August

All start at 12.30pm with a two course meal and fun raffle

If you need transport or have any questions please call 07974785437 or 740306 and we will be pleased to arrange a driver for you

Services for the Summer period

Sundays at 10.30am Children and Visitors most welcome

Advance notice Churches together in our community will be hosting an **Alpha Course** in September a preview evening including a meal will be followed by a short film and if you have questions about the meaning of life there will be a chance to ask and discuss or just listen with no pressure to agree or return, this is free, please come along and bring a friend.

BIBURY UKRAINE SUPPORT GROUP (BUS GROUP)

There are presently eight Ukrainian nationals living here in Arlington and Bibury with a few others scattered around the rural area and more expected soon, they are settling in to our culture well although our meals are quite different with Borscht soup featuring heavily in a Ukraine diet so any donations of beetroot are most welcome!

There are still a lot of homes needed, if anyone is considering offering to host, we have families who are friends and family members of the guests already here and can put you in touch as well as give help and advice throughout the process. We have single people, couples and families all waiting for a host. Many of these are coming from occupied territory where shelling is continuous and no end in sight.

We have received various offers of work and help for these refugees Thankyou for all of the support and we continue to ask for any help that can be given whether work, financial or physical donations.

In the near future we will be looking for small fairly cheap automatic cars if anyone hears of any locally or can offer one please let us know, if you are a mechanic that can help find suitable vehicles that too would help.

Laptop computers are another need we would encourage anyone who wishes to help please call Sharon 07974785437 and she will help with any questions.

Bibury Church of England Primary School



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

Exciting Plans for the School

We are excited to share with you all that over the Summer there will be extensive building work carried out at our school. We have obtained planning permission to create a new entrance to the school, via the existing playground, and will have a mezzanine installed in the current hall to enable us to have a designated library space and extra teaching space. Our KS1 and KS2 classrooms will be reconfigured to create a fresh and modern new look which will enhance the learning experience for the children. In addition, extra storage space and a small group work area will be created. We anticipate the building work to be completed over the Summer holidays and very much look forward to welcoming the children back in September to a significantly different-looking school internally. We will be inviting the local community to come along and see the completed work during an open evening in late September, with a date to be confirmed.

Fundraising for the Ukraine

Louisa from Bibury C of E Primary School and two children from North Cerney Primary Academy took part in a sponsored walk organized by St Mary's Church, to raise funds for the Ukraine. Louisa walked a distance of 11 miles and raised a fantastic amount of £225! The two North Cerney children added an impressive £240 to the total. We are so proud of these children for their efforts and giving up their weekend time to support this worthy cause. Together with a Sunday Church collection, an amount of £700 has been passed on to the British Red Cross.

Jubilee Festivities

The Village Hall Committee treated our children to a magic show in the Hall on 26th May, with tea and cake and a presentation of special Jubilee porcelain mugs which they can keep as a memento of this historic event. A very big thank you to Angela, Wendy, Sue and Mrs Chivers for hosting our children and parents for this special occasion. The school PTA arranged its own tea party for the children on their return from the mid-term break; it was a non-uniform day for them and they were encouraged to wear red, white and blue. The teachers also followed the theme and looked very patriotic! The PTA organized crafts and games for the children in the afternoon and parents joined in for tea and cake.

Kitchen Club at the Trout Farm

Meliny Tim of The Kitchen Club arranged a day at the Bibury Trout Farm for our children; they went on a tour of the farm with a member of staff to learn all about the fish and how they are reared. They enjoyed feeding the fish and exploring the farm with their teachers. They prepared a barbeque meal of grilled trout-in-a-bag and grilled vegetable skewers. The Trout Farm kindly waived all entry costs and cost for the use of the BBQ facilities for our Bibury Chefs which is really fantastic of them - thank you for hosting them on this special day.

Suki Pascoe, Head Teacher

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

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from a meeting held on 14th June 2022

There were 5 members of the public present and some points relevant to the TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) were raised:

- Until provision is made for tourist parking all the proposals will do is drive tourists elsewhere looking for places to park. *Clr Williams responded for the Parish Council, saying that tourists can park but only for 3 hours rather than, at present, leaving cars for 9-10 hours. Plans for Cemetery Lane is being led by Highways Dept and lines in Arlington were suggested by the Police.*
- Concern was expressed for the effect some of the changes will have on the village. *Clr Williams had got an extension to submission date but was unable to get the consultation extended to the whole village. Clr Chapman said the plan will come back to us and we will see what the public feeling is. We are in Phase I.*
- Methods of communicating the specifics of the TRO had now been sufficient and an additional way of explaining something as important as this needs to be found.

The Remainder of the TRO Process::

- Statutory Consultation (fire, police, parish council, county councillor, LHM, ambulance etc.
- Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) process will follow whereby:
 - Notices and plans are erected on street furniture
 - Advertised in local press
 - Placed on the county council website
- A report will then be written outlining the process and making a recommendation on how to proceed to be sent to the Council for sign-off.
- If approved, detailed designs are drawn up and sent to the site team who will install the various measures and the Order is made.

A question was raised regarding the flood prevention scheme by a resident who had a very detailed observation of the river and says the main problem which could cause flooding is silt build up by the weir.

Our District Councillor reported that a Planning Panel reviews all planning applications and decides which should go to the full planning committee. There is provision for elected members to make written submissions but they are not permitted to attend the panel meetings which can effectively decide applications and prevent them going to the full planning committee.

The planning department has lost a number of experienced officers and a number of less experienced recruits have replaced them. Meanwhile planning applications have increased with the consequent backlog of applications building up. This does seem to be a national problem.

The Conservative group was unable to support the administration's budget proposals. The main objection was to the administration's proposal to borrow over £75m to be spent on solar farms, similar green projects and council housing projects. We considered this amount of borrowing to be excessive and disproportionate to the CDC financial capacity. Enforcement of the removal of wire at Glebe House was still not done.

Highways Matters:

- **Hawker's Hill:** No funds available to surface the carriageway at the junction on the main road & Hawker's Hill, Parish Council would have to pay the cost of this.
- **Sign to Arlington Row:** Brown tourist sign sited on right of main road going down the hill to show direction to Arlington Row. Cost approx.. £600, National Trust will fund half & Highways the balance but Parish Council may be asked to contribute.
- **Water Lane Footbridge:** This is rotting & Highways will meet with their Path Warden to consider what to do.
- **Pavement from The Pike Adjacent to B4425:** Highways have been asked to cut back vegetation from
 - pathway.
- **Request for Barrier between road & Footpath:** Highways cannot support this.

Planning: No objection to applications by Tea Rooms & Post Office, 25 The Square and for New Premises Licence at Bibury Farm Barns.

NEXT MEETING: 12th July 2022, 7pm in The Village Hall, Bibury.

BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

All out thoughts and efforts this month are on the forthcoming Bibury Show in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th July. Covid prevented us from holding the show in 2020 and 2021 – so do try and enter something this year as we relaunch the show. There is something for everyone and for every age -all it needs is for you to take part. Remember the entry forms need to be handed in the Hall on Wednesday 13th July 7 – 8 pm so we can get the cards ready for your actual exhibits on the Saturday morning.

We said last month that we would give you some ideas as to how to do a flower arrangement without using oasis. These were suggested by our judge for the show:-

Chicken wire

Kenzan (pin-holders)

A taped grid over the top of the vase

A grid made of metal or sticks (bamboo skewers work well)

Marbles or pebbles

Agrawool (which is made from rock dust)

If you want to have a go prior to the show come along to the Craft club on Thursday 7th July at 2pm with some foliage and flowers an a container.

CRAFT CLUB

The last club before the summer break in august is going to be on Thursday 7th July from 2 – 4 pm.

Come and complete your Bibury Show entry or have a go at learning how to do a flower arrangement without using oasis. Just come with a few flowers and foliage and a container and see which technique suits you best.

BIBURY CRICKET CLUB

With nearly two months of the season completed, Bibury CC lay in 5th position out of 9 in the CDCA Division 2 , having won four , lost two with one no result. However, we are only 20 points (that is one win) away from the top two positions currently held by Minety and Northleach and Central Hall. We have had wins against Cricklade by 73 runs , Bibury 238 for 7 (Charlie Robinson with 124 not out) Cricklade 165 for 8 , Fairford ,

Bibury 129 all out , Fairford 120 all out losing in the final over of a dramatic low scoring game. We also won against North Cerney.

Charlie Robinson has been the stand out performer, and is currently tenth in the League batting averages with 215 runs at an average of 43.

The mid week 20 over team has struggled a little this year and currently lies 8th of 10 in the Lighthouse League. We have won just one match, lost three with one no result. Cirencester once again top the league.

The Sunday Warriors have had some really good matches though coming up short against Ascot under Wychwood at home and Stowell Park away. Against Ascot, Bibury lost the toss and Ascot chose to bat. Good bowling (the ubiquitous Charlie R with 4-23) restricted Ascot to 164 in 26 overs. We then c posted 148 all out.

All teams have been struggling for players with the Sundays having had to cancel one match and the Saturday team beating Cricklade with just 9 players. So, anyone who would like to play, please contact me. Leslie Smith. 07867 467433

**FINALLY, THE ANNUAL BCC FUN DAY WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST
WITH ALL THE USUAL FUN AND FROLICS.
2PM til LATE**

LIVE MUSIC, BBQ, DONATION BAR , CHILDRENS SPORTS, BOUNCY CASTLE ETC

BIBURY A.F.C

We rounded off the season with a Presentation night for the players the award winners were:

- Players player Joe Slack
- Golden boot Winner Archie Day
- Managers award Dan Shannon

The club would like to thank outgoing manager Jamie Want who is standing after three seasons as Manager for all his hard work. Long standing Player Dan Shannon is taking over as manager for the coming season.

Preparations are under way for the new season with training sessions on Wednesday night from 6-30 pm all players old and new are most welcome.

The Terry Barrett memorial skittles cup has started and the first team to qualify for the final was Anne Biggs team.

Coming up at the clubhouse

- Friday 1st of July Terry Barrett skittles
- Tuesday 5th of July motorcycle night from 6pm
- Friday 8th of July Terry Barrett and also Fish and Chips
- Monday 18th of July Bingo from 7-30 pm
- Tuesday 19th of July Motorcycle night from 6pm
- Saturday 23rd Football at home v Fairford Reserves
- Monday 22nd of August Bingo from 7-30 pm

We also welcome 2 caravan rallies in July

BIBURY GARDENING CLUB

It's not often I can say this, but the weather finally seemed to be on our side when we visited Oxleaze Farm last month. This was just as well, because the garden there is not only beautiful but also inspiring, and rewarded the inquisitive gardener with all sorts of ideas for their own plot. Oxleaze, near Filkins, is a working farm, owned by Charles and Chipps Mann, who also run a wedding barn on site. The garden, however, is Chipps's private passion. She took it on when she and her husband took over the farm from his parents, and while she has made extensive changes in the years that the couple have been there, she pays generous tribute to her mother-in-law's expertise and advice. The garden wraps around two sides of the house and originally consisted of a flower garden, with a lawn and rose beds, and a kitchen garden. Today, the flower garden has a circular lawn and various "rooms" around it, with formal topiary edging the seating areas, and billowing herbaceous borders that allow shrubs, roses and perennials to jostle for the limelight. There are no high yew hedges, so the view of the paddock and the countryside beyond is unimpeded, giving a great sense of peace and permanence. You can feel your eyes adjusting to a new focal length. Chipps has slimmed down the original kitchen garden, which has allowed the creation of a pond garden, and various walks which thread their way through the gardens back to the house. It's still very much a working veg garden, but a spectacularly pretty one, with tall white foxgloves contrasting with the fluffy purple balls of alliums. This is a garden where self-seeding is positively encouraged, which is absolutely logical if you follow the "right plant, right place" philosophy. Plants always know better than we do which conditions will make them happy, and if the results are occasionally a little haphazard, well, that all adds to the charm. Chipps has cleverly balanced this approach with more formal topiary elements, so instead of anarchy and chaos, there is a sense of a very light hand on the rein. Just fabulous. Our next meeting is the summer party, which Val Smith is hosting at Quarry House on Wednesday 13 July at 6pm. All members of the garden club are welcome, and entry is £5 for pay as you go members, or guests. On Wednesday 10 August, we will be visiting the garden of Malcolm and Alison James at Sherborne Cottage in Bibury (opposite the church). This is a lovely "secret garden" which manages to cram in a vegetable plot, a greenhouse, a pond and a fantastic selection of trees, shrubs and perennials.

If you would like to join the gardening club please email me at v.summerley@hotmail.com

BARNESLEY 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 & ABOUT

Sadly we must begin with the deaths of two long time residents of our villages.

Annette Grafton from Bibury and Paul Le Bars from Barnsley.

Annette had lived in the village since the early 1970's and was an active member of the W.I. and village events until the death of her husband John and ill health made it difficult for her to continue her support. Many will remember her actress training coming to the fore in her readings of Prose and poetry at Christmas events and celebrations. We send our condolences to her sister Jean and her nieces and their families.

Paul was a lynch pin of Barnsley. For many years he served as the Village Life representative and he and his wife Beryl delivered the magazine to the whole village until, like Annette, age and failing health made life more difficult. His great enthusiasm and charm will be missed. We send our condolences to his wife Beryl and his many family and friends.

Condolences also to the family of Trevor Bumford of The Square who passed recently.

On a happier note congratulations to Katie McDermott and Macauley Reynolds who married at St Mary's. Also to Mary and Geoff Ludbrook who we understand celebrate 40 years of marriage.

Happy Birthday to Jean Stringer who turns 90 this month.

For your diary the **Annual Harvest Supper** will take place in the Hall on Friday 30th September.

Rural cinema will restart after the summer on Thursday 8th September.

HEAVEN'S ABOVE

July's moon has long been known as the Hay Moon to coincide with Harvest. We start with a quarter moon on the 7th and a full moon on the 13th but with the full moon on the 28th things could slide as that moon is the full Thunder moon when storms may occur due to humidity. Don't get caught out!

To Do List for July

Not so much a poem but maybe an idea or two for the approaching summer break:

- Enjoy the beach with friends
- Explore somewhere new
- Thank someone who has helped you
- Get active
- Enjoy life and give thanks

[and I have been asked to add *Enter something for the Bibury Show* Ed.]

The Old Man of The Pike

As written in the last issue of "Village Life" I have decided to retire from the Panel after more years than I care to remember, I will still carry on writing the occasional TOMoTP. [The Old Man of the Pike – Ed] Although I did retire from the Panel 17 years and then carried on being roped in to be Technical Director now is the time to step down. I must thank ALL the people that have served on the Panel over the years, and when you start adding them up that is a fair number. I have seen "VL" grow from the first issues to what it is today, from the first issues being duplicated at The Royal Agricultural College to owning our first duplicator to what we have now with most of the Panel having their own computer with word processor to the duplicator we now own. Things have moved on and by how much, what will the Panel be doing in 40 odd

years time? I wish the Panel all the success in the future and a BIG HOPE that a few new people come on to join the Panel. It is not hard work, I managed to do it for over Forty Years. Thank you all for putting up with me for so long. Neil.

The Hintons of Ablington and Cranham.

Have you ever noticed how many house names in Ablington start with the word 'Hinton' ?

If you take the uphill road opposite the old bus shelter you pass by Hinton House on the right. This has a commanding hilltop location, and may have been originally created from a row of cottages. It carries the date 1753 in the stonework, but was expanded in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

Then at the tricky junction where the bridleway heads off up towards the Saltway, there is Hinton Cottage. Turn left instead, and you pass by Hinton Farm Cottage, Hinton Barn, and finally another Hinton Farm Cottage.

As you might expect, 'Hinton' is the name of a family that was once important in Ablington, running a 200-acre farm on the north side of the village, and in 1861 employing 8 men and 3 boys. Hinton House was the family's main residence.

The Hintons arrived in Ablington in the 1780s when William Hinton, from Cranham (a hamlet between Painswick and Birdlip), took a 21-year lease on 125 acres of farmland that until the dissolution of the monasteries had belonged to Gloucester Abbey.

This wasn't the family's first foray into farming in this part of the Cotswolds. A cousin - Joseph Hinton Bryan - already ran the 600-acre Down Ampney farm. Whether as owner or tenant, I'm not sure.

For almost a century, the Hinton family were an important and well-respected part of Ablington village life. They were gentlemen landowners, noted for their generosity to fellow villagers. Together with 'other gents and noblemen' in the village they gave sheep from their flocks to needy villagers at Christmas.

William married Mary Brindle in Bibury in 1786, and they had three children. William passed away in c1812, and his son William (1789-1844) took over the Ablington farm. William died in 1844, and his brother Robert (1806-1863), then aged 38, took over.

Robert Hinton was remembered for the lavish picnics and harvest celebrations he organised, to which the entire village was invited. The Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard of 17th Sept 1859 published a report on a spectacular harvest celebration arranged by Robert with other Ablington farmers. The entire village - farmers, workers, wives and children - walked in procession to Bibury church, accompanied by the village band.

After the service, they walked back to Ablington where a large marquee had been erected in a field loaned for the purpose by Robert Hinton. The meal was provided by Mr Merchant of the Black Horse Inn in Cirencester. Over 200 people took part in the day's celebrations, which continued with music, singing, dancing and a grand firework finale. Robert Hinton and the other farmers of Ablington paid all the costs.

Robert passed away in 1863 at the age of 57. He had no children, so the farm passed to the cousin, Joseph Hinton Bryan, of Down Ampney Farm. From this point

on, although Hinton Farm continued as an enterprise in Ablington, the personal connection between the Hinton family and the village seems to have been broken.

The estate subsequently changed hands several times, and pieces of land were sold off. In 1948 it was sold for £100 an acre, with 10 of the 81 acres 'still under requisition by the Air Ministry' (the land where Bibury Airfield was located). The estate changed hands for the final time in 1959, when it was acquired by another local farming family.

You can see evidence of the Hinton family's importance in the local community in Bibury churchyard. A stone memorial close to the church wall records the passing of William and Robert Hinton, as well as their sister Mercy who died at the age of 14 in 1800.

Throughout their presence in Ablington, the family maintained close links with their origins in Cranham, to the point that William was sometimes described in newspaper articles as 'William Hinton of Ablington and Cranham'.

The Gloucester Journal of 31 August 1844 recorded that he had been visiting Cranham 'for a change of air' when he died. Commenting on the man, the report concluded: 'His benevolent and generous disposition endeared him to all; whilst his honesty of purpose and strict integrity obtained for him the confidence and admiration of his acquaintance'.

Roger Staton June 2022

HILARY FLEXEN CERAMICS

(The Barnsley Potter)

For many years; I ran ceramic classes at Brewery Arts, Cirencester. Recently I had a craft stall at the 'Barnsley Garden Festival', under the name, 'HILARY FLEXEN CERAMICS' (The Barnsley Potter).

I want to announce that I am now offering private tuition and 'Pottery Classes'. Whatever your level of interest, I have a course just for you. I will encourage you to unlock your own creativity, and to enjoy the therapeutic nature of the age-old craft of handbuilt ceramics.

Each class will run 4 weeks (2-hour session each week). Cost per session £28 per person, however, where someone introduces a friend, it will reduce to £25 each per session. Materials and firing included.

The first course aims to be simple and inline with summer 'Pots for the Garden' will be initial theme.

This involves the ancient handbuilding technique 'Coiling' using Terracotta Clay. If the interest stays following courses allow your skills to progress. Who knows what you may design and create for yourself?

For further details or booking ring 01285 740181 or email: hilarypoulton@aol.co.uk

FROM FURTHER AFIELD

Northleach and District Evergreen club (over 60's)

July 1st: Outing to Milletts Farm (farm shop, café, garden centre etc). Please ring Jill Thomas on 01451 860695 to book. Coach leaves Northleach at 11am.

July 15th: David Iliffe speaking on "Mini Beasts"

July 29th: Kate's Home Nursing - talk and Bring and Buy at the Westwoods Centre, Northleach at 2pm

If you would like a full programme, please contact Jenny A'Bear (01285 740412).



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PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

The Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities and the Lechlade Lions offer a free prescription delivery service in our local area. If you, or anyone you know, is entitled to free prescriptions but is unable to collect them, please call or email our coordinator who can give more information: **Val Harvey on 07540 798226 or transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk**.

2022 EVENTS

8th July: Cheese and Wine evening at Whelford Mill. Indulge in this beautiful garden bordering the River Coln. Please pre-book by emailing admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk or calling 01285 707300.

29th July: Open Gardens at Eastleach. These inspiring gardens cover 14 acres and include a walled garden, a stone rill, south-facing lawns and a 10 acre park. Tickets at the gate.

25th September: Pamper Afternoon at Fairford Community Centre. Indulge yourself in a mini treatment, products also available to purchase. Booking in advance recommended: admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk or 01285 707300.

15th October: Quiz and Chilli Night: Fairford Community Centre.

27th November: Festive Craft Fair and Annual Raffle. A host of small local business stalls offering festive delights, light refreshments and homemade cakes.

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ

Run by the Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities Nursing Team. A drop in café for anyone that has suffered a loss and would like to talk. First Friday of every month in The Heritage Room, Fairford Community Centre, 10:00 to 12:00. No booking required. Donations welcome. If you have any questions, please call 07938244335 or email admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk

Impressions of Africa

Thursday July 14th-Tuesday July 19th, Impressions of Africa, Northleach Church. A rare exhibition featuring Sally Jennings' Africa portfolio of hand-dyed and embroidered textile art.

11.00am-4.00pm; Sunday 12.00pm-5.00pm.

It's not too late to enter !

The 2022 Bibury Show is bouncing back on Saturday 16th July, after a 2-year pandemic-enforced absence.

Show us your baking, marmalade-making, crafting, garden produce, flower arranging, photographic or artistic skills with an entry (or several) in this year's village show. There are no age limits! Whether you are 4 or 94, there is a category for everyone. It's fun to enter and it helps raise funds for the village hall.

We know 'Bibury's got talent'. Now's the time to show it off. Be adventurous and try your hand at one of the new classes, like a plaited loaf, peppermint creams or vegetarian sausage rolls. Or maybe you have the winning scented rose, Jubilee celebration photo, or the finest collection of herbs. We've admired your gardens and vegetable patches, sampled your delicious cakes and been amazed by your (and your children's) craft skills over the years. So, let's make this year's show a bumper one for entries.

There are amazing prizes to be won - 30p, 20p and 15p if your entry comes 1st, 2nd or 3rd in its class! (Yes, you've guessed – it's all about the fun, not the money).

Once the judging has taken place, doors will open at 2pm for everyone to inspect the entries. You can have a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of home-made cake while you browse the show. And some of the exhibits will be available for sale at the end of the afternoon.

Every house that gets Village Life should have received a copy of the 2022 Bibury Show schedule. This lists all the categories you can enter, and the rules. If you haven't received one or need another copy, contact Wendy Challinor on 740021.

Entries to be registered by Entry night for the Bibury Show on Wednesday July 13th please.