

VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



MAY 2023

VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Thursday 4 th May	ELECTIONS for Cotswold District Council and Bibury Parish Council	
Friday 5 th May	Coronation Charity Supper Old Schoolrooms Arlington Baptist Church	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Saturday 6 th May	Coronation Day	
Monday 8 th May	Bibury v Arlington Fun Cricket Match & BBQ Bibury Cricket Ground	Start 1.00pm
Wednesday 10 th May	Bibury Gardening Club - Chestnut Grove	6.30pm
Thursday 11 th May	Rural Cinema ...Living - Bibury Village Hall	Doors Open 7.00pm
Saturday 13 th May	Barnsley Village Festival - Barnsley	10.30am - 5.00pm
Tuesday 16 th May	Bibury Parish Council Meeting, Bibury Village Hall	7.30pm
Wednesday 24 th May	Community Lunch for Christian Aid Arlington Baptist Church	

JUNE 2023

Thursday 1 st June	Craft Club - Bibury Village Hall	2.00 - 4.00pm
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JULY 2023

Saturday 22 nd July	Bibury Village Show	
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COVER SKETCH

Thanks to Roger Staton 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

Experience is simply the name we give to our mistakes.

VILLAGE LIFE PANEL

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BARNESLEY WOLD S.S.S.I.

Barnsley Wold Site of Special Scientific Interest is now open for Public Access. The access route is way marked and the public are asked to adhere to this route and to follow the Country Code. People visiting the site do so at their own risk and dogs are not permitted on the site to avoid disturbance to wildlife. Any queries should be referred to CWB Baillie-Hamilton. on 07976 287744 or email: cbh@shiptondowns.co.uk

BIBURY, BARNSELY AND WINSON CHURCHES

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Dear Friends,

This coming May, a number of delightful opportunities, both local and national are on offer, and I would like to draw your attention to them, and to invite you to take part in something, just one thing, from the list, that may be a bit of a new experience for you. What all have in common is that they draw people together, which, many would argue, lies at the very heart of being human. Whilst I know that there are those who would subscribe to the view that '*Hell is other people*' (And believe me, there are times that I want to stay inside with a book, because it is to 'peopley' out there) I think that, rightly understood, the Southern African concept of *ubuntu* championed by both Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu is far more intellectually and emotionally satisfying. It can be described as *a form of relational spirituality that connotes the basic connectedness of all human beings*. It asserts *My humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up, in yours. We belong in a bundle of life. I am, because you are*.

So don't be tempted to sneer at village events and apparently old-fashioned organisations that exist for seemingly random purposes but those true rationale is relational. They understand what it is to be human.

So, what is on offer?

First, Beating the Bounds, (30th April) a quaint old custom which originally had a clear legal purpose: Walking the parish boundary to ensure that boundary markers were still in place, to avoid land disputes. This has segued into praying for God's blessing on the land and future harvest (As the walk passes though fields of growing crops and livestock), and here, in our parish, involves, plentiful supplies of food, a barbecue, and the opportunity, this year, to raise money for the new Bibury Pre School.

Second, the Village Coronation Celebrations. A wonderful chance to come together and celebrate our shared humanity, and, on the Sunday morning to have a good sing together (Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem, The Battle Hymn of the Republic and many more!)

Third, there will be a special service at Barnsley, consisting of hymns and readings, on Sunday 14th May at 11:00am to mark the end of the 33rd Barnsley Village Festival (Please note: The main service at Bibury will take place at 9:30am that day)

Fourth: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Monday 22nd May at 6:00pm at Barnsley Village Hall. Refreshments will be served and all residents are welcome, as we look back with thanksgiving, look forward with hope, and conduct some important legal business.

Finally, from 23rd to 30th May we welcome the incredibly gifted artist, Paul Hobbs, to our villages. He helps us to see the world differently, and will stimulate, encourage, and challenge in equal measures. Paul will be staying in Winson throughout the exhibition and will be present every day to talk to visitors.

So please, for your sake and for my sake. Come along. We are all the poorer without you.

With every blessing Tim

Sunday 30th April Starts at Bibury at 9.30am: Beating the Bounds (Parish Walk) and BBQ

Sunday 7th May 11:00am Coronation Celebration at Bibury followed by prosecco and refreshments, whilst the bells ring out a quarter peel to mark their 300th birthday.

Sunday 14th May 11:00am Garden Festival Praise at St Marys Barnsley

Monday 22nd May 6:00pm Barnsley Village Hall APCM

23rd-30th May Paul Hobbs Exhibition

Church Services May 2023	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
Sunday 30th April Easter 4	Beating the Bounds (Parish Walk) Starts at Bibury at 9:30	Reaches Barnsley at 10:45	Reaches Winson at 12:15 BBQ Bibury at 1:45
Sunday 7th May Coronation Weekend	11:00am Churches Together Coronation Celebration	9:30am Coronation Praise	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional</i> <i>language</i>
Sunday 14th May Easter 6 <i>Acts 17: 22-31</i> <i>John 14: 15-21</i>	9:30am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	11:00am Garden Festival Praise	
Sunday 21st May Easter 7 <i>Acts 1: 6-14</i> <i>John 17: 1-11</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>		9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 28th May Pentecost	11.00am A Meditation led by our guest artist, Paul Hobbs	9:30am A Meditation led by our guest artist, Paul Hobbs	
Sunday 4th June Trinity Sunday <i>Psalm 8</i> <i>Matthew 28: 16-end</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	9:30am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 11th June Trinity 1 St Barnabas <i>Acts 11:19-end</i> <i>John 15: 12-17</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	
Sunday 18th June Trinity 2 <i>Genesis 18: 1-15</i> <i>Matthew 9: 35-10:8</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>		9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 25th June Trinity 3 <i>Genesis 21:8-21</i> <i>Psalm 86</i> <i>Matthew 10:24-39</i>	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:30am Morning Prayer	
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>

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

Nostalgia.....that really takes me back.

Pardon the pun although it seems to me a lot of nostalgia is being evoked by the Coronation, I have heard more “remember when we....” in the last few weeks than I have for a few years. Is it, do you think, because we getting back to normality after a few years of separation?

Psalm 133;1 How good and pleasant it is when Gods people live together in unity
In the leaflet, Daily Prayers for the Coronation, published by the Church of England it states
“being part of a community is essential to human life.”

The social changes many of us have seen in our villages during the last decade let alone the last 40 years are many and sadly it often seems community loses out, although I am glad to tell it is not dead and buried here in Bibury and Barnsley.

For all new residents who have yet to experience the fun to be had being part of a rural community like ours, we welcome you and pray you will take part in the privileged opportunities available for you to join, the experience will be happy, joyous and wholesome. You are invited to take part in the Bibury village celebrations to mark the Coronation of King Charles III also the annual Barnsley village garden festival both taking place this May. It is at events like these that we can grow together, learn to love one another more becoming part of something essential to human life, community, not forgetting Nostalgia is made from days like these!

Where were you on Coronation day?

Anyone needing transport to village events please ask there are always happy volunteers at hand.

Services for May

Every Sunday at 10.30am Contemporary worship service followed by coffee All welcome

Sunday 7th May we join the special Coronation Churches Together service in St Marys Parish church at 11am followed by drinks in the churchyard.

NEW Monday 29th May (bank holiday) Village Prayer Meeting open to all, meet in the Old Schoolrooms Arlington from 7.30-8.30pm time to share and pray together Hot drinks and cake served. Even if you can only spare 15 minutes please feel free to come and go as needed.

Events

Coronation Charity Supper in the Old Schoolrooms on **Friday 5th May** from 7pm for 7.30, smart casual dress, you are welcome to BYO drinks, there is a complimentary bottle of red and white per table supplied plus wine glasses. Please also remember to bring cash or card for the raffle, some fantastic prizes have been donated and we hope to raise lots of funds for two community causes.

Community Lunch for Christian Aid on Wednesday 24th May (a week later than normal) with a **Bring and Buy stall plus usual raffle for Christian Aid**

Lunches can be delivered by prior arrangement, also if you need a lift please call 07974785437

All residents and friends welcome, please book a place if possible, although drop ins can usually be catered for. Menu this month; Vegetable Lasagne or Chilli con carne and rice, both served with garlic bread, Rhubarb crumble with custard or Trifle

The Old Schoolrooms a great space to hire with tables and chairs seating up to 60, a catering kitchen plus a private car park, available to residents for events at a reasonable rate. info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Meeting of 11th April 2023

There were apologies from 2 parish councillors and Lisa Spivey.

There was one member of the public present who raised the issue of badly parked cars in Mill Lane along with the problems created when cars park on the pavement which disallows parents with pushchairs & prams from walking safely. The possibility of signage will be investigated. Also raised was the white printing defining bus parking which needs to be redone.

- **The new parking for The Swan** was discussed and the Manager says work should start early this year although he has not yet seen the plans;. He has been sent copies of the plans seen by the Parish Council.
- **Arlington Row:** A French drain is being discussed for the bottom of the hill.
- **Play Equipment Repair & Grass Cutting:** A quotation for repairs was accepted and will be put in place. Grass cutting quotation is being awaited and should be in place as soon as possible.

PLANNING:

- **22/03/125LBC Bibury Farmhouse (revised plans):** No objections.
- **23/0108/FUL Ash Piece Plantation Grove Barn::** Extension of base station & perimeter fence. No objections.
- **23/00954/FUL Randalls Cottage, Arlington:** Erection of two-storey extension, glazed rear open canopy & garage conversion. No objections.
- **23/00982/LBC The Old Manse, Arlington Farm Lane:** Repair & improve single-glazed sash & casement windows. No objections.

The Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 16th May 2023**. This will be an informal format to allow residents to meet with their newly elected Council. Tea, coffee and biscuits will also be provided.

BIBURY GARDENING CLUB

At Bibury Gardening Club, we try to provide what every gardener needs: a mixture of inspiration and information with the occasional bit of relaxation. One month, we might have a speaker talking about some fabulous garden we can all visit, another month it might be a nursery owner talking about their particular plant passion (and hopefully bringing some of their plants to sell). Last month, at April's meeting, George Blackwell and Wendy Challinor were in information mode, providing valuable advice on how to grow plants and present plants with the aim of getting members to enter the village show in July. Both have been prizewinners in the past, so when they give you guidance, it is worth paying attention. For those not intending to enter the show, the information is still useful as it helps you get the most out of the current growing season. Even experienced gardeners love a new tip or technique. I had never grown potatoes in a bag before I moved here, but it's a really easy way to get lovely clean new potatoes without damaging them while you dig them up. I'd never grown bush tomatoes before, but they score over the old-fashioned varieties in that you don't need a growbag, you don't need a precarious arrangement of canes and string, and you can even grow them in a hanging basket if you are really tight for space. Having given members all the information they need, the garden club will be providing a limited number of show packs, containing a variety of plants specifically geared towards the show categories. These will be available to members only on a first-come, first-served basis, and if you are interested contact George Blackwell, george.blackwell@btinternet.com This month's

meeting will be on Wednesday 10 May at Chestnut Grove, the home of Wendy and Phil Challinor, and we will be starting at 6.30pm. The garden faces west, so it's a wonderful place from which to watch the sunset, perhaps with a glass of wine in hand. I can't promise a good sunset, but I can promise members a glass of wine. Please email me at v.summerley@hotmail.com if you would like to come (so we know how many we are catering for) and if you need directions.

Victoria Summerley

THANKYOU

Judy and I would like to say a very big thank you to all who have helped us during my recent illness. You have assisted us with transport, shopping and in many other ways and these have been greatly appreciated. I do not know how we would have managed without your help.

Thank you too to all of you who have supported us in your prayers, these have been a great source of strength in these difficult times.

I am happy to report that I am now getting back to normal and look forward to resuming all my normal activities very shortly.

Again many thanks to you all
John & Judy Phillip

BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

Ross Garden Tours visit.

On Friday 19th May the Village Hall Management Committee will play host to a group of 22 keen gardeners from Australia. Following lunch at the Swan, the group will visit Victoria Summerley's and Barry and Janet Brandon's gardens. A delightful contrast to some of the larger more formal gardens they will be visiting on the rest of their tour. The visit will end with tea and homemade cakes in the Village Hall.

Ross Garden Tours was founded in 1980 by Graham and Sandra Ross. Since then, the company has taken groups to more than 1000 gardens on four continents. Graham is a horticulturalist, plantsman, author, publisher and garden media presenter.

Nearly 40 people were thoroughly entertained by Graffiti Classics on the 21st April in the Hall. The 4 musicians provided a varied program of music from classical to folk, with much laughter and audience participation. The Committee is grateful to Air in G for their support in bringing such professional entertainment to our small village

HEAVENS ABOVE

Well its all happening this month. We start with Pluto entering Aquarius on the first. We then have a full moon lunar eclipse on the 5th, money matters are highlighted on the 16th. Don't forget to do the lottery! and as the new moon will be in Taurus on the 19th it's a great day for planting seeds and beans.

MAY

May is the month of sunshine and flowers,
birds in their nests and one or two showers.

Games to play or kites to fly

or lay on the lawn and look up to the sky!

I could spend a year this way, if the year were made of May

Rural Cinema: Thursday 11th May, Bibury Village Hall

And the film is ... *Living*

Living is a gentle and poignant remake of Akira Kurosawa's acclaimed 1952 film *Ikiru*

(*To Live*) about a man dealing with a terminal diagnosis.

Directed by [Oliver Hermanus](#) from a screenplay by [Kazuo Ishiguro](#), this meaning-of-life classic stars Bill Nighy as Mr Williams - a buttoned-up civil servant who, at the eleventh hour, makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into something wonderful.

Set in 1950s London, this note-perfect period weepie will leave you reflecting on the things you appreciate in your own life.

What the critics said

Living sets a high bar for itself in setting out to remake a Kurosawa classic -- and director Oliver Hermanus and star Bill Nighy clear it in triumphant fashion. Rotten Tomatoes

Bill Nighy and Aimee Lou Wood give deeply affecting performances in this melancholy, understated tale of mortality and lost youth. Observer

Less is more in this exceptionally understated turn from Bill Nighy. Variety

Billy Nighy is sublime as the tragic but triumphant Mr Williams. Evening Standard

Doors open 7pm, film starts 7.30pm

Tickets are £3.50 on the door, glass of wine £2, soft drink 50p



RURAL CINEMA

Bibury Village Hall – Thursday, 11th May

Living

Drama: Cert: PG-13 - Run time 1hr 42min

Director: Oliver Hermanus, Screenplay: Kazuo Ishiguro

Starring: Bill Nighy, Aimee Lou Wood, Alex Sharp, Tom Burke,

Colin Blyth, Richard Cunningham, Oliver Smiles

Doors open 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm Tickets £3.50

Come early and enjoy a drink and a chat before the film begins.

TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK

'All the Worlds' a stage' said Shakespeare 'and all the men & women merely players'! So it is with our Visitors along Arlington Row, and the rest of the Village. They come from all over the World and in every kind of dress, some flowing robes, others very casual. In all weathers – and even when it's dark, they come along the Row and attempt to take pictures. I am sure I appear in many Visitor's photos when they look at them, when they take a picture of my door, and I step out unexpectedly – and when they get home they must ask themselves 'who it that!!'. They are often keen to engage in conversation. Only the other day, when exiting my cottage, a visitor peered in and asked 'have you got running water in there?'. I replied 'yes, and we even have electricity!'. The fact that the Row is so old seems to imply a degree of deprivation attached to the occupiers. So we must not only be 'small' people to live here, but we apparently need sympathy too! (if only).! Cars continue to drive down to the Row, despite the warning Notices, When asked why?, driver's reply 'because it says so on SatNAV...'

As always, we keep an eye on the River at this time of year. It was only in February 2014/15 that we came close to flooding in Arlington Row, when the water came to within a foot of our front doors. This year, after a low start in February, the River level has been fairly steady around 40 mm (normal level) at the measuring station. This allows the Trout Farm & extraction to operate efficiently, and the fish to find some depth in which to swim!

Talking of the Trout Farm, it's good to see the refurbishment is now about complete- and what a dramatic difference it makes to space & light! I am sure Visitors will enjoy the extra facilities. - And it's good to see too that the wall along the River is being repaired!

As we move from Spring towards Summer - a wonderful time in all respects, we look forward to seeing all the new growth in our gardens all around our Village. We hope for good weather this Summer, after a relatively mild, but wet, Winter.

Brian Skarda

CRAFT CLUB

There will not be a craft club this month as the Village Hall will be in use for elections for the CDC and Parish Council on our normal day to meet. Given that May seems to be becoming a busy month with the extra Bank holidays, coronation and Barnsley Festival we will not meet until **Thursday 1st June**. So put the date in your diaries and we will hope to see you then.

THE COLN VALLEY MIXED DOUBLES OPEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, 10th JUNE 2023

CHEDWORTH, GL54 4NE

A special day of social, competitive tennis

played on wonderful private courts in surrounding villages

Sliding handicap for the morning Round Robins, top pairs compete

for the Speke Cup, remaining for the Scott-Smith Salver

Entry £34pp includes coffee, hot lunch, tea & cakes

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/CVTournament>

Coronation celebrations: last-minute information

Only a few days to go for Bibury's big Street Party lunch and Village Fete on Saturday 6th May. There will be 300 people there, from Bibury, Arlington, Ablington and Winson.

The preparations are complete, the Prosecco is in the fridge, the magicians and musicians are booked, the road closure is officially approved, the tables and chairs are ordered, the sideshow games are ready, and St John Ambulance will be on duty.

Thanks to our amazing supporters – individuals, families and businesses – we are well on our way to covering the overhead costs, and some lovely raffle prizes have been donated.

By the time you read this, you should have collected your special wristbands from the Village Hall (26th April). If you were unable to do that, please contact Angela via the BiburyParty email address, to arrange collection. You will need them for the Street Party.

Here's a roundup of the latest information, to help you, your family and friends make the most of the day.

Remember that **Church Road and Cemetery Lane will be closed** to vehicles from 9am on Street Party day. But there's loads of free car parking space in Bibury Court Farm Field, a short walk away.

The **tables along Church Road** will be ready for occupation from 12.30. People coming in larger groups, and people with limited mobility, will have been assigned a particular table. So look for the label. All the other tables are Free Seating. There will be just enough tables and chairs to accommodate the people who have told us they will be coming, so please don't leave any empty places.

The **lunch** will begin at 1.00pm with Grace. During the lunch, there will be a surprise musician, and a group of close-up magicians moving from table to table.

The **Village Fete** in the gardens of Church House will begin at 2.30pm, and run until around 6.15pm. There will be live music, traditional village fete games, an ice-cream cart, and fun races for all ages. A detailed programme of events and timings will be on every table.

The Village Fete BYO Beer/wine Tent. There will be no drink sales at the Village Fete. Instead, we will be creating a Bring Your Own beer & wine tent. We'll set up a marquee in the Village Fete area ... you bring a comfy folding chair, a glass and your favourite beer (or wine or soft drink). Perfect.

Be sure not to miss the **Royal Toast** at 4.30pm. Grab your glass of bubbly (or soft drink) and piece of cake from the Royal Toast marquee, and be ready to salute the new King. The toast will be proposed by Craig Chapman, Chair of Bibury Parish Council.

Raffle tickets will be available from 2.30pm onwards at a special marquee on the lawn of Church House. Tickets will be £1 each. You'll be able to choose which of the amazing prizes you want your ticket(s) to be entered for. There will be a full list of all the prizes on every table. Payment by credit/debit card is preferred, but cash will also be accepted. Ticket sales will finish at 4pm, and the prize draw will take place at 4.45pm. Winners will be announced by Adrian Wright, Chair of Bibury Village Hall Management Committee.

Photographs: We have commissioned two official photographers to record the day for posterity. They are providing their services free of charge. The results will be posted online. Dotted around the site there will be life-size photo-images of the King and Queen and other Royals, offering not-to-be-missed opportunities for the selfies of a lifetime.

Any of the above timings could be subject to change as the afternoon progresses.

Now for some practical matters:

Glasses: We encourage everyone to bring unbreakable glasses and crockery, if possible, for safety reasons.

Rubbish: We encourage everyone to take their rubbish home with them, so it can be recycled in the usual way. There will be a strong black rubbish bag on every table.

Safety: There will be a bouncy castle for smaller children, who must be supervised by their parents when they use the castle. The gardens of Church House include a wild flower meadow that leads down to open water. This area will be out of bounds, and clearly marked as such with barrier tape and signs. Please make sure your children do not go into this area or near the water.

Security: Please look after your belongings. Although Church Road will be closed to traffic, the pavement will still be in use by the general public. The safest way to look after your valuables is in a secure pocket, or waist/shoulder bag. Please don't leave any personal belongings on your table when you move into the Village Fete area.

And finally, a checklist of what to bring:

- Your own food, drink, cutlery, crockery and glasses
- Sunhat and sunscreen (here's hoping ...)
- Credit/debit card (or cash) for raffle tickets
- 50p coins for sideshow games
- A folding chair in case you want to chill out on the lawn and listen to the music.
- Camera or smartphone

What else is going on through the Coronation weekend ?

The Catherine Wheel is holding a **Royal-themed Fancy Dress DJ party** on Saturday at 8pm.

On Sunday at the Wheel there will be a **Quiz night and raffle** organised by the Cricket Club. That starts at 7pm, £20 per team (max. 6 people per team).

The **Coronation Thanksgiving Service** in St Mary's Church on Sunday morning starts at 11.00am, and will be immediately followed by a cocktail reception, ringing of the historic bells, and a musical concert. Everyone welcome to all or part of the proceedings.

On Monday afternoon the Cricket Club is holding a **fun cricket match & BBQ** starting around 1pm. (See separate announcement).

Bibury versus Arlington Fun Cricket Match and BBQ Monday, 8 May, 1pm at the Cricket Ground

Join in and play or just come along to cheer on your team.

Calling all wannabe players – whatever your age, male or female, partners, husbands, wives, girlfriends, boyfriends and children. Our final Coronation weekend event is a light-hearted cricket match which will take place at the cricket ground. And, excitingly, it will be the inaugural match on the newly installed artificial pitch. Les Smith will lead the Bibury team. The Arlingtonians are keeping their captain a secret.

Format

- 20 overs each side (depending on number of participants)
- No experience needed (unless your team wants to win!)
- Everyone will have a chance to bat and bowl
- Underarm bowling **will** be permitted.
- Rubber practice balls **not** hard cricket balls.
- Casual or sports clothing and trainers, no need for cricket whites
- Enthusiasm and a sense of fun mandatory

Refreshments/Entertainment

The cricket club will be running a cash BBQ (burgers/hot dogs) and providing music for the after party. Please bring your own picnics for the "tea break" between innings.

To register for the teams, contact the following:

Budding Biburian players:

Les Smith on 07775 387813, or email leslie.smith.smith351@gmail.com

Aspiring Arlingtonians:

Angela Staton on 07778 783009 or email angela.staton@btopenworld.com

LTA BIG TENNIS WEEKEND OPEN DAY

Chedworth, GL54 4NE

SUNDAY, MAY 14TH 10-4

Do you want to start, come back, improve your game, compete or play socially?

Come to our Tennis Celebration with FREE COACHING & GAMES

For Adults, Children & Families of All Levels

Membership & Coaching Offers, Fun Activities, Ball Machine, Free Play, BBQ, Prizes, Raffle

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Events>

ROUND AND ABOUT

Sadly we have to begin with the recent death of Gwen Greenaway. Gwen was born in Bibury and grew up in Pigeon House. Her father used to deliver fresh milk to houses in Bibury and her mother provided teas and accommodation to the tourists in the early twentieth century. After her marriage Gwen moved to Bowns Farm just beyond the parish boundary of Barnsley. Gwen remained a staunch support of all village events and a very long term member of two local WI's and a regular attendee of the Baptist church functions. We send our condolences to her two sons and daughter.

The much needed repairs to the river wall along the street have started and will cause some temporary loss of parking for the tourists and local alike.

May looks to be a busy month in our villages, starting with the local elections on the 4th followed by the Coronation weekend events. Barnsley Festival on the 13th and there are three Bank holidays – all taking place in May!

The village owes a huge thanks for all the hard work that the members of the Coronation Committee have undertaken to plan the variety of events over the Coronation weekend. Let us all hope that the weather will be fine for all the planned events.. It will be lovely to have the whole village involved for this special weekend. Thank you to everyone involved.

FURTHER AFIELD

NORTHLEACH

Thursday May 4th, Spectacle & Surprise in the Medieval Coronation Ceremony, an illustrated talk about the origin of some of our coronations traditions by historian Nicola Coldstream. Tickets £12 (£15 premium seats) incl. a free Kir Royale, at northleachevents.co.uk, Northleach Church, 6.30pm

Saturday May 20th - Craig Oden in Concert, 'one of the most exciting guitarists of his generation'. Tickets £20 (£25 premium seats), at northleachevents.co.uk, Northleach Church, 7.00pm