

# VILLAGE LIFE

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## VILLAGE LIFE

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

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#### September

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper - Bibury Village Hall - 7.00pm for 7.30pm

#### October

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Autumn Church and Churchyard Clean Bibury Church 9.00am-12.00 noon

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Alpha Course Arlington Baptist Church 6.45pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Craft Club - Bibury Village Hall - Using the Cricut machine by  
Beverley Morgan-Davies 2.00pm-4.00pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Community Lunch Arlington Baptist Church 12.30pm

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Club Meeting Bibury Village Hall**  
**Please note change of date ! 2.00pm-4.00pm**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Bingo at Bibury Football Club 7:30pm

#### November

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Craft Club in Bibury Village Hall – bring your ideas for Christmas Crafts! 2 – 4pm

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Community Lunch in Arlington Baptist Church 12.30pm

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday – end of Poppy appeal.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Event in Bibury Village Hall

#### December

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day Duck Race from Swan Bridge 11:15am

### COVER SKETCH

We thought we should commemorate the life of our late Queen Elizabeth and the start of King Charles's Reign. - the first time for most of us to experience a new monarch.

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The past cannot be changed. Let the present not be spoilt by worrying about the future!

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**BIBURY WITH BARNSLY AND WINSON CURCHES** Bibury Vicarage, Gloucestershire , GL7  
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Dear Friends,

In last month's Village Life, I had promised to return to the fascinating Robert Hawker, Rector of Morwenstow in Cornwall, and regarded as the 'inventor' of the modern (Victorian) Harvest Festival.

But much has happened in the last few weeks, and I have been asked, instead, to publish the eulogy I gave on the eve of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State funeral.

Today we commemorate the life and reign of she who, for over 70 years was Head of the Church of England (among other things) Vast numbers of words have already been written and spoken about Her late Majesty and rather than repeating what you will already have heard I just want to think about just one thing.

Not her Faith, because she was very private about her personal faith, and clergy have already attributed to her far more than is either reasonable or credible. I recently bought a book about 'The Faith of Queen Elizabeth' eager to learn what I could, only to find the opening three pages describing a Scripture Union event that she attended, and in which I, in my ignorance as National Director was quoted as some sort of expert. Clearly, nothing to see here.

Rather, I want to focus on what we could all see on a daily basis. As she went about her daily work faithfully, assiduously and carefully. Day after day after year after year. I mean, her Christlikeness. First and most obviously, hers was a life of service. To lead is to serve, as the words over the gate into Sandhurst read. And the Christian belief is that Our God is a servant God. A God of Hebrew slaves and Roman outcasts, and Indian Dalits. As a God of all, a God of the stranger and the outcast. And hers was first a foremost a life of committed service. And that service was her freedom, giving her access to the highest and the lowest in the land, her presence at the grandest of events to the most devastating of tragedies. Equally present, and equally there to serve. Day after day. Second, that service meant always putting others first. Subordinating her own interests, views, opinions and loves to the needs of others. And by others, we mean everyone. Think about that for a moment. Always putting others first. Always.

Why did she generate such devoted service? Dame Mary Morrison, a Lady of the Bedchamber for over 60 years, in her mid-eighties, still serving the Queen until the day of her death last week. She inspired others to serve, with her service. She was a guiding light to the whole Royal family. As Gyles Brandreth so pithily put it. 'Being royal is never about you' . It is always, always about everyone else. Making them feel special, encouraging them, grieving and mourning with them. Mindful that the royal presence brings healing and significance. From Prime ministers to road sweepers. Liking someone being utterly irrelevant. Being there for them. And that brings humility. Just as Christ humbled himself to death on the cross, humility isn't about pretending not to be who you are. Nor is it thinking less of yourself. It is simply thinking about yourself less. From how she dressed to what she said, Queen Elizabeth's first thoughts were about how her look, and her words might impact on others. Humility comes from the Greek word for earthy. Of the earth (Like humans) Loving dogs, horses and nature is a good way of remembering that. With 1200 staff, she still fed her own dogs, it is said.

When hosting barbecues at one of the Balmoral lodges she loved the simple acts of laying the table, fiddling with tupperwares full of potato salad and filling people's plastic cups with fine wines, whilst advising Philip on how rare to cook the steaks. She was of the earth and never forgot it.

And like Christ she had all and had nothing. Living in castles and Palaces, with servants and staff and surrounded by extraordinary wealth it is very hard not to be corrupted. Like power, wealth usually has a corrosive effect on the human soul. With Queen Elizabeth it was like water off a duck's back. It really didn't matter to her. Not only was most of it not hers anyway. But even that which was technically her own was regarded as held in trust for others. Alone, she ate simply and sparingly. The grand banquets were for others. She drank little. Her luxuries? Her horses and dogs, of course (A silver box containing fish tea biscuits for the dogs who she happily fed at the dinner table) Imagine having obscene wealth and not being spoilt by it. And part of this was her own self awareness. She was just a white British woman. But she represented so much more to hundreds of millions around the globe. By accident of birth and history she found herself in a role on to which others would project their hopes and fears and dreams. Every day she woke knowing this and seeking to live this truth. Being a symbol of hope, of goodness, of kindness. And she could only do this because she believed in these things. The idea that she could pretend to be interested in everyone she met is inconceivable. She really did care. She really was interested. There was a steely professionalism certainly. But when she jabbed Philip in the ribs and whispered 'Smile, Philip' she was doing so because she cared for others, and that smile mattered. Can you imagine another Head of State, for over 70 years, taking an interest in others. In everyone. Day after day. Who, only a few hours before her death chose to be up and dressed to oversee the smooth transfer of power from one Prime Minister to another. Abdication or abrogation of her duties unthinkable for someone who has responded to and risen to her calling. And overarching all of this a sense of joy. People have spoken of her sense of humour and mischief. But those are simply manifestations of something much deeper. Pure joy. She took joy in others and in life and never took herself too seriously. When, at a performance at Windsor Castle, torrential rain, from a sudden summer storm, started falling on her through an open skylight she leapt from her seat and sat on the floor in the aisle much to the confusion of dozens of other guests. To her this was simply a sensible thing to do (The Prince of Wales and Prince Philip just got wet, whilst Princess Anne put a programme on her head to help dry) but the sight of a Queen in white silk evening dress and tiara sitting on the floor was cheerful synthesis of a sensible mother who was a ruling monarch.

When Grand Duchess Zita, the widow of Karl, the last Australian-Hungarian Emperor, died in 1989, aged 96 there was a striking moment at a funeral in St Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna. Her coffin, as it arrived at the Cathedral was met with the words from a priest 'Who goes there?' The reply was a lengthy list of her imperial titles which was met with the response. I do not know you A second knock and request 'Who goes there!' Was met with a shorter list of titles. Once again the priest replied. 'I do not know you' Finally in response to the question asked a third time, the reply was given. 'Zita, a sinning mortal' The doors flew open, and the empress was admitted

Our Queen would have approved both in how this applied to her, but more importantly the lesson it teaches to all. And so it is, that even at the last, Queen Elizabeth has given her death to the world. Because make no mistake. The opportunity for public mourning, and national emotion is just what we as a nation need. Her death has given language, permission and opportunity to all who want it, to mourn, to reflect, or, indeed, do whatever they want. From the tributes, to the flowers, to the books of Commemoration, to the ceremonial, we have been given tools to handle our own losses and bereavements only some of which are to do with a woman called Elizabeth. Even in death it is about us. Not her. She had absolutely no doubt about the welcome love of a God she had served throughout her life. The crown she wears now is more precious than any she wore during life and is shared with all the saints in glory. In her Christlikeness she was the closest that many of us will ever get to seeing a very human Saint. May her life inspire and equip us to joyful service

May her death challenge and encourage us to share her faith  
 May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

With every blessing  
 ng Tim

<b>Church Services October 2022</b>	<b>Bibury</b>	<b>Barnsley</b>	<b>Winson</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> <b>Trinity 16</b> 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>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Trinity 17</b> 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>	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Trinity 18</b> 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>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b> <b>Trinity 19</b> 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 Psalm 65 Luke 18:9-14	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:45am Morning Prayer	
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>All Saints</b> Ephesians 1:11-end Luke 6:20-31	11:00am Remembering Service (Breakfast from 10:30am) <b>4:00pm Light Party</b>		
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Trinity 21</b> 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>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Remembrance Sunday</b>  <b>With the Salvation Army Band</b>	10:50am United Act of Remembrance at St Mary's, preceded by an Act of Remembrance at Ablington War Memorial at 10:15am	9:30am Act of Remembrance at Barnsley War Memorial and wreath laying on behalf of the wider community	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Christ the King</b> Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 23:33-43	Alpha Celebration Service (Breakfast from 10:30)		9:30am BCP Holy Communion  <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Advent Sunday</b> Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122 Matthew 24:36-44	11.00am Morning Prayer	6:00pm Advent Carol Service	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Advent 2</b> Isaiah 11:1-10 Matthew 3:1-12	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</i>

			<i>Holy Communion</i>
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Queen Elizabeth II R. I. P

In her own words: "Throughout my life, the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide and in them, I find my hope. It is my heartfelt prayer that you will continue to be sustained by your faith in times of trial and encouraged by hope in times of despair/"

Where do we turn in times of trial if we have no faith ? If this is a question you wonder about or feel encouraged to explore in the light of the faith of our late Queen or perhaps as you consider grief or despair, we invite you to come along to the introduction of the Bibury Alpha Course ( as

advertised elsewhere in Village Life) During a free two course meal we will watch a short film introducing the Christian Faith and afterwards a chance to ask or listen to questions raised. This will be an interesting and lively evening open to everyone whether you have faith or not, to help us explore the purpose of faith. Alpha is organised and hosted by a team of Christians from both St Mary's, ABC and the locality.

**Community Lunches in the old School room Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.** This is always well attended and it has been a pleasure to put to use the new facilities for the benefit of the community. Everyone welcome. Come along on the day – no booking is required but if you are a regular - please let us know if possible. A food delivery service is also available – please call Debbie 740366 or Sharon 740679.

**Cirencester Food Bank Collection Point** at the front door of the Baptist Church in the black collection box always available to access. We are also a discreet and sympathetic referral service for the foodbank. We can help you, if you or anyone you know may need food. Please call 07974 785437 or email as above.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.** [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk-what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk-what-we-do/operation-christmas-child) for Children around the world who will not receive a gift this Christmas. Again can be left in the black box outside the church or dropped in on a Sunday morning, alternatively, hand a donation to any of us and we will pack a number of boxes from the community. Boxes needed before November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Service – Every Sunday 10:30am. All Welcome**

Monday evenings during October and November – Alpha Meal at 7pm. All welcome.  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> Wedding of Nathaniel and Emma.

We pray that the Queen's legacy of 'Defender of the Faith' will continue with King Charles. Though he may face the many temptations that his position will bring, we hope that he will be unwavering in love and commitment to both the United Kingdom, Commonwealth and your Kingdom in Heaven and may we love and support him, as we walk together into this new era. Amen.

## **THE OLD MAN OF THE PIKE**

First of all I must pay my respects to late Queen Elizabeth the Second. She has served the Country, Commonwealth and the World to the very highest standard we could have expected and more. I welcome the new King Charles the third and wish him the very best. God Save The King. I have lived through two coronations and hope to live to see the next one although I do not remember the first one.

A few weeks ago I had to go up to The Cotswold Hub (The Old Mill Engineers) at Old Walls and saw a Plinth dedicated to Bibury Airfield. This was completely new to me, so on coming home I got onto my computer to find out more. This opened up a new world for me, as I am interested in aviation I have many books on the subject but I was about to learn a lot more. On a site called Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust (ABCT) I was informed that about Two Hundred Airfields are remembered with these Plinths around the British Isles. Bibury is No 92 and was dedicated on the 4 of Oct 2018 And as a villager I had not heard about it? These memorials have been paid for mainly by Kenneth Bannerman the Chief Executive Officer of ABCT. And his band of helpers. The Nation owes a great debt of gratitude to him and the Trust before some of the information is lost through the passage of time. I hope that some of you will go onto and explore the ABCT site and learn more about this history, as I have done as I delve deeper.

## **BIBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA**

Thank you to everyone who has donated clothes to the Ragbag scheme so far. Just a reminder that unwanted clothes, paired shoes and belts can be placed (bagged) into the collection bin situated at the entrance of Bibury Football Club. Every time the bin is emptied the PTA get a financial contribution and the items get distributed around the country and abroad to support those in need.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

We welcome our new Reception and also older children in other year groups to the school. They have all made a happy and confident start. We also welcome Miss Bevans as our new Y3/4 teacher, Mrs Williams as our new EYFS teaching assistant, and Miss Coles, our new sports coach. We know they will enjoy their time with us as we all learn and grow in our happy school.

The school building has undergone extensive refurbishment during the summer holidays and we are delighted with the new mezzanine in the hall, which provides us with a wonderful new library and additional learning space. The children are very excited to be swimming again this term. As a small school we take every child swimming, ensuring everyone has an opportunity to learn this essential life skill!

At Bibury C of E Primary we are proud of the range of opportunities we are able to offer our pupils

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## **CRAFT CLUB**

Craft Club will restart on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Beverley Morgan Davies from the Stud is bringing her Cricut machine to show us how it cuts creative designs in paper or vinyl that can be used for all sorts of Craft Projects and Labels. Bev will also bring some of the items she has made using the machine – so a real opportunity to see what can be done!

Do come along and join us in Bibury Village Hall 2 – 4pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Cost £3 which includes refreshments.

## **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**

How can it possibly be remembrance time again ?

The collection period is between **Saturday October 29th to Remembrance Sunday** on the 13th November - please give as generously as you possibly can . . .

with huge thanks

Sheila (Kiggins) POA for Bibury District

## **BIBURY VILLAGE HALL**



At the time of writing, we are busy selling tickets for the Village Harvest Supper at the end of September. Numbers are limited but we are expecting to sell the 50 tickets available – it should be a good evening.

The Trophies from the Bibury Show have been engraved so the winners should have had their trophies delivered by now.

Our next major event will be the Christmas Event on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November – so put the date in your diary and come along for some early Christmas shopping and festive cheer.

If you would like to take a table to sell your wares – it costs £10 a table. Please contact either Wendy 740021 or Angela 740241

### **WEDNESDAY CLUB – THE FUTURE?**

In last month's issue I said that the next meeting will discuss the future of the club. This will still take place, but I have moved the meeting a week later (from the 19<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October) to avoid clashing with Community lunch in the Baptist church. I believe strongly that a village community depends upon face to face encounters and in supporting village activities wherever possible. With all the other demands we each have on our time – it seemed more sensible to move the Wednesday Club to the following week so attendees would not have to rush to finish lunch event to get to the Wednesday Club.

However it is important if you want the Wednesday Club to continue that you try and come between 2- 4pm to the Village Hall on the 26<sup>th</sup> November to discuss its future.

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### **RUNNING HORSES, RUBBING HOUSES AND COURSING**

It was a hard life in the 1600s and 1700s being a racehorse, or 'running' horse as they were called. There was no global horseracing industry. No railways to transport the general public to races. No radio or TV to keep the public informed and spread the excitement. Just wealthy landowners (including royalty and nobles) who saw an opportunity to match their best horses against others from neighbouring stables. And gamble on the outcomes.

The horses weren't specially-bred for racing before the late 1770s; just the best in the owner's stables. They were generally smaller and older than today's racehorses. And usually ridden or led to and from the various local courses.

The races were not organised like they are nowadays. There would be multiple heats the same day, and all the horses entered for a particular prize would take part in all the heats. The first horse to win two heats was usually the overall winner.

With courses up to four miles in length, and often the owners (the 'gentlemen jockeys') in the saddle, it was gruelling for the horses. No lightweight professional jockeys in those days. Stamina was as important as speed, and the horses needed help to cool down between heats. This is why 'rubbing houses' were built at racecourses.

Wagers were generally placed between individual owners. 'Bookies' hadn't yet been invented. It is said that at the inaugural meeting of the Bibury Club in 1799, two of the members agreed a wager of £5,000 on one race in which they each had a horse competing. That's equivalent to something like half a million pounds in today's money. It's not surprising that horseracing was described as 'the sport of kings'.

Owners didn't have to go far to find a local racecourse in those early days. But some courses, including Burford, acquired a national reputation. In the 1700s the venues were generally known as 'horse courses'. 'Coursing' seems to have had a different meaning 300 years ago. The very wealthy landowners had deer courses at which deer were chased (often to the death) by dogs. Lodge Park near Aldsworth is a remarkable surviving example of a 17th century deer course, with its one-mile course and grandstand still standing. It's well worth a visit.

The common folk had to make do with watching hare coursing. Gambling was central to all these coursing activities. Animal welfare wasn't up to today's standards.

There was of course a big social element to the whole thing. Owners who raced together during the day often partied together afterwards. That's how the Bibury Club started. A group of wealthy landowners who raced together at the Burford races in the 1780s would get together informally in the evening at Bibury Court as guests of Estcourt Cresswell, former MP of Cirencester.

This evolved into the most exclusive horseracing club of its day (we're talking about the period from 1800 on).

But I'm getting ahead of myself. This was just intended as a gentle introduction to the privileged world of horseracing in the 1700s and 1800s, to set the scene for the story of the Bibury Club and Bibury Racecourse.

I know what you're thinking: "Bibury had a racecourse?"

Yes, it definitely did. But it wasn't actually in the village. Not even near the village.

All will be revealed in the next article.

*Thanks to Jessica Stawell's book 'The Burford and Bibury racecourses' (2000) for insights into the early days of horseracing.*

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## **ALL HALLOWS EVE**

Pumpkins grin from ear to ear  
The moon is bright, the sky is clear  
Tonight's the night we've waited for  
The elves come knocking on the door  
Witches ride their broomsticks high  
And Ghosts and goblins fill the skey  
Flying bats and haunting ghosts  
All appear for the night they love most.

## **Garage Wanted**

Local resident seeks one or more garage units for rent, or possible purchase.

Must be dry and secure.

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**RURAL CINEMA, THURSDAY, 13TH OCTOBER, DOORS OPEN 7PM**

And the film is ... The Duke

The Duke is the dramatised story of a Newcastle pensioner who in 1961 stole a Goya portrait from the National Gallery in protest at government spending priorities. The delightful true-crime caper features sterling performances by Jim Broadbent as Kempton Bunton, and Helen Mirren as Kempton's long-suffering wife Dorothy. Directed by the late Roger Michell (Notting Hill), with a screenplay by Richard Bean and Clive Coleman, it is a charming cup of Northern goodness.

What the papers said:

- What a lovely, rousing, moving film this is. The Duke is unashamedly sentimental and resolutely old-fashioned in the best sense of the term. Guardian
- Charming, understated and completely enjoyable. Observer
- The Duke is that rarest of things, a comedy that knows that a twinkle in the eye and a fire in the belly needn't be mutually exclusive. Telegraph
- One of the pleasures – even privileges – of watching a film like this is seeing what superb actors are able to do with material that doesn't aspire to greatness. The story is charming, the performances are exceptional. Wall Street Journal

Card payments now accepted

We can now take card payments as well as cash. And, with tickets just £3.50 per person, a glass of wine £2, and a soft drink 50p, the Rural Cinema won't break the bank. Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. You can just turn up on the night but if you let us know in advance it does help us plan the seating layout. Just email [biburycinema@btinternet.com](mailto:biburycinema@btinternet.com) or call Angela Staton on 740078

**RURAL CINEMA**

**Bibury Village Hall – Thursday, 13th October**

**The Duke Comedy-drama**

Cert:12A – Run Time 1hr 36min

The Duke is a 2020 British comedy-drama film directed by Roger Michell, with a screenplay by Richard Bean and Clive Coleman. Based on the true story of the 1961 theft of the Portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery, the film stars Jim Broadbent, Helen Mirren, Fionn Whitehead, Anna Maxwell Martin and Matthew Goode.

**Doors open 7.00pm. Film starts 7.30pm.**

Come early and enjoy a drink before the film begins.

## **BIBURY CRICKET CLUB**

Bibury CC continued their strong finish to the season into late August and September. Charlton CC visited from Wiltshire and were well beaten. Bibury with 200 all out from the full 40 overs, Charlton struggling to 60 all out from 23 overs with great bowling from Sachin.

The final game of the season in early September saw the local derby between Williamstrip and Bibury at the away ground. Bibury emerged victorious amassing 241 for 7 Williamstrip all out 143 in response.

So, we ended in fourth place in the CDCA League Division 2 with 210 points from 16 games and 9 wins, five defeats. Minety and Northleach were worthy champions with 271 points. The leagues are being reorganised for next season so we are unsure which division we will feature in next season.

The annual fun day was held on August Bank Holiday Saturday and enjoyed great weather and great success. The return of the dog agility competition proved to be very popular with Jane & Gary See and Barney taking home the handsome silver trophy. The day raised more than £ 2000 for the club which was an all time record. Thank you so much to everyone who came and participated and huge thanks to the many club members and villagers that put in a lot of hard work to make the day such a success. Too many to mention but special shout outs to Jenny Hedgeland for another magnificent effort on the raffle, Steve Evans as ever for the marquee and bouncy castle, Ricardo for a truly impressive bar set up and Kate Marriott for organising the dog agility obstacles.

The next event is the Duck Race on Boxing Day at 11.15 am. Cotswold Life are planning to run an article in the Bibury Duck Race in their December edition.

We hope to see you all on the banks of the Coln.  
Leslie Smith

## **A THANK YOU TO THE RESIDENTS OF OUR VILLAGES**

As one of the local hosts for a Ukrainian family, we would like to thank all those locals who have been so generous in not only by making the families feel welcome, but by giving practical help such as giving bicycles, clothes, toys or by helping them with school uniforms or finding jobs. Not all the Ukrainians are yet sufficiently adept at the English language to be able to thank the individuals in person, but as a hosts we know how much they appreciate all the help and the warmth of the welcome they have received – so thank you !

## **BIBURY A.F.C.**

The season is well underway a mixed bag of results so far two wins and two losses the first league resulted in a defeat away to Tewkesbury Town 4-2. New signing Max Lukawecyj with both goals for Bibury. This was followed with another away trip to Frampton on Severn usually a happy hunting ground for Bibury and was again a 4-1 win for Bibury. Max again with a goal also captain Alex Harding with his first goal of the season and an Archie Day brace sealing a comfortable win for Bibury.

September started with a heavy home defeat against a very strong Cheltenham Civil Service side 4-0 before a 2-0 home win against Leonard Stanley Bibury goals from Jacob Ashley and Archie Day.

**October Fixtures are**

1st of October away to Chesterton kick off 3pm  
8th of October home v Kings Stanley kick off 3pm  
15th of October away v Tredworth Tiger's kick off 3pm  
22nd of October home v Newent Town reserves county cup kick off 2-30pm  
29th of October home v Falcons kick off 3pm

**October bingo will take place on Monday 24th from 7-30pm**

**Cotswold Chippy will be at the football club on**

**Friday 13th and Friday 27th 5-30 to 7-30pm**

The skittles season is also slowly getting going now as we move in to the autumn

## **HILARY FLEXEN CERAMICS**

*(The Barnsley Potter)*

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

Following up from my courses in July and August, I am continuing to run 'Pottery Classes' on a 'one to one' basis. 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 course will run for 4 weeks, 2-hours each week at £28 per session.

Cost per course £112.00 / Materials and firing included.

The start of each course aims to ease you into pottery. 'Pots for the Garden' will be the continued theme. This involves the ancient handbuilding technique 'Coiling' using Terracotta Clay. If the interest stays, then 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](mailto:hilarypoulton@aol.co.uk)**

## **ROUND AND ABOUT**

On behalf of Village Life we wish to record the passing of H M The Queen on 8<sup>th</sup> September, which was a shock to us all. She had been seen in public two days earlier, swearing in the new Prime Minister, Liz Truss. The Funeral took place on 19<sup>th</sup> September and was attended by large numbers of people from all over the Country, and from across the World. We send our Condolences to the Royal Family, some of whom live in our County and our good wishes to King Charles III on his accession.

Since our last issue we understand that the Post Office is apparently due to re-open early next year after some internal refurbishment to the property.. The 'Arlington Row' sign has been relocated to the site the Parish Council asked for on the other side of the road, where it was supposed to be placed.

We would like to welcome several new residents to Ablington in the Farm Cottages, John Brown's Cottage as well as Grove Grove View. We hope they all enjoy living in Ablington

The Panel depend on people giving us items of news so do let us know if you know of anyone who is leaving or arriving in the Villages, or any other news, so we can include it in Village Life. We are still on the lookout for correspondents from Barnsley, Aldsworth Road and Winson. So it will be easier to include more local news.

It is with regret that we have to record the recent Death of Bill Rigby, one of the last Headmaster of Bibury School to reside in School House. Bill reached 100 and we send our condolences to this family ..

And finally a couple of reminders:-

Clocks are due to be moved back by 1 hour on 30th October

And if you intend to have fireworks on or around the 5<sup>th</sup> November – please try and your neighbours know so they can comfort their pets..

### **FROM THE PANEL – A REQUEST TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS**

As everyone is aware, costs are going up and we at 'Village Life' are not immune. Our paper and ink cost are increasing – so we would appreciate if **all** contributors would try to limit their contributions to no more than an A4 page Maximum–

We will allow some flexibility for special events or circumstances. This this month, the death of the Queen at the end of last month has necessitated some longer contributions than normal.

Ideally we would like the magazine to be no more that 6 to 7 pages of paper long. This would keep mailing and printing cost down as well as making the task of collating and distributing easier and less time consuming.

And finally thank you to all those who regularly contribute to the magazine in any way. The magazine started in October 1979 so we are just 3 years off of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **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](mailto:cbh@shiptondowns.co.uk)

### **FROM FURTHER AFIELD**

**Quennington cider press 19th October 10:30 am to 2 pm**

Car park at the back of the Village Hall. Give a Donation to charity and get your apples pressed into juice

**From Northleach**

Friday October 7th, An evening with Prue Leith, Northleach Church 7.00pm. Tickets £20 in Northleach Post Office & at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/northleachprue](http://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 Northleach Post Office & at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/water-city-music](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/water-city-music)

Friday November 4th, Cotswold Festival of Music, A Neapolitan Night. Northleach Church, 6.30pm. Featuring Pergolesi: Stabat Mater and works by Vivaldi, Corelli & Scarlatti. Ticket info at [www.cotswoldfestivalofmusic.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldfestivalofmusic.co.uk)

**FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages. (Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital)**

QUIZ AND CHILLI NIGHT 14th October: Round up a team of 6-8 people £20 per person. Enjoy a delicious homemade chilli too. Fairford Community Centre, doors open 19:30, quiz starts at 20:00. Contact Kerry on [admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk) or 01285 707300.

FESTIVE CRAFT FAIR 27th November: The return of our annual Craft Fair and Raffle. Contact Val on 07540 798226 or [transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk) to book a table.

CAN YOU HELP US? We are seeking volunteers to help us in our Lechlade Charity Shop call Linda on 01367 252189, or email [shop@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:shop@friendsoffairford.org.uk) or pop in to speak to a member of the team and as volunteer drivers for our Patient Transport Service. Contact Val Harvey on 07540 798226 or [transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk).

PRESCRIPTION SERVICE 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](mailto:transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk).

BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ. 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 would like to make a donation you can do so online through our website [www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk) or by sending cheques made out to 'Friends of Fairford' and posting to Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities Charity Shop, Lloyds Chambers, High Street, Lechlade, Glos GL7 3AE. Information on what we do can be found on our website [www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://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*