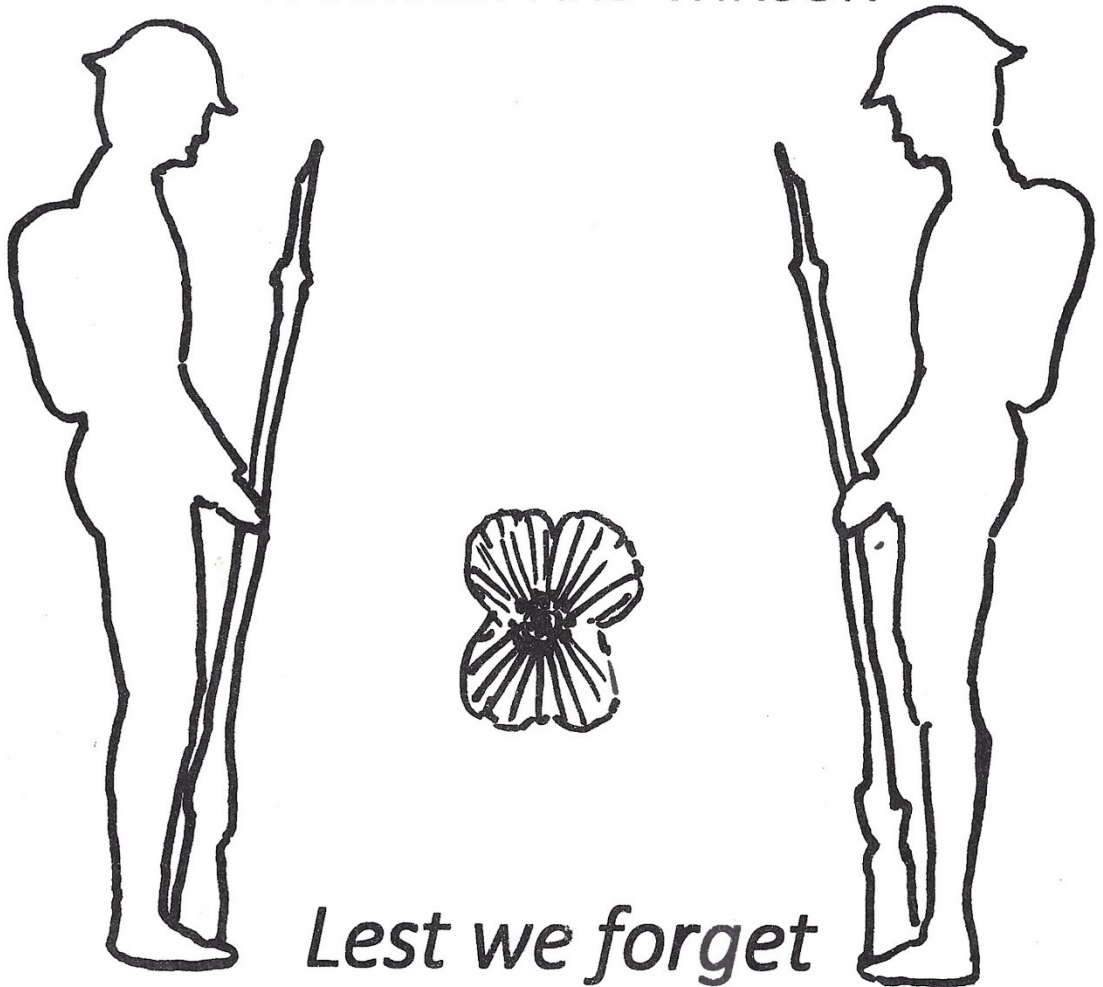


# VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,  
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



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## VILLAGE LIFE

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October NO COTSWOLD CHIPPY

### November

Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Craft Club – Christmas Ideas, Village Hall	
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, Bibury	7.00 pm
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club: talk by Helen Picton Bibury village hall at	7.15 pm
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Rural Cinema, Top Gun: Maverick; Bibury Village Hall	7.00 for 7.30 pm
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Final date for box drop off, Ablington Baptist Chapel	
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup>	The Cotswold Chippy, Bibury AFC	until about 7.30 pm
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Annie's Thai pop up kitchen, Bibury AFC	6pm to 9 pm
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Community Lunch Ablington Baptist Chapel	12.30 pm
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Royal British Legion AGM Fields Road, Chedworth	7.30 pm
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Village Hall Christmas Event	11:30 to 2:30 pm
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Bingo, Bibury AFC	from 7-30 pm
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup>	The Cotswold Chippy, Bibury AFC	until about 7.30 pm
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Fundraising race night, Bibury AFC	from 7.00 pm

### December

Thursday	1st	Craft Club – Circuit 2 with Bev, Village Hall	
Friday	2nd	Christmas wreath making workshop, Bibury school hall	6.30 pm
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coffee morning - Spurgeon'S, Ablington Baptist Chapel	11.00 – 2.00 pm
Thursday	15th	Early Deadline for January Village Life copy	

### From the Panel.

First an apology to Jenny A'bear, for not printing her letter regarding the proposed development at Stone Bank, Ablington (it is included in part this month). It seemed to have arrived late in the box – even though it was sent in time for our usual deadline.

Secondly reminder that the deadline for entries for the magazine is normally noon on the 20th of each month but please the deadline for the January 2023 issue will be Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The extra days should allow the January issue to be with you on time.

The trade directory is due for renewal in January so please let us know of any changes to your adverts by the 15th December. Please include a local telephone number and also an email address to contact.

### COVER SKETCH

This month's is on the theme of remembrance, but our own Wendy Challinor.

### BIBURY WITH BARNSELY AND WINSON CHURCHES

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**November 2022**

Dear Friends,

We are just about to go on holiday. Indeed, by the time you read this, we will be back.

But to be honest, I am always a little nervous when I hear myself sighing, 'gosh, I need a holiday' Quite apart from the fact that vast numbers of people on this country and on this planet have never 'been on holiday' (in the sense that this self-pitying sigh was hankering after pampering) the word holiday has become deeply corrupted by economic forces. Holy Days, be they Roman Festivals, or the

innumerable celebrations of a high Christendom, or the rainbow of festivities of India are community events. They are about togetherness. Celebrated in community. I recall time spent in the delta region of Myanmar, where a single Christian family, in a very basic stilt hut played host to the whole village at Christmas, because the whole Buddhist community regarded Christmas as a festival for all. Holiday, as currently understood, by contrast, risks being a rather self indulgent attempt to purchase experience and rest.

Which isn't to say that times of re-creation and withdrawal aren't important for the body, the mind and the spirit, but glossy brochures aren't really required for that. And we need to know ourselves quite well, to recognise what 'does if for us'. The airbrushed images on social media, even posted by our nearest and dearest, can easily lead us down a blind alley. And as research has shown, the pursuit of the perfect holiday snap, be it of smiling family, happy meal, or glorious sunset, too often results in missing the very moment we are trying to capture (and, God forbid, use to impress others)

I have several clergy colleagues holidaying next week. And I am intrigued by the choice of holiday destinations. One to the Maldives, another a Baltic cruise, another walking in Italy, another climbing mountains in Scotland. For some a beach, for others activity. For some lots of books but for others sangria and dancing. There is no right place. And indeed, like Dorothy, we may conclude that there's no place like home.

I well recall an elderly farmer's wife reflecting on 60 years with her recently deceased husband. The only holiday they took in their lives was two days honeymoon in Bognor. 'He wasn't very keen on travel, was Don' she reflected.

Which brings me to Egypt, where we are going for the sixth time. And the third time to Luxor. Why? I think because I see it as a place of healing. A place of restoration and being re-created. We (Joanne and I) first went there at a time when we were going through significant trauma. We were bruised, and hurt and empty, and Egypt brought peace on two very significant levels.

On the first it brought perspective. We saw the remnants of a civilisation and a society of incredible power and sophistication. Yet its time had passed. And our civilisation will pass too. What will archaeologists make of 21<sup>st</sup> century London in 4,000 years' time? And even the greatest and most powerful are forgotten. Remember Shelley's incisive poem, inspired the British Museum's acquisition of a fragment of a vast statue of Ramases II, from Luxor.

I met a traveller from an antique land  
Who said: "Two vast and trunkless legs of stone  
Stand in the desert . . . Near them, on the sand,  
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,  
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,  
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read  
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,  
The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed:  
And on the pedestal these words appear:  
'My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:  
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!  
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay  
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare  
The lone and level sands stretch far away."

When you stand at the spot where the statue came from, one marvels at Shelley's poetic brilliance. Yet, along with perspective. Sic transit gloria mundi, we were met with overwhelming kindness. Leaving a vast mortuary temple one morning, possibly that of Moses's adopted brother, we, the only visitors that day, since it isn't on the tourist route, we were beckoned by a old lady, all in black, through a small wooden door in a wall. We entered a compound of beaten earth. A fire burning, and a mud oven by the wall. Children and more adults came out to meet us. We drank tea and ate bread for over two hours. They spoke no English. We spoke no Arabic. We enjoyed being human together. Dogs snuffled around. Dough was kneaded, fresh bread emerged from the oven. And in the distance towered the broken colossi of Memnon, as they have done for over 3,000 years, marking the Mortuary Temple of Amenhotep III. It was good to remember what life is precious.

You cannot cross the same river twice, and we won't be seeing to recapture any experiences from last visit. That way lies disappointment. But we do travel in expectation and hope. What next? We need a break. We need time to see more clearly again. Even if what we see is 'east, west, home is best.

With every blessing

Tim

**ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH** [Arlingtonbaptist.org.uk](http://Arlingtonbaptist.org.uk) [info@arlingtonbaptist.co.uk](mailto:info@arlingtonbaptist.co.uk)

We wake up each day precariously balanced upon a rock travelling at 66,627 miles per hour, we make our tea or coffee peer out of the window at the sky, sunshine, wind, rain etc, hanging in a galaxy that scientists have spent years trying to explain and still the explanations are not complete yet most of us give no thought as to where did this all come from?

Our three pound brain churns through 11 million bits of information per second and ten ounce hearts pump five litres of blood through 100,000 miles of tubing but most of us would rather ignore the maker of so much mystery and not give it so much as a second thought! (*Pete Grieg ; How to hear God*)

Many scientists are Christians, they are the ones who have taken time to read the Bible and have realised the two go hand in hand in fact the Bible can be the only explanation that makes complete sense. These are the types of discussions we are unpacking at the Bibury Churches Together Alpha course this Autumn with the added bonus of a delicious free meal, we watch a short film then have some questions given to think about and discuss around our meal table. This course is well subscribed so look out for the next one..... but in the meantime if you have questions about the meaning of life please feel free to email or come along to a Sunday service where you can ask and chat to any of us.

Cirencester Foodbank We have taken one large load of food in this Autumn and hope to continue throughout the winter any donations please leave in Drop box left side of Church doors, Thankyou

We are also a foodbank referral if you or anyone you know needs help with food please call or email all enquires are confidential.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox** Appeal Final date for boxes to be dropped off at ABC is 11 Nov. please leave in the box outside Church or on porch on a Sunday morning 1015-11.30am Thankyou

**Community Lunch** November 16th 12.30pm

The menu will be Cotswold venison casserole with root veg. or Bean and Tomato cassoulet with Veg. plus a choice of 2 Puddings Please let us know if you are regulars definitely coming to eat in although its ok to turn up on the day everyone is welcome.

Food orders for delivery please call or text either Debbie 740366 or Sharon 07974785437  
Services for November every Sunday at 10.30am

Advent starts on 27th and we have a Carol service on 18th December at 3.30pm with refreshments everyone welcome, come along to get into the Christmas spirit.

<b>Church Services November 2022</b>	<b>Bibury</b>	<b>Barnsley</b>	<b>Winson</b>
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Trinity 21</b> <i>2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13- end</i> <i>Luke 20:27-38</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:45am</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>  <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>	<b>10:50am</b> <b>United Act of Remembrance at St Mary's, preceded by an Act of Remembrance at <del>Ablington</del> War Memorial at 10:15am</b>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>Act of Remembrance at Barnsley War Memorial and wreath laying on behalf of the wider community</b>	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Christ the King</b> <i>Jeremiah 23:1-6</i> <i>Luke 23:33-43</i>	<b>Alpha Celebration Service (Breakfast from 10:30)</b>		<b>9:30am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b> <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Advent Sunday</b> <i>Isaiah 2:1-5</i> <i>Psalms 122</i> <i>Matthew 24:36-44</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Advent Carol Service</b>	
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Advent 2</b> <i>Isaiah 11:1-10</i> <i>Matthew 3:1-12</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:45am</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b>  <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Advent 3</b> <i>Isaiah 35:1-10</i> <i>Matthew 11:2-11</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:45am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b> <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>	
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Advent 4</b> <i>Isaiah 7:10-16</i> <i>Matthew 1:18-end</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>Said BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Carol Service</b> <i>Followed by mince pies and mulled wine</i>	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Carols by candlelight</b>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4:00pm</b> <b>Crib Service and Lighting of the Christmas Trees</b>  <b>11:30pm</b> <b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>5:30pm</b> <b>Christmas Evening Communion</b>	
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>11:00am</b> <b>Christmas Family Communion</b>		<b>9:30am</b> <b>Christmas Holy Communion</b>
<b>Churchwardens</b>  <b>Vicar</b>	<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>

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“Remember remember the fifth of November. Gunpowder, treason and plot.  
I see no reason why gunpowder treason should ever be forgot...”

is an often quoted phrase for Guy Fawkes night. He is understood to have been part of a plot to assassinate King James by blowing up Parliament; part of which still remains around Westminster Hall, recently used for the lying in state of the late Queen.

A quote that is actually attributed to Fawkes is “A desperate disease requires a dangerous remedy”, which probably doesn't justify his actions.

Lord Nelson, quoted with the similar “Desperate affairs require desperate measures” may have fared better in public opinion.

## **BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

As always, September has been a busy month for all our classes and teachers. The children from Acorns class went on an outing to the Cotswolds Motoring Museum and Toy Collection in Bourton-on-the-Water, where they enjoyed learning about toys from the past. They had a tour of the museum looking at all the old cars, motorbikes and farm vehicles. This was followed by a hands-on session investigating how toys have changed over time. What a wonderful way to bring their learning to life. Our Year 5 children attended an interactive play performance at Cirencester Primary School. "In the Net" is aimed at making our young people aware of the dangers of the Internet and how they can protect themselves against cyber bullying and exploitation. In the classroom, Early Years have made a good start to school and have already learnt over 10 letters and sounds. They have begun to read and write short words and are taking home reading books already! In Maths, they have been matching and sorting. Years 1 and 2 have been busy writing traditional tales and have been developing their place value understanding. In Science, they have been investigating how to boost their mental health as well as observing the effect of exercise on their bodies. In History, they have been exploring objects such as bed warmers, irons and cameras from the past. A childhood without computers and smart phones is a surprise to our children and they are enjoying finding out how different the 1950's and 60's were. Oaks and Mighty Oaks children have been applying observational drawing skills to interpret forms accurately. With the focus being Architecture this term, they have been looking at drawing houses and other buildings, and developing an awareness of proportion. English this term has been linked to the topic of Ancient Greece and the children have enjoyed reading and writing Greek myths. In Science, they have been exploring electricity and learning to represent circuits using diagrams. In PE, we have all enjoyed getting to know Miss Cole, our new PE coach, who has been teaching the children how to develop their skills in hockey and handball. Our swimming lessons are a great addition to our curriculum this term and the children are making progress learning to swim. The benefits of our swimming lessons last year are obvious with a higher proportion of children being confident in the water this year. We held an open evening on the 23rd of September, to officially open our "new" building and showcase the alterations. This event was well attended by parents and the community and all agreed that the modernisation will significantly enhance the learning environment for all our children. With school allocation applications approaching for the September 2023 intake please help to spread the word about our wonderful school and direct interested parties to the school office



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**For more information take a look at our website: [www.bibury.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.bibury.gloucs.sch.uk) or come and visit us**

**Bibury PTA can be contacted directly on [ptabibury@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ptabibury@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk)**

### **Christmas Coffee Morning**

All are welcome at the Baptist Chapel Rooms on 3rd December, 11 – 2 pm for a coffee morning. Goods for sale will include gifts and home made produce. £1.00 entry to include coffee. In aid of Spurgeon's Charity.

## **Thank you from the Governors at Bibury School.**

On Friday, September the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we held an open evening at school to showcase the building work that had been completed over the Summer. We were very pleased to see so many people from the community join us and enjoyed discussing the improvements whilst conducting tours in small groups. We were thrilled to get such wonderful feedback from you all.

## **Bibury Primary School PTA**

The PTA have 2 events coming up. Firstly we will once again have a Christmas tombola and sweet stall at the Village Hall Christmas event on Saturday November the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please do come along and show your support and start your Christmas shopping! Secondly we have our popular Christmas wreath making workshop taking place in the school hall on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December from 6.30PM. For £25 per person everything will be provided (and fizz and nibbles!) for you to create your own wreath with professional help on hand. Limited spaces are available so please book in now to secure a place. You can either message us via facebook or email school on [admin@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk). Thank you. PTA, Bibury C of E Primary School to arrange a visit.

# URGENTLY NEEDED

Before November 5<sup>th</sup>

If you can donate any of these items we will pack into shoeboxes to send as Christmas gifts  
to Ukrainian children

SMALL CUDDLY TOYS, BARS OF SOAP, SMALL BALLS OR INFLATABLE BALLS,  
TOY TRUCK, MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OR SMALL DOLL  
YOYO, COMB, HAIRBRUSH, FLANNEL  
CHILD'S HAT, SCARF, GLOVES, CAP OR SUNGLASSES, WATCH OF WINDUP TORCH  
*DROP BOX LEFT HAND SIDE OF MAIN DOOR ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH*

*Thankyou*

## **BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

October Meeting.

There were 11 members of the public present who raised several matters for consideration then stayed to hear the Council discuss the following:

**Land & Buildings West of Stonebank, Ablington (Revised Plans)** Little change in this against the original planning application and concerns that the Traffic Survey & Sustainability report were misleading. The Council maintained its objections on safety grounds, harm to the AONB, overdevelopment of the site, and unsustainability.

**Shoecroft Barn, Ablington:** The Council agreed to support this application but asked that a condition was included to ensure that activities that could cause a nuisance for local residents such as outdoor partying, music, games and fireworks be permitted only to 10.30pm.

**The Old Manse, Arlington Farm Lane:** It was agreed that we would support this application.

**Glebe House, Bibury:** It was agreed that these proposals are unacceptable and their response to the original application still stands. The Parish Council would like to see decisive Enforcement Action taken without further delay and they strongly object to these planning applications. The razor wire fencing spikes currently in place are unacceptable, they go

beyond anything which should be considered acceptable and have had a detrimental impact on neighbouring households. The faux ivy over the razor wire offers no protection materially or visibly. The Parish Council requests that if the Officer is moved to support these applications then the decision should be brought before the Development Control Committee.

**Carter's Close, Arlington Farm Road:** It was reported that this planning, which had been supported by the PC, has been decided by CDC.

**Bibury Farmhouse:** Council agreed to support the application.

**Swallow's Nest, Arlington:** Council agreed to support this application.

**Bibury Trout Farm (Tree Work):** Council agreed to support this application.

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER:** Gloucester CC are still considering the proposals & amendments from the 'informal consultation', this stage should be completed by end October 2022. Next stage will be for GCC to share findings with the Parish Council before moving on to the Formal Consultation.

**CAR PARK LAND by ARLINGTON FIELDS:** An offer has been made in brief of land for a self-funding car park. Concerns were raised as this was greenfield land and the Parish Council require more detail about the plans before the offer can be considered.

**ARLINGTON GREEN NOTICE BOARD:** The Parish Council will ask a local carpenter for a quote.

**NEXT MEETING: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 19.00hrs in The Village Hall, Bibury.**

### **BIBURY VILLAGE HALL**

The end of September saw our Annual Harvest Supper take place in the Hall. The Harvest supper began as a thank you to the Village for all their help and support in raising the funds necessary for the kitchen refurbishment in 1999. It was never intended to be run as a fund raising event, so once again this year we subsidised the ticket price and hoped to cover the additional cost by the raffle. This we largely did again this year, so thank you to all those who came and supported us in the raffle and to those who had intended to come but were prevented from doing so by ill health. In spite of this we had nearly 40 people who came and enjoyed a lovely meal, a what proved to be a somewhat challenging quiz, and who thoroughly enjoyed an evening of good food and company. Thank you for supporting the hall again.

Our next fund raising event will be the Christmas Event on Saturday 19th December from 11:30 to 2:30pm. There will be mulled wine, hot mince pies, a cake and preserve stall, a gift stall, a bottle stall and several craft stalls as well as stalls run by the School PTA, Garden Club and some charity stalls. As the event will be over lunchtime there will be a chance to sit down and chat over a hot drink and a small cake or a cup of soup. Entrance is free so do come and get some early Christmas gifts and cards.

Donations to any of the stalls – especially the cake and preserves, bottle and gift stalls will be most welcome and can be made to any committee member or brought to the hall from 10 -10:30 am on the morning of the sale. Please contact Wendy on 740021 or Angela 740241 for further details or to arrange donations.

### **CRAFT CLUB**

The Craft Clubs meet on the first Thursday of the month from 2 – 4pm in the village Hall and last month saw a very inspirational demonstration by Bev Morgan- Davies from The Stud who demonstrated her wonderful Cricut machine. She has kindly agreed to come back on our December meeting for us to complete the Bibury Craft Club bags she designed on her computer.



So put the date down Thursday 1st December. We shall aim to have a festive feel to the meeting will perhaps mince pies!

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd November. We shall be sharing ideas for Christmas and learning how to join Crochet Granny squares together to make a quilt. So if you know how to crochet and join squares, then novice crocheters, like myself, will welcome your help! I am happy to demonstrate how to make a Christmas Wreaths or picture hangings from garden greenery either at that meeting or the one in December. I am sure other people have favorite Christmas decorations they make – so come and show us at the November meeting.

As always anyone is welcome to join us – Crafters or not – just drop in for a cuppa and a chance to chat. If you need a lift – then please contact Wendy on 740021.

### **Clean and Green Community Projects**

Village Life has been asked to repeat information about the 'Clean and Green' initiative for the Cotswolds, intended to bring people together to maintain and improve the fantastic Cotswold environment. E-mail [millie.lawlor@publicagroup.uk](mailto:millie.lawlor@publicagroup.uk) or [joseph.woodfield@publicagroup.uk](mailto:joseph.woodfield@publicagroup.uk) with any queries please.

### **Bibury Based Pet checking service**

Are you in need of someone to check on your pets whilst you are out for the day, away on business or on holiday? Someone to love, feed and water them? If so please get in contact Tracy Miles-Ronson [missmiles76@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:missmiles76@hotmail.co.uk) 07815055958

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

Late September early October has seen a good run of results for Bibury after victory over Leonard Stanley we made the short trip to play Chesterton in our local Derby a very good 4-0 for Bibury This was followed by a 4-1 win over Kings Stanley and home before a narrow 3-2 defeat at league leaders Tredworth

There are no scheduled home fixtures in November with away trips

5/11 v Mushet and Coalway

12/11 v Cheltenham Civil service

19/11 possible county cup tie

### **Upcoming events at the club**

PLEASE NOTE there will be **NO COTSWOLD CHIPPY** on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday 12/11 Annie's Thai pop up kitchen who'll be returning to the club cooking from 6pm to 9pm eat in or takeaway service available

Saturday 26/11 fundraising race night from 7pm all welcome for a fun night and a flutter

Monday 21/11 Bingo from 7-30pm

The Cotswold Chippy will be back at the clubhouse on Friday 11/11 and Friday 25/11.

### **Cotswold District Council monthly e-newsletter**

Cotswold District Council are encouraging residents to sign up to the council's monthly e-newsletter. For more information visit <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/monopolycompetition>

The opportunity to win a Cotswold Edition Monopoly Board Game in a draw was on offer for those signing up. The board game includes some of the most picturesque sites across the Cotswolds, from The Cotswold Way to Broadway Tower. Unfortunately the closing date for

## Rural Cinema, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, Bibury Village Hall

### And the film is ... *Top Gun: Maverick*


Top Gun (1986) made Tom Cruise a star, and now 36 years later he takes to the skies, literally, in a barrier-breaking sequel. Reprising his role as a hotshot US Navy pilot, Captain Pete 'Maverick' Mitchell (Cruise) is tasked with training a group of recent Top Gun graduates for a special mission. With a nod to the Dam Busters and some Star Wars thrown in, this 'Cruise of a Missile' sequel packs a payload of emotional drama. Definitely one to view on Bibury Rural Cinema's big screen rather than at home on Netflix.

#### What the critics made of it:

- The *Daily Mail* described it as "near cinematic perfection! Tom Cruise is on fire. From the moment he dons that iconic leather jacket, grabs the aviator sunglasses and climbs onto the instantly recognisable motorbike, we know we are in safe hands".
- The *Independent* said "as thrilling as blockbusters get. The kind of edge-of-your-seat fist-pumping spectacular that can unite an entire room full of strangers sitting in the dark and leave them with a wistful tear in their eye".
- The *Telegraph* called it "absurdly exciting" and "unquestionably the best studio action film in years".

#### A great evening out

Tickets are £3.50 on the door, glass of wine £2, soft drink 50p. If you let us know in advance that you'll be there on the night, it helps us plan the seating. Just email [biburycinema@btinternet.com](mailto:biburycinema@btinternet.com) or call Angela Staton on 740078.



**RURAL CINEMA**  
**Bibury Village Hall – Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
***Top Gun: Maverick***  
**Drama Cert: 12A - Run time 2hr 10min**  
***Starring: Tom Cruise, Jennifer Connelly, Jon Hamm, Monica Barbaro, Danny Ramirez, Miles Teller, Glen Powell, Lewis Pullman, Val Kilmer, and Ed Harris***  
**Doors open 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm Tickets £3.50**  
***Come early and enjoy a drink and a chat before the film begins.***

### **BIBURY GARDENING CLUB**

Bibury Gardening Club October's meeting was on a suitably autumnal theme: indoor gardening. This encompassed houseplants, plants that flower indoors for Christmas – poinsettia, cyclamen, amaryllis and so on – and protecting tender plants such as fuchsias and geraniums by bringing them inside to over-winter. The boom in houseplants has been driven by a number of factors: Covid, and working from home; the perception that plants help purify the air, the increasing rental market (and the lack of gardens); and the desire on the part of

younger people to have something to nurture. This last reason is the biggest driver. For many millennials (those born between 1981 and 1996), house ownership is out of reach. Landlords are not keen on pets such as cats and dogs, and flats tend not to come with gardens. The figures are extraordinary. The Royal Horticultural Society has reported a rise of 10-15% in houseplant sales year-on-year since 2013, rocketing to 50% in 2018. Sales of pots, stands and other houseplant accessories have also soared. And it's not just Britain. This is a worldwide trend, with millennials accounting for 31% of the US houseplant market in 2021. Compare this to conventional gardening sales in America, where they account for 14%. In response, the price of houseplants has gone up, with quite ordinary, easy-to-propagate specimens such as spider plants costing up to £15 in local garden centres. Luckily, we were able to demonstrate how to take cuttings of plants such as aloe vera and Scindapsus (Devil's ivy) which should help to cut the cost if you want to join the trend. Next month's meeting will host a talk by Helen Picton, of Old Court Nurseries near Malvern, who specialise in breeding asters, or Michaelmas daisies as they used to be known. I believe Helen is the first speaker we have had who has had a plant named after her. 'Helen Picton' is a gorgeous aster with deep purple flowers, and it bears witness to the fact that she is the third generation of her family to run the nursery. The meeting will be in Bibury village hall at 7.15pm on Wednesday 9 November. Everyone is welcome – entry is £5 for non-members.  
Victoria Summerley

## **Are you Carer Aware?**

Gloucestershire Carers Hub are commissioned by Gloucestershire Council along with the NHS to provide a free of charge service to support informal, unpaid Carers across Gloucestershire (People looking after a loved one/family member/friend or neighbour). As part of our service we offer Advice, Information, Guidance and Support.

If you are a carer, you can join the Carers Hub by calling **0300 111 9000**.

There are **6.5 million carers in the UK** and more than **63,000 in Gloucestershire**. With **1 in 10 people having caring responsibilities**, it's likely that everyone knows someone who is an informal, unpaid carer, but may not be aware of it.

Registered Carers can also request a Carer Aware Discount Card to allow them to access discounts. The card offers a discrete way for carers to identify themselves to registered discount providers or to access other concessions.

Businesses and employers who are Carer Aware can recognise Carers, support them within their organisations and signpost them to Gloucestershire Carers Hub. If you would like to find out more about the free Carer Aware Training or our toolkit for employers email us **[careraware@peopleplus.co.uk](mailto:careraware@peopleplus.co.uk)** or call **0300 111 9000**.

If you are a business owner you could help carers by providing discounted access to your services We would be happy to list your business on our pages once you have signed up to offer a discount. Email us at **[careraware@peopleplus.co.uk](mailto:careraware@peopleplus.co.uk)** or call **0300 111 9000**.

For more information visit our website at **<https://gloucestershirecarershub.co.uk/>**

## **HEAVENS ABOVE**

So much energy last month leaves November rebuilding and heading in a new course It is due to Mars standing still, which reflects our mood to go forward but will leave many of us struggling to find the way. By the end of the month Saturn enters and we should be able to move mountains!

## **POEM - November**

A September to remember, October full of splendour;  
November to treasure; long cold nights returned,

Grey skys and rain without measure, winter round the corner,  
The Earth is slowly dying; this month to mourn her.

### **ROUND AND ABOUT**

We begin by welcoming some new arrivals to our villages. Thomas and Becky have moved into Grove View in Ablington, Curt and Mandy into John Browns Cottage and Graeme and Charlotte at Hinton Cottages.

There are new people who have moved into Arlington into The Pike House and into Rosemary Cottage on Awkward hill. As yet we have no names – but we welcome all the new arrivals to our villages and hope they will enjoy living in our beautiful village and hope that we may be able to put names to the new arrivals.! Please let us know.

There has been a series on short term road closure around the parish. Thanks to the efforts of Craig and the Parish council we now have a cleared path from the Pike into the village. There has also been some work repairing or in some cases replacing some of the. drainage covers in the village. Short term oad closure for the felling of diseased ash tree or for patching the main road to Cirencester are continuing. The new road surfaces from Bibury to Burford and around Cirencester ( some that were done in advance of the Round Britain cycle race) are a joy to drive along. Let's hope the rest of the roads are similarly improved.before too long.

And finally Bibury has appeared in a couple of TV programmes of late.. The trailer for the new Strictly dancing series had several scenes films around Arlington row. Bibury Trout farm appeared in Point West on the 19th October, discussing the problems of dealing with the low water levels in the river this year.

### **Bibury & District Royal British Legion**

The Bibury & District Branch of the Royal British Legion will hold its Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17th November at Greenfield, Fields Road, Chedworth GL54 4NQ.

For any further information please ring Oriol Mayne: 01285 740571

### **Barnsley Village Hall.**

There have been some changes to the Barnsley Village Hall committee. Sue & Steph have stepped down and it is now Eloise Russel, Julie Daly or Emma Neilson who deal with the hall and bookings. Please see the Trade Directory for contact details.

### **Ablington Planning Issue**

The following has been received by Village Life [apologies for the late inclusion – Ed]

Property developers Sailspire have submitted "new" documents to CDC planners for the proposed development of the agricultural paddock between Stonebank bungalow and Hinton Cottage, Ablington. These are misleading, especially the traffic surveys, during which time road closures, diversions and other factors seriously affected the data, making these surveys invalid.

If allowed, this development, using the Public Right of Way next to Hinton Cottage as its access, will increase construction and other vehicles exiting the PROW at this

dangerous junction, putting walkers, horseriders, and everyone driving through Ablington at risk.

Also, the design and scale of these proposals have not been changed, despite all the objections and recommendations from CDC Highways, Chloe Buckingham CDC planning Officer, the Conservation Officer, the CPRE, Bibury Parish Council, all the local residents etc.

Even if you have objected previously, please register your objections to these "new" submissions before 11th October.

Email to [martin.perks@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:martin.perks@cotswold.gov.uk), or CDC website, ref 21/04298.

Thank you for your support - Jenny A'Bear (on behalf of Ablington residents)  
[It is not clear if this date has been extended – please see the CDC website – Ed]

### **TALES FROM THE RIVER BANK**

It's been a busy Summer here in Arlington. Following the reduction in restrictions for Covid some months ago, it has been noticeable that the Japanese & Chinese visitors have returned in large numbers. Added to the increased number of Asians, mainly from the Midlands, the Americans are now much more in evidence, as the US Dollar exchange rate has become more attractive.

It is easy to get into conversation with the visitors, many of whom have a genuine interest in the history of the Village, and Arlington Row in particular. These conversations range from the age of the buildings to great interest in the fact that people actually live in Arlington Row. Often asked is why is the Row numbered from 1 to 9? Why is there no No.2? . We hear them working their way along the Row, trying to work this out. They eventually discover that after No.1 (currently vacate) there no No.2, because Nos. 2 & 3 were combined some years ago.

Speaking of visitors, I was surprised a while ago when I met an Indian man on the pedestrian bridge at the end of the Row when he enquired whether I ever visited India?. I said, no, I have never been there – but I would like to! He replied that he has many British friends who visit him – and by the way, would I like to join him on a Tiger Hunt? He handed me a business card, and asked me to call him 'when I am next in India', - I'm still thinking about that..

Another subject of interest are our Pigsty & Privy at the end of our garden to the rear of the Row. These can be seen from the Public Path leading up to the rear of the Village. Once again, there is amazement that a) anyone kept pigs in their garden, and b) that people used a Privy as their only toilet. – What's more our 'facility' is semi-detached with No. 3, so presumably when visiting the Privy in times past, particularly on a dark night, one could have a 'conversation with one's neighbour - if they were in residence at the same time! – We even get asked whether we have a toilet inside now? To the rear of No 1 is a building of much interest, as it has a small chimney and looks as though it might have been a washhouse at some time- Others may know better than me. All these buildings are Grade 1 Listed, so the National Trust are responsible for their upkeep.

Coaches are starting to return to the Village, and in conversation with one of the Drivers a while ago, I asked whether they ever leave anyone behind? I was told that happens regularly, but as most of routes between the Cotswold Villages are followed in the same order by the Coaches, if they find someone is missing, they tell the next driver to watch out for the 'lost' visitor, and ask them to join their coach, and catch up at the next stopping point.

Overall, there is no doubt that our Village is much admired by people from all over this Country & across the World. We should proud that it is kept in such good order.

Brian Skarda

## Was there really a Bibury racecourse ?

Yes, there definitely was. Its location is even marked on current Ordnance Survey maps. And what's more, Bibury Racecourse predated the start of Cheltenham racecourse by 15 years.

It might be difficult to imagine, but in its day (between 1800 and 1825) Bibury racecourse was one of the best-known courses in England. Many of the country's most affluent and important racehorse owners - including royalty - attended the annual races here in June.

So where was it ? Strangely, Bibury racecourse was actually in the neighbouring parish of Aldsworth. As you drive along the B4425 towards Burford, about a mile after Aldsworth there's a sign on the right announcing Barrington Downs. The location of Bibury Racecourse was on the flat-topped downland between Barrington Downs and the village of Aldsworth.

In the 1700s this was known as the Seven Downs. Back in the 1700s it would have had no stone walls, no hedges, no crops, and very few trees. Just heathland as far as the eye could see.

When you look into the earlier history of this location, the story gets even odder. Before it became the Bibury racecourse in 1800 (despite not being in Bibury), for the previous 200 years or more this downland was home to the Burford racecourse (despite not being in Burford).

So owners and riders may have stayed in Burford, partied there and done all their race registrations there, but the actual races were staged five miles to the west on Seven Downs near Aldsworth. Burford got the fame and the glamour for its annual races, but it was the village of Aldsworth that did the work.

The location of the Burford Racecourse has mystified historians for the past 150 years. But they didn't have access to online newspaper archives. My own research turned up a reference in a 1720 newspaper to the forthcoming Burford races on 'the Seven Downs'. But that led to another mystery - there is no such place shown on maps going back to 1800.

The answer lay in the 1777 map of Gloucestershire published by Isaac Taylor. On it, clearly marked a mile or so to the east of Aldsworth, is The Seven Downs. And on the downland, just south of what is now the B4425, is the 'horse course'. It had a rather unusual layout, looking rather like a stretched-out letter 'U' on its side, with the starting and finishing straights running alongside each other (but in opposite directions, of course), and a total length in the region of 4 miles.

The trigger for the switch from the 'Burford' course to the 'Bibury' course was the Land Enclosures of the late 1700s. The rolling downland to the south and west of Burford, which had been open heathland for centuries, was divided up and turned into private farms.

Crucially, the open area of downland that had been home to the Burford course for 200+ years came into the hands of the wealthy 1<sup>st</sup> Lord Sherborne (family seat: the village of Sherborne). He was a keen racing enthusiast, with his own stable of 'running horses', and he had ambitious plans for the historic 'Burford' course.

In my next article I'll explain what happened next, and how the annual Bibury races became such an important date in the horseracing calendar.

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## **FROM FURTHER AFIELD**

### **Cirencester Choral Society autumn concert at the Parish Church of St John Baptist.**

Five local residents will be singing Coronation music next month when Cirencester Choral Society gives its autumn concert on Saturday 3 December at 7.30pm at the Parish Church of St John Baptist.

The programme, which includes Handel's Coronation Anthems and Mozart's Coronation Mass, was conceived as a Platinum Jubilee tribute to Queen Elizabeth II. Now, of course, thoughts turn to the coronation of King Charles III.

Handel's anthems, composed for King George II's Coronation in 1727, include Zadok the Priest, sung at every Coronation since. CCS members include Mary Ludbrook, Bob Selby, Andrea Birtwistle, Victoria Summerley and Beryl LeBars.

### **Music and talks in Northleach**

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)

Thursday November 10th, Countryfile's Adam Henson talks about his new book Two for Joy, Northleach Church, 7.00pm. Tickets £15 (£20 for Premium seats). Available at Northleach outlets and [ticketsource.co.uk/northleach](http://ticketsource.co.uk/northleach).

Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Radiant Dawn sung by Da Capo, a cappella choir - choral music for Advent. Northleach Church, 7.00pm.

Tickets £15 at Northleach outlets or [ticketsource.co.uk/dacapo](http://ticketsource.co.uk/dacapo).

### **Handel's Messiah St Mary's Church, Fairford**

The Fairford & District Choral Society Christmas Concert will be Handel's Messiah performed at St Mary's Church, Fairford on Saturday 3 December at 19.30.

Tickets are £15 and available from Fairford Optician 11 High Street Fairford 01285 713313.

## **COME AND BAG A BARGAIN AT THE SOUTHROP SCHOOL PTA**



**SOUTHROP VILLAGE HALL**  
**SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2022**  
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Donation Times: Wednesday 2nd November 8.45-11.45am  
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For more information contact [PTA@Southrop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@Southrop.gloucs.sch.uk)

# WINTER DONATION DRIVE FOR UKRAINE



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Local resident Alexander Thomas & Ada Wordsworth have been based between Poland & Ukraine for the past seven months, helping refugees in Poland and doing deliveries of vital aid deep into Ukraine on a regular basis. In May this year, they founded KHARPP.

So far ...

- over 40 volunteers have come to support its operations in Przemysl & on the front line of the war in eastern Ukraine.
- There are 3 core languages spoken amongst volunteers - Ukrainian, Russian & Polish.
- They have donated a fleet of 10 ambulances through monies raised, but need more
- Currently, they are focused on providing support to internally displaced persons in Kharkiv.
- A core team of volunteers remains on the ground, providing support to the steady stream of refugees still entering Poland.

Whilst fundraising for another ambulance, our goal is to provide as much support as possible through a winter aid drive. These items will be loaded into the ambulance & driven to Ukraine.

Clothes (Men, Women & Children of all ages):

- \* Warm coats
- \* Scarves, gloves, hats
- \* Ski gear
- \* Jumpers, hoodies, fleeces and cardigans
- \* Warm socks (new)
- \* Thermal underwear
- \* Pyjamas

- \* Blankets
- \* Shoes & slippers

Other:

- \* Mobility aids (wheelchairs, crutches, walking-sticks, zimmer frames)
- \* Pushchairs

If you're able to donate any of the listed items, please bring them to:

Poulton Hill Vineyard, GL7 5JA or Bibury Trout Farm, GL7 5NL

For large items/quantities within a 10-mile radius, we can arrange collection from you. Contact 01285 850257

Or donate directly at [kharpp.com](http://kharpp.com)