

VILLAGE LIFE

**OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,
BARNSELY AND WINSON**

Happy Easter

APRIL 2022

VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ISSUE No468

APRIL

Friday	1 st	Hilary James & Simon Mayor	Bibury Village Hall	7 for 7:30pm start
Monday	11 th	Lent with Vincent Van Gogh 2	online with zoom	6pm
Tuesday	12 th	Bibury Parish Council Meeting		7pm
Thursday	14 th	Coln Craft Club – Bibury Village Hall	Crochet skills 2	2 – 4 pm
Sunday	17 th	Easter Sunday		
“	“	Bunny Hunt, start opposite The Swan Hotel		2 – 4pm
Wednesday	13 th	Gardening Club - Talk by Vanessa Berridge form Borde Hill		7:15pm
Thursday	21 st	Community Lunches + Cake Sale in aid of Ukrainia, , Baptist Church		
		Lunches 12:30 followed by cake sale	12:30 – 2:30pm	
Saturday	23 rd	BibLit22: Bibury Literary Festival	St Mary’s Church	Bibury various times
Monday	25 th	Bingo at Football Club starts		7:30pm
Wednesday	27 th	Wednesday Club talk ‘Memories of Poetry Learnt’ by Mary Lubrook		2 – 4 pm

MAY

Friday	6 th	Jubilee Concert ‘SingingforSyrians’	Bibury Church	
		6:30pm Canapes		Concert 7pm - 8:1pm5
Saturday	14 th	Table top sale in Community Room on the Green,	Arlington	11 am.
Sunday	15 th	Barnsley Village Festival		10:30a m – 5:00pm
Tuesday	18 th	Bibury Parish Council		7.00.pm
Sunday	29 th	Beating the bounds	Parish church	Walk

VILLAGE LIFE PANEL

Treasurer: Mr Roger King, 8 Pike Villas, The Pike, Arlington, Bibury	740510
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BIBURY WITH BARNSELY AND WINSON CHURCHES

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Dear Friends,

‘The Sixth age shifts into the lean and slippered pantaloone, with spectacles on nose and pouch on side...’

Jacques’s brilliant speech from Shakespeare’s *As You Like it*, opening with those famous words *All the world’s a stage. And all the men and women merely players*, seems an appropriate place to start, as I write my first parish letter from the perspective of my seventh decade.

Whilst it is certainly true that we age somewhat differently to people of the early seventeenth century, (Instead of getting thinner, we seem to get fatter, and maybe 60 is the new 50)

Shakespeare’s seven ages of man remain true, in the sense of the inevitable changing of roles as the years progress. For me 2020, was the key year, as a first grandchild arrived, father and father in law both died, and first child got married. That was a year of role change. But reaching 60, whilst obviously being nothing more than a personally relevant date in the calendar, is a good time for a little stock taking.

For starters, it's a good time to give thanks. There is so much to give thanks for over 60 years, not least for the quite wonderful villages of Bibury, Arlington, Barnsley and Winson which I am honoured to serve. And for the incredible kindness that has been shown to us, not least on my birthday itself (Thank you letters will be forthcoming, but a couple of presents got detached from cards, and I am so sorry if I fall short. Who did give me the brilliant book by Roger Scruton?) It is also a good time to reflect on opportunities. *Tolstoy's Bicycle* by Jeremy Baker is an anthology of who did what, at what age. Tolstoy learnt to ride a bike aged 67, for example. Hence the title. At 60, Mrs Pankhurst saw the passing into law of votes for women for the first time in the UK. John Nash began work on Regents Street and Regents Park. Verdi wrote his Requiem. Izaak Walton wrote *The Compleat Angler*. And, of course, so many great figures – Jesus, Mozart, Alexander the Great – had completed their lives well before 60. Which leaves one with the growing awareness of how precious the years that remain are. *Carpe Diem* for pensioners.

When asked recently, what I was looking forward to, I could honestly say that I simply looked forward to each day with real delight. Each day matters. I am, perhaps, a tiny, little bit better at noticing each wonderful moment. But it's a work in progress.

So, a few things to note as I look at the diary

- 1. Easter is on Sunday 17th April. There will be services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. And at 5:00pm on Good Friday (15th April) you are invited to come and help build, and plant, our Easter Garden in Bibury Church yard. On Easter Sunday our family service at Bibury will be followed by our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Church yard and Egg Drop from the Church Tower.**
- 2. Saturday 22nd April is BibLit22. Tickets are available from www.biburyfestivals.com**

Our morning with Rev Jonathan Aitken on Sunday 24th April at 11:00am, requires no ticket, and will be followed by refreshments. Jonathan will be reflecting on his life journey that has taken him from Parliament to Prison to Pulpit.

- 3. Dates for your May diary should include:**
 - **Sunday 15th May Barnsley Festival Praise at 11:00am (There will be no service at Bibury that day)**
 - **Sunday 29th May Beating the Bounds and Parish Walk, around our three churches.**
 - **Sunday 5th June Platinum Jubilee Praise followed by fete and Street Party.**

Finally, several people have asked me what we, as a church, can do in response to the needs and suffering of the Ukrainian people. There is no simple answer to this. I think that it is becoming increasingly clear that if any refugees are placed in our villages, it will require a united village response to provide the necessary support and care. And I know that many of us are desperate to find a way of making a difference in the face of such horror. I am sure that the opportunity will come, and together we will rise to the occasion. In the meantime, we can give to appropriate aid agencies, and we can pray. And maybe consider how best to support refugees already living in Gloucestershire. Particularly Syrian and Afghan refugees.

With every blessing *Tim*

Our second Lenten session with Henry Martin, on *Vincent van Gogh and the Good Samaritan* takes place on **Monday 11th April at 6:00pm.** This is the ZOOM link:

Topic: Lent with Vincent Van Gogh 2

Time: Apr 11, 2022 06:00 PM

London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98839451264?pwd=NmpOZzQ5bXRPd2t1SE5lYitlRTQyUT09>

Meeting ID: 988 3945 1264

Passcode: 760562

Church Services April 2022	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
Sunday 3rd April <i>Lent 5</i> <i>Isaiah 43:16-21</i> <i>John 12:1-8</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday <i>Liturgy of the Palms from Luke's Gospel</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>With 'donkey' and followed by drinks on The Square</i>	9:45am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>	
Sunday 14th April Maundy Thursday	6:00pm Holy Communion		
Sunday 15th April Good Friday		2:00pm An Hour hymns, readings and music at the Foot of the Cross	
Sunday 17th April Easter Sunday <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>John 20:1-18</i>	11.00am Family Communion <i>Followed by Easter Egg Hunt and Egg drop from the Church Tower</i>	9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 24th April Easter 1 <i>Acts 5:27-32</i> <i>John 20:19-end</i>	11.00am BibLit22 A Time of Reflection with Jonathan Aitken	9:45am CW Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	
Sunday 1st May Easter 2 <i>Acts 9:1-6</i> <i>John 21:1-19</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 8th May Easter 3 <i>Acts 9:36-end</i> <i>John 10:22-30</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:45am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>	
Sunday 15th May Easter 4 <i>Acts 11:1-18</i> <i>John 13:31-35</i>		11.00am Barnsley Festival Village Praise	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 22nd May Easter <i>Acts 16:9-15</i> <i>John 5:1-9</i>	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:45am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 29th May Sunday after Ascension	Beating the Bounds Starts at Bibury Church at 9:30am	A Family Walk around our churches Refreshments	Barbecue at the finish.
Sunday 5th June Pentecost Platinum Jubilee Weekend <i>Acts 2:1-21</i> <i>John 14:8-17</i>	11.00am Platinum Praise Followed by Fete, Street Party, and parish lunch	9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
Churchwardens Vicar	<i>Jackie Colburn</i> <i>01451 860212</i> <i>Revd Tim Hastie-Smith</i> <i>01285 740301</i>	<i>Dominic Spacie</i>	<i>Lavinia Sidgwick</i> <i>01285 720682</i>

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West Side Story

Drama Cert: 12A - Run time 2hr 36 min

Starring: Ansel Elgort as Tony, Rachel Zegler as Maria, Ariana DeBose as Anita, David Alvarez as Bernardo and Mike Faist as Riff Directed by: Stephen Spielberg with screenplay by Pulitzer

Prize winner Tony Kushner and choreography by Justin Peck

Doors open 6.30pm Film starts 7.00pm Tickets £3.50

Come early and enjoy a glass of wine or soft drink before the film begins.

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST RANGER

It has been a long time since our cattle grazed the Isle and I have been working to bring them back starting this May.

To comply with animal husbandry regulations these animals need to be checked once per day and it would be very helpful if one or two local people could help the staff with this task. There would be no need to handle the cattle just observe with a trained eye and report any findings. You would need to be enrolled as a "Volunteer" and a small amount of training by our stockman would be needed so as to know what to look out for.

If anyone is interested in helping out could you please contact me by email or phone.

Martin Jones

National Trust, Area Ranger, North Cotswolds

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ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

UKRANIAN SUPPORT

The impromptu Cake sale held on 17th of last month was a huge success raising £255 for the DEC thank you to everyone who enjoyed a cup of tea, bought cakes and donated a great afternoon of friendship, for those who missed it there will be another opportunity to help support this cause on Thursday 21st at the return of the community Lunch where yet more cake will be available to buy. A special thanks to the helpers who were kept busy, an enjoyable time was had by all for a good cause.

Please pray for peace in Ukraine and for its people also the people of Russia many of whom detest or do not know what is happening, pray God will give strength and hope to all involved in this situation, in all their struggles and that the world would reach out and help them in the name of Jesus following in his example showing love to all. We urge you to do all you can to help remembering Gods commandment "Love your neighbour as yourself."

REGISTERING TO PROVIDE ACCOMODATION

If you have registered to home Ukrainian refugees Bibury Churches Together will be running a support group for both Refugees to meet up regularly and by pooling resources we can support one another in all ways to help these people at this dreadful time, please if you can open a room in your home or an airbnb to home refugees do so by registering on the government website, if you need help doing this please get in touch info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk or Sharon 07974785437

If you live in a rural area please do not be put off offering wondering if refugees will feel isolated we can get together and offer lifts help finding work and school places and bring their community together regularly using the Old Schoolrooms as a base. Both Churches will be working together helping give support to all at this unprecedented time.

THE OLD SCHOOLROOMS AND COMMUNITY KITCHEN OPEN DAY and OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

Easter Sunday afternoon 2-6pm
official unveiling of a plaque at
5pm with refreshments
Everyone welcome.

As well as a chance to see the renovations and improvements of this facility there will be a display of both social and religious history of Arlington Baptist Church and the Schoolrooms with many photos and special historic content from the Gloucestershire Archives including the origins of the Baptist church on Arlington Green and how it was used in the past, the British school for the poor and the doctors surgery plus reports of many social occasions.

Teas will be served all afternoon.

COMMUNITY POP IN LUNCH and UKRAINE CAKE SALE Thursday 21st April serving lunch at 12.30 Cake Sale until 2pm

The return of the popular lunches in the newly renovated hygiene 5 star rated Kitchen and facility If possible book a place by contacting one of us but there will be plenty if you decide you can come on the day, there is a suggested donation of £5 for a two course hot lunch and coffee a choice of two dishes (Food requests ie vegan please inform us a few days earlier) There will also be a raffle and a cake sale for UKRAINE DEC (cake donations welcome please label ingredients) There is parking with disabled access behind the chapel in the New Manse Garden carpark for those attending to use

SERVICES for APRIL

Every Sunday at 10.30am Modern Worship, All Welcome

Good Friday short meditative service 2.30pm with refreshments

Easter Sunday 10.30am Celebration service

(If you are wondering Why Jesus? What is the purpose of life? come along to a service or email we can help answer your questions and help you understand how much God loves you)

Happy Easter Everyone

BIBURY A.F.C.

Not the best of results since last months VL three defeats and only one win February ended with a 5-0 loss at title favourites Kings Stanley Match Started with a 3-2 home defeat to Barnwood. The only win came at Lydbrook with a 2-1 win Archie Day with another free kick and a rare goal from Kanne Outram. Finally a Narrow 1-0 defeat to local rivals Chesterton in a fiesta match.

April home fixtures are
2/4 Frampton Utd
16/4 Vinney St Swithens
23/4 Lydbrook

The British Legion skittles has been progressing nicely on Wednesday nights
April bingo is on Monday 25th from 7-30pm

BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL SHARING a passion for excellence! A very special village school, serving Bibury and the surrounding villages.

On the first day of term, we welcomed our DGAT Quality Assurance Lead back into our school for her second visit of the academic year. Her name is Catherine Leahy and she is a current Ofsted Inspector who also performs a senior role within Ofsted for the South West region. Her role within DGAT is to inspect all schools three times a year and she supports us to ensure that the quality of teaching and learning remains at the highest level for our children. The day is run as an Ofsted day would run and we are pleased to report that Mrs Leahy remains very impressed with the overall standards achieved by our children and the overall quality of education we provide at Bibury School.

We would like to thank our hard-working PTA for organising the Cake and Jumble Sale which was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th March. The sale raised an impressive £350, and our thanks must also go to the members of the local community who supported the afternoon. The remaining jumble has been donated to local charity shops and clothing items have been delivered to a Ukrainian refugee collection centre.

Our Worship Council asked to have a fundraiser for the British Red Cross appeal for those affected by the crisis in the Ukraine. On Friday 11th March, the children had a non-uniform day and came to school dressed in the Ukrainian colours of blue and yellow. We talked about how we can help those affected by the crisis and a cash donation has been made to the schools liaison team based at RAF Brize-Norton who will pass on our donation to where it is most needed.

World Book Day was celebrated on the 3rd of March and this year the teachers and children focused on the importance of poetry in literature. The pupils were asked to learn a favourite poem and recite it to their classes. The children thoroughly enjoyed presenting their poems and a lovely display of their work is up for all to enjoy. In addition, the PTA organised a sponsored Reading Challenge to coincide with Word Book Day, and this generated a handsome amount of £318 towards their fundraising initiatives.

On Wednesday 9th March a lovely art and sculpture display was presented in St Mary's Church, where all the children proudly displayed their creative skills in clay, paper, wood, tinfoil and glass. Children in upper key stage 2 showcased their RE work which was titled Glimpses of Belief. Children produced art work demonstrating what belief means to Christians. The standard of work created was truly outstanding, children were able to communicate a deep understanding demonstrating a standard of work beyond their years. We hope to continue to showcase more of our children's work throughout the year.

The rest of the month and the run-up to Easter promises to be busy as always, with Red Nose Day on the 18th March, and many other activities including sports outings, a river study, explorer day,

willow weaving, Mothering Sunday Service and the first round of the 2022 annual Primary Schools Nature & Wildlife Quiz.

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, - ON TUESDAY 8th MARCH 2022 AT 7PM

Public Time

- Keiran Hedigan on behalf of William Morris Tea Rooms gave a presentation. He confirmed Breakfast/Daytime only, aimed at attracting both locals & tourists. No ambition to trade in the evenings. Scaled back development of the garden area including a reduction of ground level to mitigate both visual objections and noise. Will sell local produce including cakes, breads/sandwiches. Looking at employing around 12 staff. Disabled WC by exit door for anyone to use. Not aimed so much as a profit business but aimed at providing a facility for the village and employment opportunities.
- Concerns were raised about the ongoing lack of enforcement over the Glebe House razor fencing. It was installed in 2019, the planning inspectorate rejected the application 15 months ago and Cotswold District Council are giving him the run around using Covid and staff shortages at the District Council as excuses for lack of enforcement.

Apologies for absence. County Cllr Lisa Spivey

Declaration of Interest : There were none.

Reports from the County and District Councillors. District Cllr Ray Theodoulou expressed his frustration and disappointment with the ongoing issues with the planning department at Cotswold District Council. He suggested the Parish Council write to a senior officer requesting an explanation as to why no enforcement has been started re: Glebe House & razor wire.

Parking Traffic Regulation Order: The Members were invited to a site meeting with the TRO team allocated by Gloucestershire County Council. The Council are awaiting to receive the updated proposals.

The Council agreed to defer agreeing any action until a copy of the updated proposals have been received.

Highways Report

Hawker's Hill: Cllr Neil Clegg met with Richard Gray of Gloucestershire Highways.

a. Rationalise the signage at both ends of Hawkers Hill

b. Resurface the road : Richard Gray will provide quotes, as the Parish Council would be expected to pay for this. *The Council agreed to this, subject to the quote being reasonable.*

c. Stabilise the grass island and provide a means of protection such as a raised curb / wooden posts blocks of stone: Richard Gray will provide quotes, as the Parish Council would be expected to contribute 50% of the costs. *The Council agreed to this, subject to the quote being reasonable.*

d. Improve the drainage potentially applying the proposed raised kerb set behind the drain grate which would help channel rainwater.

Proposals for the Bus Stops by Arlington Fields/Quarry: The Council are awaiting further details on passenger numbers/demograph. *The Council agreed to defer any consideration until further details are received.*

Consider a request to add 'Any Other Business' to future Agendas. *The Council deferred this agenda item until the next meeting.*

Planning:

- a) 22/00238/FUL | Erection of a conservatory with associated works. | **Hay Barn Bibury Stud**, Church Road, Bibury *The Council agreed to support this application.*
- b) 22/00532/FUL | Formation of habitable room in roof space with rear velux roof lights | **3 The Old Quarry**, Arlington *The Council agreed to support this application.*
- c) 22/00715/DMPO | Application to Discharge or Modify a Section 106 Agreement The Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) The Town and Country Planning (Modification and Discharge of Planning Obligations Regulations 1992) so that the occupancy restriction no longer applies and the removal of the car parking clause | **Church Barn, Church Road** Bibury *The Council agreed to support this application.*

Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council – 12th April 2022.

From the Cotswold District Council

In late April, households in council tax bands A-D will be eligible to receive the Council Tax Rebate announced by the Government to help with rising energy bills. To find out more, [visit our website](#).

The easiest way for households to receive their rebate is by signing up to our online payment system, so if you are worried you'll struggle to pay your Council Tax – please get in touch by calling the CDC on 01285 62300

SATURDAY 14TH MAY – TABLE TOP SALE IN ARLINGTON.

We are holding a Table Top Sale in the community rooms Arlington on the green from 11am. If you would like to book a table for £5 - please contact Debbie on 740366 or Sharon on 07974 785437

BIBURY TROUT FARM – raising funds for MNDA

The Trout Farm are raising money for Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) starting with an Easter Egg Hamper Raffle. Tickets can be bought in the shop. They will holding a large summer raffle, Tombola and various other fund raising events throughout 2022.

Please support them throughout the year in the fight against this terrible disease.

HEAVENS ABOVE

Full moon this month is the Paschal moon which is connected to Easter. This occurs on April 16th. Some people know it as the seed moon as it is around the time for gardens to start growing. Mercury and Venus join together around the 18th bringing us a positive time and this will last through to the 30th when Venus joins with Jupiter – Serenity for all.

RURAL CINEMA - THURSDAY, 7 APRIL Steven Spielberg's West Side Story

Earlier start time - doors open at 6.30pm, film starts at 7.00pm

In 1957, Jerome Robbins, Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim staged a musical version of Romeo and Juliet called West Side Story. It recast the Montagues and Capulets as two rival teenage gangs in New York City – the Puerto Rican Sharks and the white Jets. In 1961, Robbins worked with Robert Wise to adapt it into a film, which went on to win 10 Academy Awards – a record for a musical.

So how, 60 years on, do you follow that? Renowned director Steven Spielberg's adaptation brings the Romeo and Juliet narrative to life for a new generation whilst honouring the original. The timeless music of Leonard Bernstein, with lyrics by the late Stephen Sondheim, still soars. The

action is still set in the 1950s on New York's west side. And the issues it raises – instability, distrust in authorities and violence fuelled by racism, are as relevant today as they were back then.

What the critics said:

“How do you outdo a classic? Steven Spielberg's live-wire new version of the timeless musical pulls it off in style.” Time Out

“This is a West Side Story for both the past and present, as pleasing as the best movie musicals used to be, and as relevant as today's headlines. It makes you feel like you are actually on the turbulent streets of New York's west side, not a sound stage.” The Observer

Secure your place. It will be a blast. To reserve your seats please email biburycinema@btinternet.com or call Angela Staton on 01285 740078. And remember, doors will open at 6.30pm and film will start at 7pm prompt.

COVER SKETCH – a thank you

We searched to find a suitable cover for April and Easter. This drawing of a field of Easter Eggs was drawn by Esther Angel in response to one of our earlier request for front covers.

And a request ---

We would love to have a special cover for June when it is the Platinum Jubilee. Covers need to be in **Black and White** and no more than 15 cm (@6 inches square to fit on our front page. Ideally they should be **line drawings**, as we cannot reproduce coloured sketches or photographs. Sketches can either be placed in the Village Life folder at the Trout Farm or emailed to bibuiryvillagelife@hotmail.com in time for the June issue – deadline 20th May – so get drawing!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

In light of the war in the 'Ukraine brought about by Putin who has been in power for 22 year – we thought this quote from Mark Twain apt :-

Politicians are like diapers – they need to be changed often and for the same reason.

WHO, WHAT OR WHERE WAS DANCY'S FANCY ?

I know ... it's a question that's been keeping you awake at nights.

Well, the short answer is that it was (and still is) the name of a field next to the A4425 near Cirencester. It's part of Abbey Home Farm (the Organic Farm shop people). As you drive towards Cirencester, the field is on the right hand side a few hundred yards before the farm entrance.

If you are an organic cheese fan, you might also recall Dancy's Fancy as the name of a hard cheese the Organic Farm used to make.

Where the story becomes really interesting is to find that Dancy's Fancy featured in the name of an Act of Parliament in 1753. This is what happened. In the mid-1700s the Government decided to improve the condition of England's main roads by turning them into toll roads, kept in good repair with the money raised from the tolls. The Burford-to-Cirencester road was regarded as an important part of the route from Oxford to Bath and the west. An Act of Parliament had to be passed for the creation of the necessary trusts to run each toll road. When it came to the Burford-to-Cirencester Road, there was a problem.

An earlier trust had already been created to look after the road through Ready Token all the way into Cirencester (the old Roman Akeman Street). So the new Bibury trust could only be responsible for the road up to the point where the roads from Ready Token and Bibury converged.

And guess where that spot was ? Exactly. Next to the field called Dancy's Fancy.

So that's how a trust with the unlikely name of the 'Bibury & Dancy's Fancy Turnpike Trust' was born. Its responsibility for road repairs stopped at the place known as Dancy's Fancy, in the parish of Preston.

Of course, today there is no road junction there. That's because the final straight stretch of Akeman Street later fell out of use, for unknown reasons. Nowadays the final stretch of the road from Ready Token towards Cirencester involves a sharp right turn leading to the T-junction with the Bibury Road. Just before the road takes that final sharp right turn, you can still see the remains of a broad track climbing the hill straight ahead. That was the original route of Akeman Street.

If you want to imagine where Akeman Street originally merged with the Bibury-to-Cirencester road, it's roughly where the B4425 today passes under some overhead electricity cables. There's apparently an old milestone near the spot, but I've never been able to spot it. (Don't go looking for it while driving).

Although the name Dancy's Fancy is long-forgotten, in earlier times it seems to have been in common use. There's a hunt report from December 1859 that refers to the fox 'crossing the Burford Road at Dancy's Fancy'. Then an undated reference to a place 'commonly called Dancy's Fancy'. Perhaps the placename was used only by locals, as it doesn't seem to have been picked up by the early mapmakers during their research.

Where the name Dancy's Fancy came from remains a mystery. In the 1500s and 1600s there certainly were families called Dancy in Cirencester and more widely in Gloucestershire. But so far nothing has turned up to link one of the families to this field name.

It's tempting to assume that the field was named after someone's girlfriend or boyfriend. But that's looking at it from a modern viewpoint. It turns out that the word 'fancy' had different meanings going back over the centuries. At one stage it was used as a short form of 'fantasy', as in 'fantsy', meaning something you dream about. Another meaning was as a name for fans of a sport, the way we might nowadays say 'fan club'. Could that suggest a horseracing connection ?

If you have any information that might throw a little light on the origins of the Dancy's Fancy name, please get in touch via biburyvillagelife@hotmail.com.

PS: In case you're wondering how far the responsibility of the Bibury & Dancy's Fancy Turnpike Trust extended in the other direction, it went almost as far as Burford. © Roger Staton 2022

BIBURY GARDENING CLUB

We had a great start to the 2022 gardening club season last month when Mike Jones, former head of the Royal Parks nursery, came to talk to us. He was very entertaining and informative, and it was wonderful to have a peep behind the scenes of what are arguably some of the most photographed flower beds in the world.

We had around 50 people at the talk and signed up quite a few newmembers, so many thanks to all those people who helped organise things on the night, particularly our treasurer, Jenny Lawrenson, Karen and Colin Browne, Adrian and Jean Wright, Halina Tipper and Sheila

Kiggs.

This month, our speaker is garden writer Vanessa Berridge, who will be talking about her new book on Borde Hill in Sussex, one of the great gardens of south-east England. The garden's creator, Colonel Stevenson Clarke, dispatched plant hunters such as Ernest Wilson and George Forrest to bring back unusual specimens for what is now 17 acres of rare shrubs and trees.

Vanessa is very skilled getting under the skin of a garden and bringing its history alive, so this should be a fascinating talk. It will be held in the village hall on Wednesday 13 April at 7.15pm.

The Bibury Gardening Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month, usually in the village hall unless we are doing a garden visit. The annual subscription is £25, and pay-as-you-go is £5 per session for guests or those who don't want to sign up for the whole year. (This includes refreshments.)

We have a full and varied programme booked for this year, so if you would like to join, please email v.summerley@hotmail.com.

WEDNESDAY CLUB

At the time of writing we are a few days away from an Easter Flowers demonstration in the Hall. On April the 28th our own Mary Ludbrook will be giving us a talk entitled 'Memories of Poetry Learned'. So many of us can remember poems we had to learn – come and find out if we share any with Mary!

It is an informal group but we do need your ideas for what we could do and what of of speakers or activities you would like to take place on the Wednesday afternoon.

Cost is £3 and includes a chance to meet up with friends and have a cuppa

COLN CRAFT CLUB

A few of our members tried our hand at Crocheting last month with Lynn Edwards giving us helping hand and as we were leaving she suggested that we could try and do some craft project that involved some crochet. Some of us need more practise and we shall focus on crocheting again in April as some of our members were unable to come to the last month meeting. And if you come bring your ideas as to what we could crochet or knit or applique as a project.

BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

The Hall is gradually returning to providing our full series of event organised by ourselves and others organisations in the village.

The Village Hall is in the centre of the village and is available for all to use. Local plans for the jubilee are progressing, as are the plans for re-starting the Bibury Show in July.

If you are quick there may still be tickets for the superb musical duo of Hilary James and Simon Mayors visit to the hall on the 1st April and we still have a few months of the Rural Cinema to look forward to before we stop for the summer.

SHOECROFT BARN, BIBURY, AND BIBURY TROUT FARM: PLANNING UPDATE

The controversial planning application lodged on 23rd December 2021 to convert Shoecroft Barn, in Bibury's Conservation Area, into an 'events venue' for weddings and similar events, was withdrawn by the applicant on 18th March.

The planning application had attracted widespread attention from residents of Bibury and Ablington. By mid-March 60 people had lodged objections to the plan, and two had posted comments in favour. (Figures do not include official Consultees).

No reason for the withdrawal of the planning application was given, but earlier the same week the Environment Agency had published its comments on the proposal. The full letter can be seen on the Cotswold District Council (CDC) website. In summary, it raised serious concerns about sewage treatment in such a sensitive riverside location, close to where water is abstracted for human consumption

The fact that the water table along the valley floor is in places only a few centimetres below ground level is of particular concern to the Environment Agency. The report describes the location as 'very sensitive in terms of groundwater and surface water', and 'very vulnerable to contamination'. The Agency also registered concerns about the impact of noise and lighting on wildlife in the area.

Overflow Car Park: The Shoecroft Barn planning application revealed that a separate, earlier planning application is also part of the Shoecroft Barn 'events venue' scheme. This is the application lodged by Bibury Trout Farm in June 2021 (CDC Ref 21/02486/FUL) for the creation of a large 'overflow' car park. It would be about 0.5km from the Trout Farm entrance, and just across the road from Shoecroft Barn, on what is currently agricultural land. The intention disclosed in the (now withdrawn) Shoecroft Barn planning application had been that this car park would also be used by people attending events in the Barn, including, presumably, night-time events.

This overflow car park application is still awaiting a decision by CDC. Comments can be posted online or by letter.

Expansion of existing car park: Another planning application relating to car parking for the Trout Farm is still outstanding. This is CDC Ref 20/01804/FUL, submitted in 2020. It seeks to increase the capacity of the existing car park adjacent to the Trout Farm from the present 42 spaces to 67 spaces including 5 disabled spaces. This is still awaiting decision by CDC.

Current work near Shoecroft Barn: You may have noticed a large steel-framed building being erected in the field alongside Shoecroft Barn. This is an agricultural building for which Bibury Trout Farm received planning permission in 2020 (CDC planning ref 20/03923/FUL).

Bibury Planning Impact Group. Email BPIG@btinternet.com. *All information in the above article was from public sources and correct at 20th March 2022.*

ROUND AND ABOUT

So much of the news since we published last month's issue has been dominated by the war in the Ukraine. It seems incredible that we have a war in Europe again but it is heartening to see that locals are rallying to show their support for the people of Ukraine on various ways. So often wars seem remote from our lives but somehow the bombed cities of the Ukraine seem very close to home and leave so many of us wanting to do something to help. So support the sales and collections that are being held to support those displaced or injured.

The warm weather of late has brought the field fare (locally known as Felts) back from the south on their return journey to northern climes.. On a returning theme Fairford has seen the return of the B52 and U2 spy plans – often heard first rather than seen. Tourist coaches are gradually returning to the village too, as we get busier with our summer visitors.

FROM THE PANEL – a thank you and a request

It is with great regret that we have had to say goodbye to Tabitha Mowat from Ready Token as she is moving away from the area. Tabitha was such a keen member of the Panel, one of our Panel typists as well as being in charge of the Trade Directory. We shall miss her enthusiasm and wish her well as she starts a new life away from Bibury...

Most of our Panel members now live in Arlington so if you live in Barnsley, Winson or even in Bibury and would like to become more involved in Village :Life then do contact any of the Panel if are interested in finding more about what is involved..

And finally – one keen eyed reader noticed that on last month's front cover we inadvertently obscured Barnsley and Winson from the title heading - *now if we had a representative from Barnsley or Winson it might not happen again!* Even if you do not want to join the Panel, we always welcome news of your area of the villages.

FROM FURTHER AFIELD

THE COLN VALLEY VILLAGE HALL

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is available to hire for private functions and events.**

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<https://www.coln-valley-village-hall.co.uk/>

Northleach events

Saturday April 23rd, 7.00pm - Patrick Mackie talks about his book “Mozart in Motion”

Tickets £8 at <https://northleachmozart.eventbrite.co.uk>

Calling all Mozart lovers! Whether you love playing or listening to Mozart, Patrick Mackie will give you a whole new understanding of why his works move us so intensely.

Come and enjoy being backstage with Mozart, experiencing the Viennese whirl of 18th century Europe! It's an evening not to be missed for anyone who enjoys his music.

Saturday May 28th, 7.30pm - James Fleming talks about his book “Bond Behind The Iron Curtain”; with cocktails, shaken not stirred.

Tickets £15; available at Northleach outlets and at <https://ticketsource.co.uk/bond>

Come and hear James Fleming, nephew of Ian Fleming, discuss his new book "Bond Behind The Iron Curtain" - it's a terrific story: how the Russians savaged the film of Dr No before it had even been released, the constant attacks on capitalism and Bond's morals, the plot hatched by the KGB to have a Bulgarian write a thriller in which Bond gets killed and the emergence of 07 as a competitor to Bond.

All proceeds going to the Friends of Northleach Church and their £250,000 fundraising appeal for a new church roof.

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