

# VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,  
BARNESLEY AND WINSON

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MARCH 2023

## VILLAGE LIFE

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

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#### March 2023

Thurs 2nd	Craft Club	Bibury Village Hall	2.00pm-4.00pm
Friday 3rd	Cotswold Chippy	Bibury FC	5-30 to 7-30pm
Thurs 9th	Coffee and Chat March	Arlington Baptist Church	2.30-4pm
Thurs 9th	Rural Cinema, ... The Lost King	Bibury Village Hall	Doors open 7.00pm
Sat 11th	Jumble Sale, Cake Sale and Raffle, Bibury School PTA,	Bibury Village Hall from	2pm-4pm
Tues 14th	Bibury Parish Council Meeting		7pm
Thurs 16th	Creative Craft Show	Birmingham NEC	
Friday 17th	open for the Cheltenham Gold Cup Day	Bibury FC	from midday
Friday 17th	Cotswold Chippy	Bibury FC	5-30 to 7-30pm
Mon 20th	Bingo	Bibury FC	7-30 pm
Sat 25th	Lunch and raffle	Arlington Baptist Church	12.30pm
Sat 25th	Tom's Tandoori	Bibury FC	5 – 9 pm
Friday 31st	Cotswold Chippy	Bibury FC	5-30 to 7-30pm

#### April 2023

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Graffiti Classics in Bibury Village Hall	7 pm for 7.30pm
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#### May

Thursday 4th May	ELECTIONS for Cotswold District Council and Bibury Parish Council
Saturday 6th May	Coronation day.
Saturday 22nd July	Bibury Village Show

#### COVER SKETCH

Thanks to Maggie Catling for this months cover. We would be delighted to receive submissions of artwork for the cover. Local or topical, seasonal etc themes are especially welcome.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

If at first you don't succeed .... Failure may be your style  
Quentin Crisp

#### BIBURY, BARNSELEY AND WINSON CHURCHES

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Dear Friends,

Lent has just begun, and although we tend to link the word with concepts such as dust and ashes, penitential, Jesus in the wilderness and self-reflection (all of which are true) the actual word lent simply derives from the word lengthen. The days are getting longer.

Don't get too excited, but spring is in the air.

Therefore, Lent is rightly a time of expectation and hope.

For Christians, the Lenten journey of more than 40 days and nights (Sundays don't count as fast days as they are the weekly celebration of God's love) passes through the darkness and bitterness of Good Friday before the joy of Easter, and this is a realistic and honest recognition that even times of hope and expectation have cost and pain.

And, with the media currently bubbling over with doom and gloom, conflict and anger, the reality is that hope can be in pretty short supply, and, if we are not careful, risks being a form of escapism rather than a sure hope that can weather the storms and failures that surround us.

So I was pleased to see that this year's Lent Book, as recommended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, is Bishop Emma Inneson's Failure: What Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up.

I'm looking forward to reading it, but if a whole book sounds a bit intimidating, fear not. Those nice people from Church House in London have reduced the book to 40 bite sized pieces to make it easier. A page for each day of Lent. There are copies available either directly from me, or from each of our three churches.

What Bishop Emma seeks to explore is the inevitability of failure and the need for honesty in handling it. What she avoids is the simplistic self help book approach of 'Failure being the natural prelude to success'. Whilst this can be true, and it is certainly the case that we achieve nothing without lots of mess ups along the way, the fact is that failure is normal, whilst success (By whatever assessment you choose to use) is not. She therefore seeks to explore failure as part of the warp and woof of being human, and how we might best handle it. Particularly in a world that has a strange reluctance to be honest about failure.

Grab a copy and let me know what you make of it`

with every blessing

Tim

**We have fresh supplies of delicious homemade frozen meals in the Vicarage deep freeze. If you know anyone who would like some, give Joanne a call, and come round to help yourself, 01285 740301**

<b>Church Services March 2023</b>	<b>Bibury</b>	<b>Barnsley</b>	<b>Winson</b>
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lent 2</b> <i>Genesis 12:1-4</i> <i>John 3:1-17</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:30am</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 12<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lent 3</b> <i>Exodus 17:1-7</i> <i>John 4:5-42</i>	<b>11.00am</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 19<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b> <i>Exodus 2:1-12</i> <i>Luke 2:33-35</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Mothering Sunday</b> <b>Thanksgiving and Reflection with Bibury School</b> <b>Followed by cake and coffee</b>		<b>9:30am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b> <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lent 5</b> <i>Psalms 130</i> <i>Romans 8:6-11</i> <i>John 11:1-45</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> <i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> <i>Matthew's Passion</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:30am</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>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>		
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Good Friday</b>		<b>2:00pm</b> <b>An Hour at the Cross</b> <i>Music and readings</i>	
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter</b> <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>Matthew 28:1-10</i>	<b>11.00am</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 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter 2</b> <i>Acts 2:14a, 22-32</i> <i>John 20:19-end</i>	<b>11.00am</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 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <b>Easter 3</b> <i>Psalms 116:1-7</i> <i>Acts 2:14a, 36-41</i> <i>Luke 24: 13-35</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>(Eco Church)</b>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>(Eco Church)</b>	
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter 4</b>	<b>Beating the Bounds</b> <b>(Parish Walk)</b> <b>Starts at Bibury at 9:30</b>	<b>Reaches Barnsley at 10:45</b>	<b>Reaches Winson at 12:15</b> <b>BBQ Bibury at 1:45</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Coronation Weekend</b>	<b>11:00am</b> <b>Churches Together</b> <b>Coronation Celebration</b>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>Coronation Praise</b>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>BCP Holy Communion</b> <i>Traditional language</i>
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**From 23<sup>rd</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> May the wonderful Christian artist Paul Hobbs will be returning to Bibury with an exhibition of some of his most recent works**  
**If you would like to help in any way (teas, welcome team, setting up the exhibition) do please let me know**  
[www.arthobbs.com](http://www.arthobbs.com)  
**for information about Paul and his work**

## **ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

info@arlingtonbaptist.org

Springtime brings so many things to be thankful for, not only the beauty of plants erupting into leaf and flower, on these longer days we see signs of new life everywhere , we are so very lucky to live in this beautiful place.

They say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Ewe could say it leaves sheepishly.....

Whatever the weather this March we cannot fail to be cheery about the Daffodils their bright yellow trumpets proclaim a new season, a small fragrant bunch type Daffodil (Narcissus tazetta) grow abundantly all over the Holy land and are referred to in many verses in the bible some by name and others like in Mathew 6 just as wildflowers

The message version (modern translation)of The Bible says in Mathew 6

Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers.

They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? “If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don’t you think he’ll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God’s giving.

The Daffodil in Springtime is a sign of a warmer time (although often wet!) a gift from God and has inspired some wonderful art and poetry, how many of you smile at the beauty in these words ?

“I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.”

“I wandered lonely as a cloud” By William Wordsworth

### **Services**

Every Sunday 10.30am All Welcome

### **Events**

Coffee and Chat March 9th 2.30-4pm Proper coffee! Teas, cakes and company All welcome.

Churches together Bible study (After Alpha) in the Old Schoolrooms, 13th and 27th March 7.30pm Tea and Cake All welcome to drop in at any session they are stand alone study and discussions Free.

Community lunch March 25th 12.30pm - 2 Course lunch with coffee and raffle Open to all residents and friends

Menu for March: Sausages and onions or Liver and Onions with mash and veg.

Vegetarian option Gloucester pie, Sticky toffee pudding or Banana custard

Lunch delivery available, bookings please call 740366 or 740679



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

The teachers and pupils have had a very busy start to the school year, with the new term being packed with learning, events and activities. The whole school had a cookery day, where the children made delicious afternoon tea, which was enjoyed with some members of our local community.

Acorns Class: This month, Acorn Class have enjoyed visiting our new Forest School site just over the river. There is plenty to explore at this large site and we are already seeing the benefits of greater outdoor learning opportunities for our youngest children. In English, we have all been using the story “The Way Back Home” as a stimulus for writing. Early Years have begun to write their own sentences using their phonics and Years 1 and 2 have been crafting their own adventure story this morning. In Science, we have been busy finding out about which parts of the plant we can eat, growing our own salad and learning about healthy diets. Meanwhile in Geography we have been learning about the environment around Bibury and comparing it to different environments across the world (The Amazon Rainforest, Timbuktu in Mali and large international cities such as Beijing in China). Acorn Class enjoyed our whole school skipping session with Skip2Bfit, even the teachers joined in! Oaks Class: Over the last few weeks, Oaks and Mighty Oaks have been learning about Climate and Weather. We have recently discussed and looked at Polar, Desert and Tropical regions across the world. We will continue to explore different characteristics of these regions and also begin to look at our own climate, looking at our temperate climate in the UK. Oaks class have been looking at ‘What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?’. So far this term, we have explored Hinduism by looking at their beliefs and teachings about aims and duties in their religion. We have also discussed how their religion is an important part of Hindu life, and looked at how people express their faith within their own homes by using a puja and shrine. Mighty Oaks Class: In science, we have been learning about how traits are inherited from our parents and ancestors. We have explored Darwin’s theory of evolution and this has led us to look at the way that plants and animals are able to survive in different environments because of their adaptations. This work has linked very closely with our RE topic, where we are considering whether science and faith are in conflict over the story of creation. In mathematics, year 5 have just finished a unit of work looking at efficient methods for multiplication and division, whilst year 6 have been working on ratio and proportion. Swimming is coming to a close at the end of this term and we have been delighted to see the progress of all children in their strokes and confidence as swimmers.

Suki Pascoe, Head Teacher

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[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)

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

Join us on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March in Bibury Village Hall from 2pm-4pm** for our **Jumble Sale, Cake Sale and Raffle!** Come and grab a bargain and a piece of cake and cup of tea whilst meeting up with friends. All money raised supports Bibury Primary School. Please spread the word.

Bibury Primary School PTA

## **BIBURY FOOTBALL CLUB**

The unbeaten run now stretches back to October ten matches unbeaten 8 wins and 2 draws see Bibury sit top of the League.

Recent results a 1-1 draw away at Broadwell Amateurs Ben Knowles with the Bibury goal was followed by a 2-1 win at home to Harrow Hill Jacob Ashley and Max Lukawecy with the Bibury

goals and this was followed up with a 2-0 away to Leonard Stanley Max with both goals. Max Lukawecyj sits top of goal scoring charts with 21 league goals another 5 goals in the county cup  
March fixtures are as follows

- Saturday 4th 3pm away to Kings Stanley
- Saturday 11th 3pm home v Tredworth Tigers
- Saturday 18th 3pm away to Falcons
- Saturday 25th 3 pm home v Mushet and Colway

Other Events

Monday 20th 7-30 pm           Bingo

Friday 17th from midday we are open for the Cheltenham gold cup day

The Cotswold Chippy will be at the club on Friday 3rd 17th and 31st serving 5-30 to 7-30pm

Also the British Legion Skittles tournament will be held on Tuesday nights through March starting at 7-30pm

Tom's Tandoori will be at the football club on the last Saturday of each month from 5-9pm. Please pre order if possible via TOMSTANDOORI@GMAIL.COM

## **BIBURY VILLAGE HALL**

Rural Cinema. We had a near record turnout for February's film, Operation Mincemeat. Thirty nine people attended, including 8 visitors who were staying at the Cotswold Water Parks. They had read about the film in Village Life when they visited the Catherine Wheel. Bibury Village Hall Management Committee, changes at the top. With effect from 1st March Adrian Wright is taking over from Angela Alderton as Chairman, and Angela Staton is replacing Wendy Challinor as Secretary. To ensure a smooth handover, both Angela and Wendy have agreed to stay on as deputy chairman and deputy secretary respectively.

We all owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Angela and Wendy who between them have notched-up 60 years of sterling service organising countless community events in the Village Hall. These have included Open Gardens, Air in G concerts, Village Shows, Rural Cinema, Harvest Festival Suppers and Christmas Fayres.

As Angela Alderton says : "The Village Hall is the beating heart of the village. It is part of my DNA which is why I am keen to still be involved but just not in a leading role. Both Wendy and I feel it is time to hand the baton on. We are delighted that Adrian and Angela have accepted the roles and that a new member - Maggie Catling- has joined our hard working committee. The other members are: Roger King, Barry Brandon, Victoria Summerley, Jenny Lawrenson, Norma Webb, Suki Pascoe and, last but not least, our amazing treasurer Sue Arnold. Sue no longer lives in the Village but is one of our hardest working members."

**Air in G: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April will see Graffiti Classics coming to perform in the Hall, 7 for 7:30pm start. Tickets cost £12 .**

Graffiti Classics re a very talented musical quartet that' burst the elitist boundaries of traditional string quartets with its hilarious all singing, all dancing, musical comedy show. – something for everyone !

May will see events in and around the Village Hall for the coronation of King Charles III. The Bibury Show will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The format is likely to be slightly different thanks to some good ideas from the Garden Club – so again look out for more details later.

### **CRAFT CLUB.**

Some of our members are hoping to get to the NEC in March for the Creative Crafts exhibition in mid march. Our normal meeting will be on Thursday 2nd March from 2 to 4pm in Bibury Village Hall. This is a small, friendly informal group. Bring your own craft project to pursue or just come to see what everyone is doing or just for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat!. If you require a lift - please let Wendy know (720021).

### **ELECTIONS for Cotswold District Council and Bibury Parish Council to take place on Thursday 4th May 2023.**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY? YES – THEN THINK ABOUT BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR!**

Please feel free to contact me for further information – ideally with a contact number so I can get back to you promptly. [clerk@biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Bibury Parish Council Elections – summary for those wishing to stand:

- Nomination packs will be available to download from Wednesday 15th February 2023
- Nominations to be hand delivered (during office hours) to The Election Officer at Cotswold District Council from Monday 20 March through to the deadline of 4pm on Tuesday 4 April
- and the new Council will be official from Tuesday 9th May 2023 (all current Members stay in office until the 8th May 2023)
- Contested Elections will take place on Thursday 4th May 2023 if there are more than 7 candidates. If there are 7 candidates or less then the Election will be “Uncontested”.
- Bibury Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 16th May 2023 commencing at 6.30pm. The first order of business will be to ‘Elect a Chairman’.

Link to Election toolkit: <https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uploads/elections-toolkit-300123-14.pdf?v=1675164246>

Link to Elections Information from Cotswold District Council: <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/about-the-council/elections-and-voting/current-and-future-elections/>

### **VOTER ID for Elections**

From May 2023 individuals who wish to vote in person, including those acting as a proxy on behalf of another individual, will be required to produce an accepted form of photographic ID to prove their identity before they will be issued with a ballot paper. This is a national change implemented by the Government as part of the Elections Act 2022 which councils are required to follow when running elections.

Those voting in person must bring a suitable form of photographic ID to their polling station. The most commonly used IDs include:



- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, an EEA state or a Commonwealth country
- Photographic driver's licence issued by the UK, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (including provisional)
- European Economic Area (EEA) photographic ID Card
- UK Biometric Residence Permit
- An identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (PASS card)
- A Blue Badge
- A concessionary travel pass funded by HM Government or local authority

For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID) or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

Voters who do not produce valid identification or a Voter Authority Certificate (more information below), will not be allowed to vote.

Only original documents will be accepted. You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

If you do not have one of the accepted forms of photo ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate from the Council. Details at <https://voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/>

## **CORONATION CELEBRATIONS START TO TAKE SHAPE**

A big thank you to all the people who have stepped forward with creative ideas, experience and offers of help in various ways. You know who you are, and your contributions are greatly appreciated. We are keen to hear from other people who would like to play a part in organising and running the Coronation weekend events.

Since the last issue of Village Life we have news of additional events, and more details, as follows:

Friday 5th May: Kicking off the weekend will be a charity dinner party in the historic schoolroom at Arlington Baptist Church, in aid of the Church and Bibury PTA. This will be an elegant event ... think round tables, white linen, table decorations by Bibury Gardening Club, aperitifs, classy dining (three courses and coffee). There will be only seven tables, each seating eight people, so early application is advised. Tickets from [info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk](mailto:info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk) cost £30. The evening starts at 7.00 for 7.30pm. Carriages at 10.30pm.

The Big Street Party on Saturday 6th May. This will take place in Church Road, which will be closed to vehicles for the day. In true street-party style, we invite you all to bring along the food of your choice, and share it with your neighbours and friends. We'll provide the tables, chairs and entertainers.

All the fun of the fete: After the street party lunch, the entertainment will continue in the adjacent gardens of Church House, where we are planning a village fete with all the attractions you'd expect – musicians, stalls, games, refreshments.

Car parking nearby: Don't worry about carrying your food & drink to and from the Street Party venue. The owners of Bibury Court Farm Field (a short walk from the church) are kindly allowing people attending the Street Party and Village Fete to park their cars there.

Watch the Coronation on the Big Screen: The full ceremony will be screened in Bibury Village Hall as it happens on the Saturday morning, and depending on demand will be shown again during the afternoon.

Coronation Raffle: Through Saturday, tickets will be sold for the raffle, and the draw will take place later in the afternoon. One of the top prizes will be a voucher for up to five people to go on a personal tour of the Classic Motor Hub. Another prize just announced is a Prosecco afternoon tea for two people ... served in your own home !

Sunday and Monday attractions: More information in the next issue of Village Life.

Local businesses: We invite all local businesses to become part of the village-wide celebrations. Let us know what special Coronation events you are planning, and we can include them in the

programme. We are also looking for prizes for the Coronation Raffle. And for someone to run a beer/wine tent at the Village Fete.

An inclusive event: We understand that many households are under extreme financial pressure, so we very much want the Street Party and Village Fete as far as possible to be free of charge. But we also want them to be fun, so there will be entertainers to pay for.

That's why we are issuing an appeal for donations, if you can possibly afford to contribute towards entertainers, equipment hire etc. All donations are welcome, of any size. You can donate by cash, cheque or online. If you are a current UK taxpayer, your donation can be Gift Aided, which means that we receive more than you have donated. Details of how to donate are shown in the panel following this article.

Who is behind these Coronation plans ? Plans for the Coronation celebrations in Bibury & Arlington are being coordinated by a group of volunteers from Bibury Parish Council, Bibury Parish Church, Arlington Baptist Church, Bibury Village Hall Management Committee, Bibury Cricket Club, Bibury Primary School and other local organisations and individuals who all share the same goal - to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III locally in memorable style. And to have a lot of fun doing it.

**If you want to make a donation towards  
the Coronation celebration costs, here's how to do it:**

All donations are being handled by the Treasurer of the Parish Church.

**Cash or cheque:** Post it to, or drop it off at Church House, Bibury GL7 5NR. Cheques should be payable to PCC of Bibury with Winson Fete a/c. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please include a note giving your full name and address, and stating that you are a current tax payer.

**Bank transfer:** Make your payment to the following bank details: PCC of Bibury with Winson Fete account, sort code 600541, Account Number 46248528,. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please also send an email giving your full name and address, and confirming that you are a current taxpayer, to [pccbiburyfinance@gmail.com](mailto:pccbiburyfinance@gmail.com). Or post or drop off a note to that effect to Church House as above.

**Book your places NOW for the Bibury & Arlington  
Big Street Party, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

Can you please tell us if you are likely to be joining in the Street Party ? We do realise that your plans may change between now and then, but we urgently need to make sure we have enough chairs and tables.

If you haven't already done so, please send an email to [biburyparty@btinternet.com](mailto:biburyparty@btinternet.com), giving us your name, which village you live in, if you plan to join in the Street Party, and if so how many people there will be in your group. If you are planning to join forces with neighbours/friends, we only need one email covering the group.

Also, if you could confirm that you are happy to receive future Coronation Celebration updates from us by email, this will help us keep you informed as the plans evolve.

**Rural Cinema, Thursday 9th March, Bibury Village Hall**

And the film is ... The Lost King

Inspired by true events, the film tells the extraordinary story of how amateur historian Philippa Langley battled against all the odds to arrange the search for the burial site of England's notorious cursed king Richard III.

The search for the 500-year-old tomb may not have the excitement of an Indiana Jones movie, but it is a fascinating story about self-belief and perseverance. A remarkable tale of how Langley took on the authorities and some of Britain's most eminent historians. Langley's quest is brought to us by director Stephen Frears and screenwriters Steve Coogan and Jeff Pope. The same trio that gave us Philomena

What the critics said:

- An engaging underdog story that proves a perfect vehicle for Hawkins's reliably winning screen presence as Philippa Langley. The Guardian
- Hawkins plays Philippa as prickly, and stubborn, but manages to suggest that this is a character who is also somehow in search of herself. The Spectator
- The Lost King is about a regular person doing remarkable things. The Sun
- Even Philippa's footwear during the excavation, Union Jack wellies, compounds the sense of a doughty Englishwoman at war with the establishment Daily Mail

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.

**Royal British Legion 2022 Poppy Appeal**

A very big thankyou to everyone in Bibury , Ablington and Winson who donated so generously and raised £2,675.26 , an amazing amount considering the current economic situation . Also huge thanks to those who collected door to door , without them this total would not be possible .

Sheila (Kiggins)



**RURAL CINEMA**  
**Bibury Village Hall – Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**The Lost King**  
**Comedy Drama Cert: 12A - Run time 1hr 48min**

*Director: Stephen Frears*  
*Starring: Sally Hawkins, Steve Coogan, Harry Lloyd and Mark Addy*

**Doors open 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm Tickets £3.50**  
*Come early and enjoy a drink and a chat before the film begins.*

**Time to get walking again!**

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Gloucestershire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/glos> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Gloucestershire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

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## **HEAVENS ABOVE**

Busy time as the heavens are shifting big time. The last time was 1778-1779 when history was changed. The full moon will be in Virgo - this is the start on the 7th. It's a wake up call to sort yourself out.. Energy comes from the new moon on the 21st, when for most of us there will be a time of opportunities - so go for what makes you happy.

## **MARCH OF THE BULBS**

What a commotion under the ground  
When March shouted - Ho there! Ho!  
Spreading of rootlets far and wide  
Such whispering to and fro.  
Are you ready? the Snowdrop asked.  
Almost ready the Scilla replied  
I'll follow on when you go.  
Ha, Ha Ha, a chorus came  
Of laughter soft and low  
From millions of flowers under ground  
Yes! they shout - Let us grow!  
It's time to wake you know

## **ROUND AND ABOUT**

The new residents of Garth Cottage would like to introduce the family. They say  
"We have just moved into Garth Cottage, off Arlington Green. There are 5 of us; Ed, Helen, and children Leuan, Finn & Chester. We moved from Berkshire in search of a more rural and community life. The children attend Fairford school and we are full time residents. I commute to Reading and Helen is a full time mum. So far we are really enjoying the moving and getting to know locals, we will try and attend village events subject to timing and kids! Best wishes & HNY for 2023. Ed, Helen and family.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Graham Martin, former vicar at St Marys. Condolences to his wife and daughter. Also on the passing of Maurice Hall, formerly of Winson and Coln St Denis. Condolences to wife Carol and son David.

We are aware of a number of trips and falls around the village so hope that those with some painful injuries recover swiftly. Also best wishes to John Phillips of Ablington for a speedy recovery after a short and unexpected spell in hospital.

On a happier note congratulations to Sue Harvey on a significant birthday this month.

Can we please remind readers that you can contact us or send any contribution by email to [biburyvillagelife@hotmail.com](mailto:biburyvillagelife@hotmail.com) but please note the box is normally only looked at around our deadline. If the matter is urgent please contact any of the panel by phone.

We receive a significant number of spam e-mails each month and suspect we are not alone in that. However it has been brought to notice that an advertiser in the magazine may have received a bogus request for a payment. Please be suitably suspicious of any unsolicited mail and check with Wendy or any of the panel if you are not confident. We are not in the business of issuing 'pay now or else ..' demands, so there should be no rush.



### **Mr Boswell Belcher of Arlington (1851-1913)**

By the late 1880s Arlington and Bibury had a whole range of retail businesses that together provided almost everything a village family would need. Prominent among them was the Post Office, general supply store and butchers shop run by the Belcher family in the premises nowadays occupied by The Twig and Go Wild & Co.

Thanks to Jean Wright I have been able to study a newsletter produced by Olivia Belcher, proprietor, in late 1896. Described as an 'Almanack' this offers some fascinating insights into what the village store of that era was likely to stock. As well as groceries and provisions, Olivia sold drapery such as 'hats, caps, woollen wraps, flannels, flannelettes, blankets and sheets'. She described herself as 'grocer and draper' in her 1891 census return. Olivia was also the local agent for the London & Lancashire Fire Assurance Company.

The Post Office and the butchery business were the responsibility of Olivia's brother Lancelot. He was the Postmaster. There were two daily mail deliveries (6.15am and 6pm) and two despatches (11.20am and 7.15pm). Those were the days, eh ?

On the butchery side, Lancelot was offering 'ox, beef and down\* mutton of the finest quality, pickled tongues, pickled hams and corned beef, and prime home-made lard' He stressed that his beef, mutton, pork and other joints were 'English meat only, and of a quality that you may enjoy a right Merry Christmas'.

Also in the Almanack are (probably) paid-for advertisements from Arlington traders. These included Thomas Turner (Bibury & Arlington Mills, 'all kinds of corn ground and bruised at the shortest notice'), Edmund Mills (shoeing and general smith), James Cullerne (boot & shoe maker & repairer), Ernest Randell (baker & flour dealer) Cornelius Miles (carrier to Cirencester) and Walter Field (carpenter, wheelright and land measurer).

Not mentioned in the Almanack, but quite probably the man who produced it, was their brother Boswell. The initials BB after the three-page article about the history of Bibury and Arlington villages betray the fact that this was certainly his work.

In fact, Boswell was well known throughout Gloucestershire on account of the articles he contributed to newspapers on scientific, antiquarian and archeological themes. That was just his hobby. His day job, as it were, was helping in the Belcher's family business. And it was in the course of that work that he unexpectedly passed away one day in early June 1913.

He was in Ablington taking grocery orders for the shop. It was a Monday morning. As usual he had breakfasted that day on a boiled egg, bread and butter and tea. He arrived in Ablington at 8.30, and one of his first calls was to the cottage of Clara Miles, a shepherd's wife. In what must have been a traumatic experience for Mrs Miles, Boswell was literally standing on her doorstep, notebook in hand, when he gave a sigh, collapsed and died.

The Public Enquiry a few days later listened to evidence from the unfortunate Mrs Miles, as well as from Boswell's widow, brother and doctor. After hearing that he had experienced chest pains a few weeks earlier, the jury concluded that his death was due to natural causes, probably a heart attack. He had been just a few days short of his 62nd birthday. The Cheltenham Chronicle reported all this in its 7th June 1913 issue, under the heading 'His last order'.

The funeral service and burial took place at Arlington Baptist Church. The congregation learnt that earlier in his life, Boswell had lived and worked in Canada for a while. He was described as having a 'gentle and kind disposition and won the hearts of everyone he came into contact with'. He left a widow, two daughters and a son.

· 'Down' mutton refers to meat from the hardy local Cotswold breed known as 'down sheep'.

## **FURTHER AFIELD**

### **Northleach**

Friday March 10th, John Mustoe speaks on his WWII childhood memories and Northleach recent history, Tickets £10, [northleachevents.co.uk](http://northleachevents.co.uk), Northleach Church, 6.30pm

Saturday March 18th, Cantores Chamber Choir: As the Year Turns. The Cotswolds' leading chamber choir on the theme of nature and the seasons. Northleach Church, 7.30pm Tickets £15 at [northleachevents.co.uk](http://northleachevents.co.uk)

Wednesday March 22nd - Saturday March 25th, Educating Rita starring Emma Lugo and Ross Aldridge. Tickets £20 at [bonzoproductions.com](http://bonzoproductions.com), Northleach Church, 7.00pm

**Fairford & District Choral Society** will be performing Stainer's Crucifixion and Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis in B flat on Saturday 1 April at 19.30 in St Mary's Church, Fairford. The conductor is Marysia Gorska-Saj and the organist Robin Baggs. Soloists David McKee (tenor) and Nicholas Drew (bass). Tickets cost £15 and on sale at Fairford Opticians.

### **Friends Of Fairford & Lechlade Communities**

Quiz and curry night Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Fairford Community centre, doors open 19.00 for further information please contact [admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk) or call 10285 707300



## **Hill & Valley Tennis Club**

Chedworth

### **OPEN MORNING**

**Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm**

For all ages and abilities

You are invited to join us for coffee, croissants and an optional game or two, we have two newly painted hard courts and LED floodlights.

Whether you want to start, come back to tennis, improve your game, compete or just play socially we have something for everyone!

**We look forward to seeing you!**

For more info and to let us know you are coming use QR code or follow the link below.

**[clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Events](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Events)**



# **Bibury and District Village Show**

## **Saturday, 22nd July, Bibury Village Hall**

### **Hints & tips for March**

#### **Produce section – Beetroots, Carrots and Shallots**

Now that the milder weather is here and the soil is warming up, it is time to think about growing those prize-winning carrots, beetroots and shallots.

- Carrots take up little space, and can even be grown in containers. Sow seed regularly from early spring onwards.
- Beetroot is easy and quick to grow from seed, making it an ideal crop for beginners. Will yours be the traditional dark purple variety or one of the orange, yellow or pink cultivars.
- Shallot sets are becoming available in garden centres and can be planted from mid-March to mid-April.

#### **Photography section – Farm animals' category**

If you are planning a trip to Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park with your children or grandchildren, make sure you have your camera to hand.

#### **Hints and Tips for capturing that winning shot**

- Be patient. Let the animals get used to you being there and wait for the moment when they do something worth capturing.
- Think animal portrait. Aim for a shot where the personality of the animal comes through.
- Crouch down. When photographing smaller animals like chickens or lambs, get down to their level.
- Indoor shots. Avoid using flash as this can spook animals in enclosed surroundings.
- Keep shooting. The beauty of digital cameras is that you can rattle off lots of shots until you get a decent one.
- Crop before printing. Too much going on can detract from the story you are trying to tell, so don't be afraid to zoom in on the area you want to print.

***Remember - The show is open to all recipients of Village Life including any visiting grandchildren. We also welcome entries from all Garden Club members, and the pupils of Bibury School and their families.***