

VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



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VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

ISSUE No: 472

September

Thursday 1 st	2023 Trip to the Holy Land Presentation - Bibury Vicarage	6.00pm
Friday 2 nd	Biblit Extra - Talk by Sir Anthony Sheldon - Bibury Church	6.00pm
Thursday 8 th	Rural Cinema - Bibury Village Hall - Downton Abbey A New Era	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Wednesday 14 th	Bibury Gardening Club - Bibury Village Hall	7.15pm
Monday 19 th	Bingo - Bibury Football Club	7.30pm
Wednesday 21 st	Community Lunch at Arlington Baptist Church	12,30pm
Friday 23 rd	Bibury School Open Evening	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday 24 th	Live Music - Mouth of the Thames - Bibury Football Club	7.00pm
Sunday 25 th	Barnsley Ploughmans Harvest Supper - Barnsley Village Hall	6.00pm
Friday 30 th	Harvest Supper - Bibury Village Hall -	7.00pm for 7.30pm

October

Saturday 1 st	Autumn Church and Churchyard Clean Bibury Church	9.00am-12.00noon
Monday 3 rd	Alpha Course Arlington Baptist Church	6.45pm
Thursday 6 th	Craft Club - Bibury Village Hall	2.00pm-4.00pm
Wednesday 19 th	Community Lunch Arlington Baptist Church	12.30pm
Wednesday 19 th	Wednesday Club Meeting Bibury Village Hall	2.00pm-4.00pm

COVER SKETCH

Traditionally the September cover is the winning sketch from the Village Life section of Bibury Show. So we are delighted that Karen Gray did this delightful sketch of her fathers work bench for the show and it won first prize in the adult section.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

We need Old Friends to help us grow old
And New Friends to help us stay young

FROM THE PANEL

We are delighted to welcome Brian Skarda, from Arlington Row to the panel. It will be good to have the input from someone in the heart of the village – we have become a bit Arlington centered ! So if you live elsewhere and would like to be more involved – consider joining the panel or help us to download and type the magazine, or to collate the printed pages. - the more volunteers we have the less often each person has to do the job!

VILLAGE LIFE PANEL

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BIBURY WITH BARNSELEY AND WINSON CHURCHES

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Dear Friends,

Is Harvest Festival a bit of an anachronism? A heritage industry throwback, that is yet another hangover from a socially dominant rural Victorian Anglicanism? Nobody has actually said that to me. I'm just wondering out loud. So let me make a case for Harvest Festival, for my own sake, if nobody else's.

- 1) Celebrating the completion of the Harvest is a tradition that seems to be as old as mankind itself and as culturally widespread as any festival. A celebratory meal. Thanking the gods. Sharing the bounty of the earth. Thanking nature. From China, to Persia, to India it is deeply embedded. Most ancient festivals inevitably tended to have a religious bent, but the desire to say thank you is pretty hardwired into humanity. The annual appearance of fruit and crops where, only a few months before, there was nothing, is an annual miracle.
- 2) Whilst today, in England, the numbers involved in farming and food production is tiny compared to a hundred years ago, the land continues to be the source of most of our food. Whilst city and town dwellers may be several steps removed from the origin of their food, the land and God are still providing. Remembering and giving thanks remains appropriate (to say the least)
- 3) With soil degradation and depletion of fish stocks, it is a good moment to pause and reflect on what we take for granted. And to ask the question, are we cherishing God's creation? Are we, humanity, (Remember that humus means earth, the word reflects our roots) being good stewards of the earth? Its also a good time to pray for the work of scientists who are working on ways of producing food that is healthy, plentiful, and nutritious but is also sustainable. And to ask questions too...
- 4) And, of course, in our abundance, it is only right that we turn our thoughts to the many who go without. Is our abundance at the expense of others. Our good fortune in the genetic lottery is being paid for by others.
- 5) Crucially, harvest reminds of our interconnectedness, and reliance on one another. Our reliance upon the earth; the effects of my behaviours upon the environment; my dependence on the labour of others; my failure to appreciate the complex network of trust, hard work, endeavour and often injustice that results in the food upon my plate.
- 6) All this makes the Rev Robert Hawker's reinvention of the Harvest Festival in Morwenstow, Cornwall, in 1843, whilst historically quite fun (Hawker was a glorious eccentric who we will return to next month) just a little bit twee.

So do, please, come and celebrate Harvest this year. It is a time that combines robust and raucous celebration, with deep and nuanced reflection. A time for song and spirituality. Above all a time of oneness. And you will notice in the current service rota, that events, celebrating God's creation are starting to appear regularly, as the church seeks to acknowledge our responsibility for, and stewardship of God's creation, and tries to embrace attitudes and behaviours that honour the Creator and benefit all of creation, including humanity. In this, we will be working alongside our wonderful school, exploring ways to deepen our shared awareness of God's glorious earth. Rewilding part of the Churchyard, and our 'open all hours' rehoming stall, we are making first tentative steps to rediscover our belonging. May you know the joy and fullness of God's great bounty this season.

With every blessing *Tim*

<p style="text-align: center;">8th - 16th May 2023: A Trip to the Holy Land led by Tim and Joanne Supper and slides at the Vicarage for anyone interested in coming on Thursday 1st September at 6:00pm Booking Forms available from all Three Churches or from Tim</p>

Church Services September 2022	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
Sunday 4th September <i>Trinity 12</i> Philemon 1:1-21 Luke 14:25--33	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 11th September <i>Trinity 13</i> 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	11.00am All Age Service including Baptism of Florence Gardener <i>(Breakfast from 10:30am)</i>	9:45am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>	
Sunday 18th September <i>Trinity 14</i> 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion and Baptism (Arabella Feltham) <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>		9:30am BCP Holy Communion & Harvest Festival
Sunday 25th September <i>Trinity 15</i> 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16: 19-end	11.00am Harvest Festival with Bibury School Harvest Breakfast	6:00pm Harvest Praise & Harvest Supper	
Sunday 2nd October <i>Trinity 16</i> 1 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion and Baptism (Anabelle & Siena Parkhouse) <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 9th October <i>Trinity 17</i> 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:45am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>	
Sunday 16th October <i>Trinity 18</i> 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>		9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 23rd October <i>Trinity 19</i> 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16- 18 Psalm 65 Luke 18:9-14	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:45am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 30th October All Saints Ephesians 1:11-end Luke 6:20-31	11:00am Churchyard Eco Service <i>(Breakfast from 10:30am)</i> 4:00pm Light Party		
Sunday 6th November <i>Trinity 21</i> 2 Thessalonians 2:1- 5, 13-end Luke 20:27-38	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 13th November	Remembrance Sunday		

The Churches of St Mary's Bibury, St Mary's Barnsley and St Michael and All Angels Winson, remember with enormous gratitude and thanksgiving the life, service and witness of
Jane Wykeham Musgrave
of Poultnoor Farm
who went to glory on Sunday 14th August
Funeral takes place at St Mary's, Barnsley on Friday 2nd September 3:00pm

BibLit Extra @ St Mary's Bibury
Drinks from 6:00pm Talk at 6:30pm - Admission Free

Friday 2nd September:

Sir Anthony Seldon speaks about:

The Good, The Bad, the Ugly Prime ministers from Robert Walpole to Boris Johnson
Anthony, for many years a Headmaster, was until recently Vice Chancellor of the University of Buckingham. He has written extensively about modern political history, education and happiness and wellbeing.

Autumn Church and Churchyard Clean
at St Mary's Bibury

Saturday 1st October 9:00-12:00

Cake, coffee, chat (and elbow grease)

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH C.I.O. info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

On **25th Sept** we will start our **Harvest Appeal** collecting for Cirencester foodbank and starting the annual shoebox collection providing a present to a child who due to poverty will receive nothing on Christmas day.

Farmers Harvest is nearly over, due to the very hot July weather, but the Church festival of Harvest is still to come when we all have opportunity to revisit what we can harvest !

In Leviticus 9-10 it says "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God".

Gleaning was a process where the landowner had an obligation to the poor and marginalised people to give them access to the means of production on the landowner's land. Unlike charity it does not depend on the generosity of landowners it is more like a tax where the poor were able to make a living the same way landowners did by working the fields with their own labour. It is simply a command that everyone had the right to access the means of provision. Land may not be the only factor in our modern world perhaps an Education, Capital, OR transport; we are called to provide opportunities.

Services for September every Sunday at 10.30am All welcome

4th 11th, 18th and Harvest festival 25th

COMMUNITY LETS DO LUNCH in the Old Schoolrooms on Arlington Green

NEW TAKEAWAY AND DELIVERY SERVICE

Lunches will expand this month alongside our popular community meal a new order and delivery service is available to all residents, the food is freshly prepared and cooked on the day in our Kitchen and will be suitable for freezing.

The dates and menu are as follows:

September 21st 12.30pm

Baked Creamy Mushroom Chicken or Stuffed Baked Vegetables with Potatoes and seasonal vegetables, Apple pie or Plum Fool

October 19th 12.30pm

Faggots, Mash and Peas with Gravy or Tuna or Veg. Pasta bake, Fruit Crumble and custard /cream, or Almond Tart

Eat In £7 for a full meal, choices as above plus coffee/Tea (includes a draw ticket)

Takeaway Pre-order to guarantee choice on a plate hot ready to eat or in containers for the fridge Main course £5 Pudding £2.50 (Multiple orders for freezer available pre order only) **Delivery Free** Payment upon delivery cash or card

To Order Please call either Debbie 740366 or Sharon 740679 / 07974785437 or email info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

NB If you would like a meal and cannot afford to pay for it please speak confidentially to Sharon 07974785437 these lunches are available for everyone, we are also a Cirencester food bank referral partner please call if you need help feeding yourself or your family.

SURPLUS FRUIT AND VEG. Donations gratefully received please call Debbie 740366

Donations for foodbank and Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal can be left in the large storage box outside the front of chapel. Pre printed boxes available.

BIBURY UKRAINE SUPPORT GROUP (BUS GROUP)

The group now has four families hosting Ukraine visitors in our villages with many more living locally with quite a few in Fairford and surrounds. Early in August a tea, chat and craft -was organised for Ukrainian ladies and children in the Old Schoolrooms at Arlington Baptist church which was a huge success over 20 Adults and 9 children came and much information was shared and friendships/contacts made, we hope to run another tea soon.

The Swan hotel who have employed quite a number of the Ukraine nationals, and made them very welcome here, have also kindly bought an electric bicycle for one lady to get to work from a few miles out, the group would like to thank them for the support and kindness they have shown.

Is anyone in our villages an English teacher? Would you be willing to give an hour of your time a week to help these visitors learn English?

Although the colleges have courses starting in September (some are already enrolled) the course times do not always fit in with work and bus schedules and some of our visitors are finding it hard to access help.

Anyone needing help in the garden we have willing workers available for late afternoon and weekend work.

Offers of good clean toys and clothing for Children and Adults (NB Most of the visitors are Children and young ladies who like modern clothes please understand we cannot take clothes for older ladies and will only take small amounts of good clean clothing and training shoes, we are not a clothes bank to dump everything at! no more bedding is required thankyou, but as we move into cooler months wet weather clothing and warm coats, gloves and hats will be needed.

We are preparing a Bicycle loan scheme, this will be hosted by a local charity and could be rolled out for anyone in the villages to loan an electric bicycle to help them transport to employment whilst the Bikes remain the property of the scheme. If you are able to help financially with the Capital to get this scheme up and running please be in touch.

All enquiries initially to Sharon 07974785437

IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS?

Alpha Course Starting Monday 3rd October

At Arlington Baptist Church

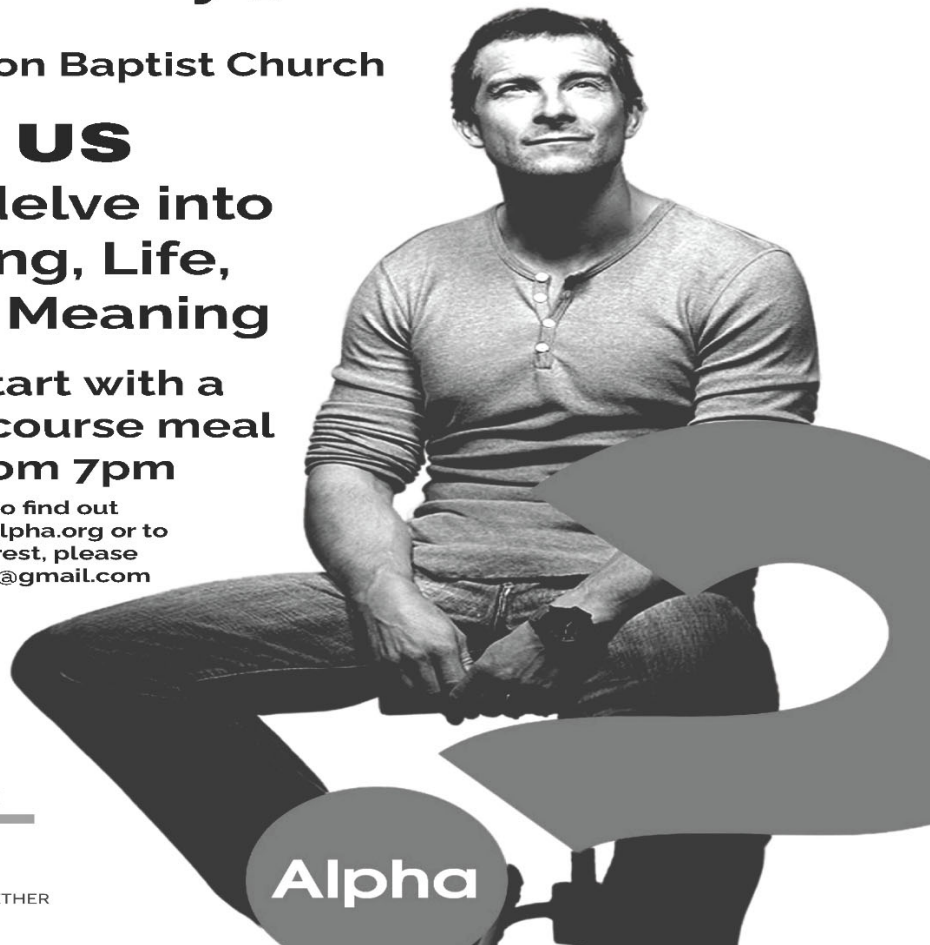
JOIN US
as we delve into
exploring, Life,
Faith & Meaning

**6:45pm start with a
free two course meal
served from 7pm**

If you would like to find out
more, visit www.alpha.org or to
register your interest, please
email alpha.bibury@gmail.com



BIBURY CHURCHES TOGETHER



Alpha

BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

“My time at Bibury School” – from our Year 6 Leavers I loved my time at Bibury and I wish I could stay. When I started, I immediately knew that this was going to be fun. I made tons of great friends and met so many kind teachers. They were always patient even when we talked absolute nonsense and tested all kind of weird subjects that had nothing to do with what we were learning. But even though we were peculiar, everyone treated us so nicely and made everything we do an adventure. We were taught amazing things. Things we will never forget. How to make friends. How to prepare ourselves for tasks. Or just simply how to deal with strange beings. A lot of people would have thought we would be mature by the time we reached this year. Which kind of happened but we are working on it... Even though I am sad to leave, it has prepared us so well and we will always visit this incredible place. Bibury school has become family and they always looked after us through all winds and weathers. (Evie) Bibury is fun; it isn't a school, it's an experience that is unforgettable. With its crazy residential with Ziggy the zebra, crazy bus journeys and human “birdie” calls, Bibury has all you need to learn about almost anything. The school has very talented teachers that are super friendly and welcoming to every child. (Hammond) Bibury School is my favourite place to be. I wish I could stay. Everyone has been lovely. I've learned a lot of new skills and facts. I have met lots of new teachers and friends and throughout the whole thing they have been there for me. The trips are wonderful: the teachers helped me to become less homesick and the activities were amazing and guaranteed fun. (Lilly)

School Summer Play The play was held in the Bibury Village Hall on Monday 18th July. “Back to the Romans” is a musical journey through time to Roman Britain. The idea for the story, which involves some children accidentally stumbling across a time machine, came from the children themselves. The script that linked everything together was written by the children, and they also wrote the lyrics themselves. During the performance, there were some moving solos by the Year 6 children. The Mighty Oaks children acted out the story, and the Oaks children joined in with the singing. The children and teachers practised hard and it was a very entertaining production.

Bibury Primary School PTA Round Up Thank you for all your support throughout this academic year. Over the year we have held a sponsored read, jumble sale, Jubilee tea party, teas at the village fête and setup the Ragbag collection bin to name a few fundraisers. The Ragbag bin, situated in Bibury football club carpark, is ongoing so please feel free to use it and spread the word. The PTA has been able to fund coaches for KS1 and KS2 trips, which lowers the overall cost per child. We have also provided the ‘Bookworm of the Term’ prize books each term and Maths Champion vouchers. With the ongoing building work, we will be supporting the school by providing a new library book unit and next term we will be focusing fundraisers on updating the reference book section and providing new wooden planters for the playground and front entrance. Have a lovely Summer!
Mrs Helen Godwin, on behalf of the PTA

Book Loyalty Card for the School – Please support! Octavia's bookshop in Cirencester has started a book Loyalty Card for Bibury C of E Primary School. Every time anyone buys a book over £5 and mentions Bibury school, the school will get a stamp on its loyalty card which is located at the till in the shop. Once there are 9 stamps on the card, the school will get a free book (valued at under £8). We are asking the Bibury community, parents and staff to please support this project, and at the same time, encourage everyone to visit the bookshop for their Summer holiday reading. You can buy books, for adults too, not just children's books. (A note: this cannot be in addition to any other Octavia's bookshop loyalty card scheme or discounts). Please contact the bookshop directly if you have any queries.

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

FROM THE GOVERNORS OF BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Over the Summer there has been extensive building work at Bibury Primary school. A mezzanine has been added in the existing hall which will provide another, much needed, teaching space and new library area. Both classes have been modernised and altered to enhance the learning environment for the children and a new entrance into the building has been created. We are delighted with the finished result and as you read this the whole team will be working extremely hard to ensure that everything is back in place for the children to return after the Summer break.

Please join us for an open evening on Friday, September 23rd, from 6pm until 7pm where we will show you the new facilities that we are immensely proud of.

Mr. Anthony Godwin
Chair of Governors Bibury CofE Primary School

BIBURY CRICKET CLUB

Bibury CC have generally had a good July and August to date. Three wins and one walk over from the last 4 have seen us rise to 4th place out of 13 teams. We now have 170 points with 7 wins from 14 games. The leaders Minety and Northleach have 216 points.

We had a big win against Cirencester; Bibury 358 for 3 with centuries from the skipper JR and Rich Wills. Ciren all out for 68. We followed this up with 315 for 6 versus Poulton, Charlie Robinson with 147. Poulton were bowled out for 89 with Mark Bandara taking 5 for 12 from 8 overs with 4 maidens.

We came back to earth with a heavy defeat at Great Rissington, Bibury all out for 124 and Great Riss knocking them off with only 1 dismissal to win by 9 wickets.

The Sunday Warriors have also been on a good run racking up the most wins in a season in living memory. Ricardo Canestra hit a magnificent 146 not out in our second win of the season over Kempsford. In a tight win over Adelstrop, Furrukh Riaz' spell of 1 wicket for just 5 runs from 3 overs was vital.

The T20 midweek team finished the season in 6th place out of 10 teams with 4 wins 4 and defeats from 9 matches and 87 points. Cirencester topped the league.

Development of club facilities continues . Thanks to a very significant donation from "a generous villager" we will be installing an artificial wicket over the off season that will hugely enhance facilities for practice and junior coaching. Also big thanks to the Willamstrip Estate and the Kennedy family for providing us with additional land to extend the boundary to accommodate the new pitch.

We are now raising funds for a roll on batting cage and bowling machine with great thanks for initial funding support from Peter Curtis and Mark Armstrong.

Sadly, following recent vandalism and break ins at the club we have had to invest in security cameras.

We now look forward to a great end to the season, the annual fun day on the 27th August then the world famous duck race on Boxing Day.

Leslie Smith 07867 467433

BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

We held our Bibury show on the 21st July for the first time in 3 years. Entries were a little sparse in some sections, but the judges all had some items to judge and like many of those who took part or attended, they were delighted to once again be able to take part in a traditional village event. The cup winners for 2022 are as follows.

SECTION A – PRODUCE – Football Club Cup Winner: Mr Roger King
SECTION B – FLOWERS Cricket Club Cup Winner: Mrs Victoria Summerley
SECTION C – FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS Bibury Cup Winner: Mrs Wendy Challinor
SECTION C – CRAFTS John Body Trophy Winner: Mrs Norma Webb
SECTION E – PHOTOGRAPHY The Margaret Shield Winner: Mrs Katie Norman
SECTION F – COOKERY FOR ALL – Village Trophy Winner: Mrs Angela Staton
Judges special award: Winner: Mrs Angela Staton
SECTION G – ‘VILLAGE LIFE’ Senior Section: Village Life Trophy Winner: Ms Karen Gray
Junior Section: John Turner Cup Winner: Freddie
SECTION H – CRAFT FUN for children Ages 4 – 7 Alexander Cup Winner: joint winners Daisy Walker and Poppy Lawrence

Ages 8 -11 Jubilee Shield Winner Oscar Norman

The Trophies are being engraved and will hopefully be with the winners in September. We are very grateful to all those who took part and to our judges – both old and new for taking the time to come to Bibury to judge. We have decided to hold the Show next year in the hope that more people will enter and that people will enter more than one item. Remember it is a village show and not a event for professional growers or crafts people just enthusiastic amateurs but almost more importantly - fun for all the family to enter!

The Rural Cinema returns on the Thursday 8th September when the film will be Downton Abbey.

Our next planned event is the Harvest Supper which will be on Friday 30th September 7 for 7: 30pm meal. We are aware that food prices have gone up but the Tickets will be subsidies by us and will remain at £10 per person for a two course meal and coffee. There will be a Raffle which we hope will help cover the difference in price between actual cost and the amount we are charging for the tickets. Tickets will be available from any member of the committee.

Angela Alderton 740241, Jenny Lawrence 740506 Wendy Challinor 740021, Angela Staton 740 078, Victoria Summerley 740289.

The Harvest supper has never been a fund raising event - it is our way of thanking the villagers for their support for the hall – so buy your tickets early. Numbers are limited and let us know if you have any food allergies or special requirements and we will try to accommodate you.

CRAFT CLUB is normally held on the first Thursday of each month but given that September 1st is still falls inside the school holiday we will not restart the club until the first Thursday in October when hopefully parking outside the hall will be less dominated by tourists..

So come to Bibury Village Hall **on Thursday 6th October from 2 – 4pm**. Cost £3 for a chance to chat and craft, knit and natter, stitch and sew or just come for chat and a cuppa. A very informal group come along – even if you do no craft or sewing All are welcome to join us on the first Thursday of each month.

Come and join us for our Village Harvest Supper



in

Bibury Village Hall
Friday 30th Sept
7 for 7.30pm start.

Please bring your own cutlery, china and wine.

Tickets £10 |

Raffle

*Tickets available from Committee members or
from Wendy 740021 or Angela 740241*

WEDNESDAY CLUB. – important information - Meeting Wed 19th October 2–4 pm

The Wednesday Club was formed at the start of 2020 after the WI in closed, to try and create a regular time for our community to come for a chat, perhaps to hear the occasional speaker. It was open to all - male and female, young and old, informal and hopefully welcoming. We held just a couple of meetings before Covid struck and although we started again earlier this year the numbers attending have been declining. Most of the organization of the club fell to Norma and myself. Norma is leaving the village and I have other demands on my time, so unless someone else is prepared to actively help the Club will close. We shall meet on Wednesday 20th October to finalise the future of the club. Use September to think about the club and its future. If you do not want the club to close – come along next month on the 19TH October.

BIBURY A.F.C

Well pre season went well 3 wins 1 draw and 1 defeat with the new players settling in well the first official game of the season was against higher league opponents in Chalford who ran out comfortable winners.

September fixtures are

3/9/22 home v Cheltenham civil service 3pm

10/9/22 away v Harrow Hill FC 3pm

17/9/22 home v Leonard Stanley 3pm

24/9/22 county cup still awaiting details of this match

Unfortunately the issue of dogs fouling on the grounds is becoming more and more of a problem it's not nice for the players and for the grounds man to see and have to clear. Please clean up after your dogs and please remember all dogs must be on leads when being walked around the ground. If the problem continues the club will have to ban all dogs from the ground.

Events in September

Bingo 19/9/22 from 7.30pm

Live music with a welcome return of the Mouth of the Thames 24/9/22 from 7pm tickets are priced at £5 and are available from the club of pay on the door on the night

The weekly lottery is continuing tickets £1 a week available from the bar

Hopefully we will also see the return of Ladies and Mens skittles this month

BIBURY FOOTBALL CLUB
PRESENT
LIVE CLASSIC ROCK AND POP BAND
MOUTH OF THE THAMES
SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2022
DOORS OPEN 7:00PM
TICKETS ON SALE AT THE BAR £5
OR ON THE DOOR

BIBURY GARDENING CLUB

This summer's hot weather (and subsequent hosepipe ban) might be a bit of a nightmare for Bibury's gardeners, but it was great for parties and garden visits! The gardening club's annual summer party was hosted this year in July by Val Smith, and thanks to wonderful weather, a good turn-out and what one member described as a "spanking good spread", it was a huge success. Many thanks to Val – and her husband John - for all the hard work.

August's garden visit was to Sherborne Cottage, home of Malcolm and Alison James. This was the first time they had opened their garden and I think the members were very impressed by how much they had managed to pack into the space.

Sherborne Cottage is in the middle of the village, but when you are in the garden, you are not overlooked at all – all you can see are trees and rooftops. The compact garden includes a beautiful Victorian-style greenhouse, a vegetable plot, a pond, and herbaceous borders, with two separate seating areas and a shady corner for when the weather gets really hot. (We all need one of those.)

Like most gardening club members, Malcolm and Alison do the garden themselves, but Malcolm goes one further by doing the hard landscaping too, using reclaimed stone that he sources locally.

This month, we are back in the village hall on Wednesday 14th September at 7.15pm. The speaker will be Andrew Tolman, who has 30 years of gardening and landscaping experience, including a spell as senior gardener at Highgrove.

Andrew will be talking about topiary, which is one of his passions. I'm hoping he will have some advice for people like me, who are incapable of cutting a box ball into anything resembling a sphere. I don't know why, but mine always end up lopsided. I console myself with the thought that The Courts, a National Trust property near Bradford on Avon, is famous for its lopsided row of yews, known as the Dancing

Bears. It's a lovely garden to visit, and the café there is undergoing restoration, so you are encouraged to take a picnic. There are benches under the trees in the orchard or take a rug and find a peaceful spot in the arboretum.

My own garden will be open for charity under the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 4 September. Goodness knows what it will look like by then, but at least you will be able to enjoy the homemade tea and cake while you admire the brown grass. It's very fashionable this summer.

If you would like to join the gardening club, or come along to a talk, please contact Victoria Summerley at v.summerley@hotmail.com. We take annual subscriptions in February but you can attend meetings before then on a pay-as-you-go basis of £5 a head.

Victoria Summerley

Rural Cinema is back! - Thursday, 8th September **And the film is *DOWNTON ABBEY: A NEW ERA***

The Crawley family returns to the big screen in *Downton Abbey: A New Era*. All your favourite characters will be back again, but even if you never saw the previous cinema film or the phenomenally successful TV series, don't worry. This sequel stands on its own.

Directed by Simon Curtis (*Goodbye Christopher Robin*) and written by award-winning series creator Julian Fellowes, it stars Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern, Maggie Smith, Michelle Dockery, Laura Carmichael, Jim Carter, Phyllis Logan and Dominic West.

What the critics said:

"Elegant, occasionally adorable and at times quite emotional. Series creator Julian Fellowes still knows how to pluck the right strings -- upstairs and downstairs -- to play a symphony with his sprawling cast". *Brian Lowry CNN.com*

"Goes down as easy as a nice sunset." *Time Magazine*

"Just what the doctor ordered, bringing with it a warm sense of kindness and optimism".

Emily Zemler, Observer

Save the date: Thursday, 8th September, doors open 7pm, film starts 7.30pm

Here's a feelgood film to kick off the new season of Bibury Rural Cinema. And more good news - despite inflation and rising energy costs we are keeping the ticket price at a bargain £3.50, and glasses of wine at just £2.

You can just turn up on the night but if you let us know in advance it does help us plan the seating layout and the drinks. Just email biburycinena@btinternet.com or call Angela Stanon 740078

ROUND AND ABOUT

Sadly, we must record the deaths of two elderly ladies of our Parishes during the summer.

The first death was of Evelyn Cory of Arlington who died at the beginning of July. Evelyn was 96 and would proudly inform people that she was 5 days older than our Queen. Evelyn moved to Arlington from Compton Abdale when she and her husband Tony retired from farming. Evelyn played an active part in the village, being at one time President of the WI. She always interested in people and events. There will be a thanksgiving service for her long life in St Mary's Bibury at 2:30pm on Friday 9th September. We send our sincere condolences to John, Julia and Adela and their families.

The second remarkable lady was Jane Wykeham-Musgrave of Barnsley who died in August and whose funeral is mentioned elsewhere in the magazine. Jane was the last surviving member of the Wykeham-Musgrave family who lived at Barnsley Park. She played a long and important part in the life of Barnsley, serving as Church Warden for many years. Jane was a keen horsewoman and equestrian. We send our condolences to her family and friends

On another rather depressing note, we have had a report of thieves operating locally, stealing a tank full of heating oil from Arlington and a car from Ablington. With the increasing prices of fuel, electricity and the general cost of living – it means that we should all be more vigilant over our own and our neighbour's property. It is depressing to think that thieves are about watching and waiting for an opportunity to steal other peoples belongings. **So be extra vigilant and report anything suspicious** and record the number of any suspicious vehicle. Neighbourhood Watch seems to have ceased being active – but good neighbours should remain vigilant! **Perhaps it is time to revive the Neighbourhood watch scheme.** Is there someone locally who is able and willing to take on the role of coordinator of the scheme. There is a Rural Crime hotline, or dial call 101 to report suspicious, non – urgent concerns or 999 in the case of an emergency situation. Remember be vigilant about locking doors & window and of strangers. There may be thieves amongst the innocent tourists that come to visit our village.

The letters to the panel printed elsewhere contain heartfelt concern for aspects of our village. The closure of the Post Office came suddenly and according to the notice on the door should be only a temporary closure, but that does not help those residents in the meantime who don't drive and rely on the post office for cash, parcels etc. The new sign on the main road opposite Hawkers Hill, is not quite what we were expecting from the Parish Council 's report in our previous issue. Tourists need to be deterred from driving down Awkward Hill but the height of the new sign does seem to be excessive. Far too often the village is only aware of the impact of changes **after** the event rather than being involved in the discussions prior to the changes. The first most people know about planning applications such as that for the new sign or those proposed for the tea rooms and Post Office is when the applications have been approved by the council rather than being consulted before proposed changes – we need to have an effective village grapevine to disseminate information about proposed changes – before decisions are made. Planning applications and Parish council minutes are on-line, but not all of us have access to such technology and rely more on word of mouth to keep us informed. This magazine has a role to play in trying keep people informed but we only print once a month and rely on people to keep us informed about what is happening or planned within the village.

On a happier note, we have had a remarkably warm and sunny summer. The gardens may have suffered from a lack of rain and we are about to get a hosepipe ban, but the weather has been lovely and the summer cutting of the grass has been less frequent.

RURAL CINEMA

Bibury Village Hall – Thursday, 8th September

Downton Abbey: A New Era

Drama Cert: PG - Run time 2hr 5min

Directed by Simon Curtis with screen play by Julian Fellowes

Starring: Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern, Maggie Smith, Michelle Dockery, Laura Carmichael, Jim Carter, Phyllis Logan, and Dominic West.

Doors open 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm Tickets on the door £3.50
Come early and enjoy a glass of wine or soft drink before the film begins.

HEAVENS ABOVE

Good news as we start September, we have a connection between Jupiter and Mars. As Mars and Gemini on the 1st we start with energy and excitement, brining positive vibes. The full moon on the 10th is also a strange time for many – busting bubbles and making clear thoughts for many. So a positive month for all really, with an autumnal feel after the harvest moon.

SEPTEMBER

Mist hangs like a host over harvest fields,
The golden stubble , the brown turned earth.
As we walk under the red light of fall,
The scent of fallen apples, dust of the grain,
The gentle chill of the fall.
Here, as we move into the shadows of Autumn
Come to us Lord of the Harvest.
Let us be thankful for the gifts you bring.

SIGN POST TO ARLINGTON ROW.

Not long ago it was decided we had too many signs dotted around the village. How on earth, did this sign post get permission – especially in such a prominent place. Such an eye sore, S.A.K.

BARNSLEY 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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Closing the Post Office

How do you think people without a car get money etc out, no Bus to Coln, a long journey to Ciren, also a long walk to the Post Office and back again for the Bus, people can't walk very far, alright for some that have everything, don't care a dam about others, blow your Charlie I'm alright, the tourists are grumbling as well, think again before you do things. When I came here what a lovely Village, oh dear not now, its all gone to pot untidy and dirty

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Guide Dogs' volunteers Sue and Paul Talbot are pleased to announce the arrival of 8 healthy pups. Yellow Labrador Carys produced 3 boys and 5 girls, all yellow. Mum and pups are doing well.

A big thank you to Karen and Julie from Guide Dogs for their fantastic support enabling Carys to raise her pups at home. We wish all the pups the very best and hope they all go on to be successful within Guide Dogs.

Carys met boyfriend Walter, a blonde Golden Retriever, at Guide Dogs' National Breeding Centre in Leamington Spa. Carys' father Perry and grandfather Mariner are both black Labs. Mariner came to the UK as part of Guide Dogs of America breeding program gene exchange.

TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK

Living in Arlington Row, I have over the last 10 years had many conversations with Visitors to this busy part of our Village, and so I thought it might be an idea to share some of these encounters & local news with the rest of you.

The Row seems to have a tremendous attraction for Visitors from not only this Country but all over the World, some of whom, like the Japanese, have almost a 'requirement' to visit because of tradition, and others, because it retains the History of the past life of this Village – and of course the connections with America.

This Summer has been particularly busy, as, despite the lack of the large coaches, smaller 'people carriers' seem to have taken their place, some even trying to navigate past the people along the Row (finding a dead end)!. Many of you will know that pre-pandemic, the large coaches used to flood our Village when several arrived together, to the point where it was difficult to navigate Water Lane and other paths. During the Pandemic, all was peaceful, and apart from people with children or dogs the Village was probably more peaceful than it had ever been before. What bliss!

Now we seem to have returned to 'normal', with the Visitors asking us the usual question of 'how old are these houses'? to which we reply 'about 800 years old' – after which they often ask 'and have you always lived here?'. The other comment, overheard by us frequently through our front windows are 'I don't suppose anyone lives in these houses, they're too small – it must be a Museum', or 'houses for Hobbits'. They are quite surprised when we lean out of the top window and say 'WE live here'.

Quite a lot of work was carried out on the roof by the National Trust this Summer. Following a Survey some time ago, there was a recommendation to re-roof it – apparently it was last done in the 1970's. However, cost being a major factor, the Trust engaged Contractors to clear the moss & re-point much of the stonework that was worn, both front & back, and the Row now looks much more attractive. So much so, that a couple of weeks ago we had a Film Crew come down at 6 in the morning to film a sequence for 'Strictly Come Dancing' Watch out for it!

It's good to see that the Stream has continued to run past the Row throughout this very dry spell – and I am sure many will have noticed that the River is now at it's lowest in a very long time, with a lot of weed building up.

Hopefully it will clear before the Duck Race. On which note I should mention that I have been asked by some Visitors 'what time does the tide comes in here?'. - I explain that whilst we don't have a tide here, (for obvious reasons) we do have a Duck Race on Boxing Day, sending a couple of 100 ducks down the River raising money for Charities. I am then asked 'how do you get all those ducks to stay still, ready for the Race? I explain that it's difficult, but actually fortunately they aren't (all) real ducks!

On a final note, sad to see the Post Office has closed. It's a facility that is used by Villagers & Visitors, and needs to be re-located urgently!

Brian Skarda

More about Bibury's cricketing history

My first article on the Bibury Cricket Club looked at the club's early history through the late 1800s. Now, thanks to Terry Day and his collection of documents from the village's cricketing past, I can continue the story into more recent times.

The surviving minutes from the Cricket Club committee meetings go back to 1928. In October 1929 the committee was concerned to improve the quality of the pitch ready for the next season. They had identified an ideal source of top-quality turf - the site where the Bibury racecourse had been located until the mid 1800s.

Tom Garne, tenant of the farm on the site of the former racecourse, initially objected to the quantity of turf that was requested. After some negotiation, what finally happened was that two strips of turf, each measuring 7 yards wide and 33 yards long, were removed from the old racecourse site and relaid on the cricket pitch by Tom Andrews and R.T. Smith.

A contribution towards the cost of this work was received from the Bibury Sports Fund, a little-known local resource administered by Mrs Sam Holland.

In the 1920s only the playing area was kept mown, and cattle were kept off this rectangular area by a chain fence attached to wooden posts. These could easily be removed before a match and reinserted afterwards. When the special sockets for the posts needed replacing in 1928, the work was done by local carpenter Gleed & Sons, whose workshop was in the former barn next to the school.

The original route up to the cricket ground was the road past Bibury Mill, but in the early 1970s the residents of the mill house objected to the volume of traffic on Saturdays. Players and spectators were obliged to use a different route, using the road below the Catherine Wheel, and then up through Holland's yard towards the bottom of the old football field (Holland's Field). This was as far as cars were allowed. Players and spectators had to walk from there to the cricket field.

The residents of Bibury Mill did, however, agree that that two vehicles would be allowed past the mill on match days: one to bring the teas, and the other for the groundsman.

Only in 2002 were cars able to go all the way from the main road to the cricket ground along the route used nowadays, past the childrens' playground. This was thanks to the generosity of three local families: John Holland and his daughter, Charles Bailie Hamilton, and John Heynes. They donated land and created a track wide enough for cars. Track was surfaced with 80 tons of 'as dug' (quarried stone that had not been graded for size).

The men's cricket club was at the peak of its game in the 1960s, playing typically 40 matches each season. The 1969 results were an all-time record for the club. Of the 31 matches played, it won 24, lost three, drew three and one was stopped by rain. A further 14 matches were prevented by poor weather.

Probably the most starry event in the club's history happened on 4th May 1981 when Warwickshire and England fast bowler Bob Willis brought the Warwickshire team to Bibury for a testimonial match. Willis was caught out for a duck but got his revenge later by taking four wickets for only five runs. Warwickshire won the match.

The most significant development in recent times was in 1988 when the present custom-designed pavilion was erected. This replaced the original 'cricket house', with something twice the size, and with modern facilities. To begin with, the electricity was supplied by a generator, but in recent years mains electricity and water have been brought to the pavilion, thanks to the generosity of a local resident.

Bibury Cricket Club currently plays in the Cirencester League, Division 2. Contact Leslie Smith, chairman, on 740618, to find out more.

PS: Through the 1920s and 1930s Bibury also had a Ladies Cricket Club. I hope to cover this little-known chapter of Bibury's sporting history in a future article.

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FROM FURTHER AFIELD

Friday October 7th, An evening with Prue Leith, Northleach Church 7.00pm. Tickets £20 in Northleach outlets & at www.ticketsource.co.uk/northleachprue, Includes a free drink & canapés

Thursday October 20th, Orchestra Pro Anima with Michael Bochmann, Northleach Church 7.00pm. Tickets £17.50 at Black Cat Cafe & at www.ticketsource.co.uk/water-city-music

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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: Round up a team and get your brain into gear for an evening of fun! Enjoy a delicious homemade chilli too. 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.

LUNCH CLUBS

We hope to bring back our lunch clubs for the elderly towards the end of the year, to provide a meal and social interaction for those at risk of loneliness or isolation. If you know somebody that would benefit from this, or would be able to volunteer to help, please get in touch to be added to our interest list: Contact **Kerry** on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk / **01285 707300**.

PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

The Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities are offering 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 patient transport coordinator who can provide more information: **Val Harvey** on **07540 798226** or transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk.

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

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

Shelley Welsh, Chair, Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (Reg. Charity No. 1180059)