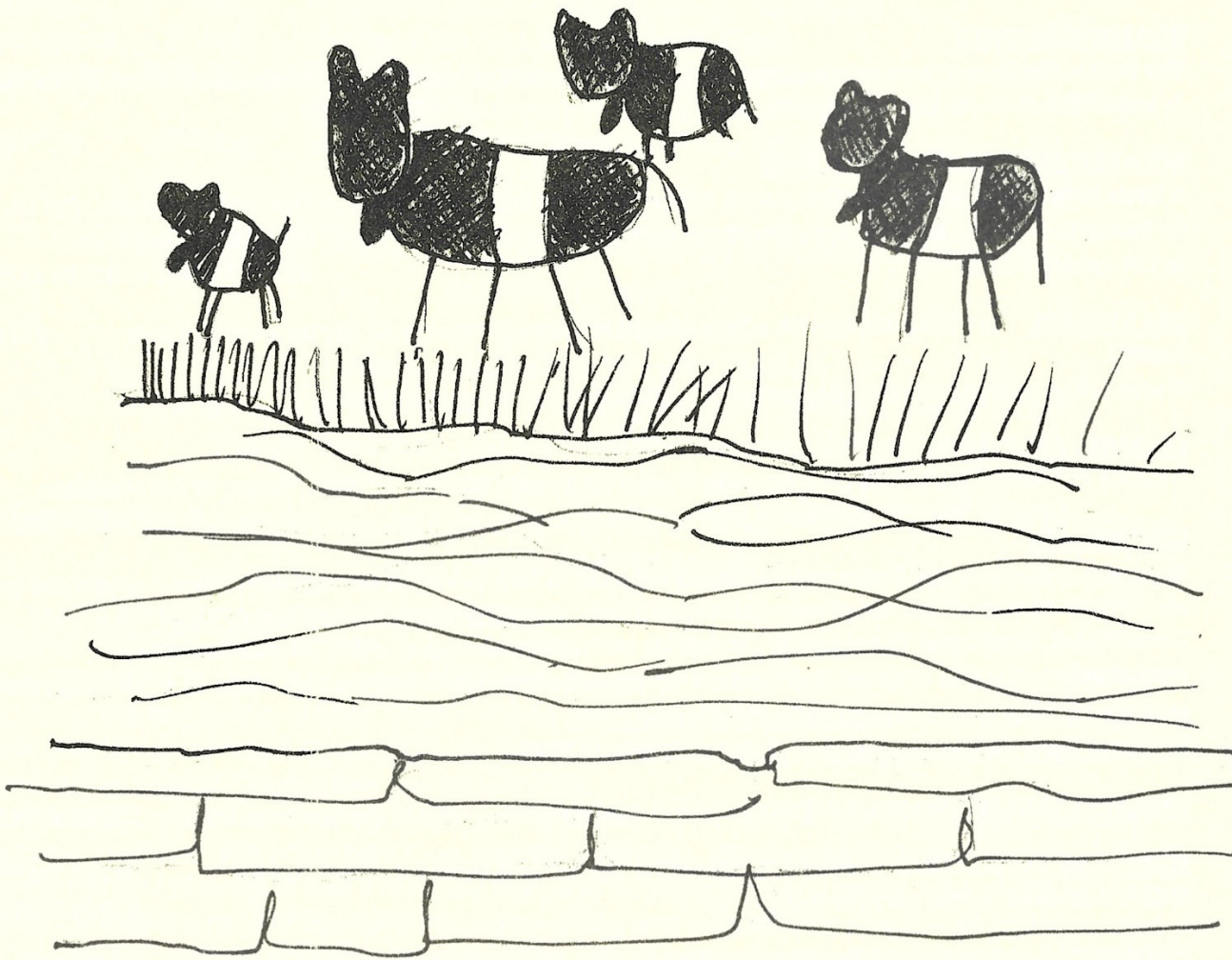


VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



JUNE 2023

VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

ISSUE 481

June 2023

Thursday	1 st June	Craft Club in Bibury Village Hall	2 – 4pm
Thursday	8 th June	Rural Cinema: Mrs Harris goes to New York, BVH	7 for 7:30pm
Friday	9 th June	Cotswold Chippy at Football Club	
Friday	13 th June	Bibury Parish Council in Village Hall	7:15
Tuesday	14 th June	Bibury Gardening Club visit at Chestnut Grove,	6:30pm
Tuesday	20 th June	Arlington	12 noon
		DEADLINE FOR July/August DOUBLE ISSUE	
Wednesday	21 st June	Community Lunch at Baptist Schoolroom	12:30pm

July 2023

Saturday	8 th July	Traditional School Fete in Bibury Churchyard	
Wednesday	12 th July	Garden Club visit to Brockworth Court	12:30pm
Wednesday	19 th July	Community Lunch in Baptist Schoolroom	6 – 8pm
“	“	Entry night for Bibury Show in Village Hall	2 – 4pm
Saturday	22 nd July	Bibury and District Show in Bibury Village Hall	

THE FASHION EVENT SWINDON – in memory of Euan Michael Schaub

Saturday 1st July 2023

4pm to 8:30pm

Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton Swindon

All profits going to YOUNGMINDS fighting for young people's mental health

Tickets are £20pp and available from www.eventbrite.co.uk

Local lad Liam Brown is one of the models and was a friend of Euan – so local support from Bibury would be most welcome.

BIBURY SCHOOL PTA

We were thrilled to co-host a special Coronation supper in conjunction with Arlington Baptist Church at the beginning of May. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the evening and thank you to our wonderful group of volunteers. Profits from the evening have been split between the Baptist Church and the school PTA.

On Saturday July 8th we shall be holding a traditional school fete in the Churchyard. All very welcome to attend and enjoy bbq food, games, tombolas, plant stalls and much more. This will also be the first chance to see the newly built and refurbished early years area at the school. Please do make a note of the date and come along and support this event – all money raised will ensure that we can continue to support the school to provide the children with additional resources and experiences such as school trips. If you have any tombola or raffle prizes that you may wish to donate please get in touch with us via our email address –

ptabibury@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you, Bibury PTA

VILLAGE LIFE PANEL

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BIBURY, BARNLEY AND WINSON CHURCHES

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Dear Friends,

We returned, a few days ago, from our trip to Israel, and I observed, at the time, that the thing that really struck me on this trip was the extent to which one's experience of almost anything is shaped by the people you share it with. Almost everywhere we went, I had been to before. But I was seeing it through the eyes of others this time, meaning that my experience was richer, fuller, different.

This is what Matthew Syed is pointing out in his lovely book Rebel Ideas. The wider the range of experiences that we bring to the table, the better our solution to a problem is likely to be. If I only mix with those who see like me, I will be hugely handicapped.

This week the Paul Hobbs Exhibition opens at Bibury, and once again we are invited to see through the eyes of someone else. We are invited to see the world differently. This will inevitably be a slightly uncomfortable experience, but we will always be the richer for it.

In recent years, our youngest daughter has taught me to see the world through the eyes of painters, a truly invigorating experience. And, as you, are probably aware, my meat and drink, is seeing through the eyes of writers, as I find this is the way that I most naturally slip out of my own shoes and into the shoes of another.

In Israel, we were all struck by the range of responses to the Holy sites. For some, being in the place. Touching the very stones, walking the very steps, was everything. For others it was less about where Jesus had been, and more about places hallowed by prayer filled centuries. For yet others, place was unimportant as Jesus dwells with us today wherever we are.

But the important thing is that none of these positions hold a monopoly on spiritual truth. I have absolutely no right to stand in judgement on someone whose experience is different to mine. Indeed the challenge and opportunity is to enter into the experience of another and to draw from their very different experience.

On a more mundane level I may never learn to love jazz or the blues, but I can hope to learn from, and see through the eyes of those that do. And in so doing become richer and more connected to others. We left for Israel as the Coronation was still being celebrated and so I do one to use this page of Village Life to express enormous gratitude to Angela and Roger Staton, and the whole Coronation team for all of their hard work in bringing the village together in celebration. Good things require effort... with every blessing Tim

Pop up teas return this Summer in the Churchyard of St Mary's

Monday 29th May
Monday 19th June
Monday 24th July
Monday 21st August

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Everybody makes mistakes, that is why pencils have erasures.

COVER SKETCH

This month's lovely sketch of the cattle on Rack Isle, was drawn some time ago by Myrtle Hewitt of the Mill House in response to our asking for new cover sketches some time ago.. We thought we would print it this month as the Belted Galloway cattle should be returning this June.

Church Services June 2023	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
Sunday 4th June <i>Trinity Sunday</i> <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 <i>Trinity 1</i> 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 <i>Trinity 2</i> <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 <i>Trinity 3</i> <i>Genesis 21:8-21</i> <i>Psalm 86</i> <i>Matthew 10:24-39</i>	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 2nd July <i>Trinity 4</i> <i>Genesis 22: 1-14</i> <i>Matthew 10:40-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 9th July <i>Trinity 5</i> <i>Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49,</i> <i>58-end</i> <i>Matthew 11:16-19, 25-</i> <i>end</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 16th July <i>Trinity 6</i> <i>Genesis 25: 19-end</i> <i>Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion and Holy Baptism <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>		9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 23rd July <i>Trinity 7</i> <i>Genesis 28:10-19a</i> <i>Psalm 139</i> <i>Matthew 13:24-30,36-43</i>	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 30th July <i>Trinity 8</i>	11:00am Pimms & Praise In the Churchyard		
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>

We would like to thank all who gave generously in time, money and kind for our recent fundraising supper a grand total just over £2000 was raised for two local causes and most importantly we have received so many great comments about the wonderful atmosphere.

The power of generous giving, everything from giving someone directions to helping a friend move house activates the part of the brain that makes you feel pleasure. Plus, it releases a hormone called oxytocin that helps mediate social interactions and emotion – the higher your oxytocin levels, the more you're likely to give. So we are thankful oxytocin levels were flowing on that evening! So many friendships were strengthened and made during the whole of the Coronation celebrations and as a community we are definitely happier and stronger, congratulations to all those who organised, helped and partook in the whole weekend especially the amazing Angela and Roger Staton for leading us.

The Churches together service on Coronation Sunday was also a great occasion and we pray that these relationships and community spirit will continue into the years ahead, together we are better.

In the Bible 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 it says Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Real biblical generosity means pouring out God's love — that he freely extended to us — on those around us, without condition. Our community showed a great example of this during the Coronation weekend.

Services 10.30am Every Sunday

The Chapel building is now open during the daytime as a quiet place to visit for contemplation and an opportunity for anyone to leave a prayer request, you can be assured we will be praying for your requests and God does answer prayer.

Events - In the Old Schoolrooms

21st June (first day of summer) Community Lunch 12.30pm everyone welcome for a two course lunch, if possible please book but do come along unannounced we will always make space, also if you need a lift or to pre book a meal delivery please call either Debbie 40366 or Sharon 740679.

Menu: Quiches, potato wedges, salads followed by Fruit Meringue or Fruit Pie.

The following lunch will be July 19th

Cirencester Foodbank please drop donations into the black box outside the Church doors. We are a Foodbank referral please do not go hungry contact in full confidentiality if you would like help info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk or call 07974785437

FROM THE PANEL

With great regret that we have had two of our panel resign because of pressure of work and other commitments. Kit Dunn and Sarah Smith have been invaluable members of the panel over several years and we shall miss their input and especially Kit's technical skill in typing the magazine . Thank you both, Kit and Sarah, for all your support and work for the magazine.

The result is that we need to find their replacements. When Sarah joined the panel she was living in Aldsworth Road and Kit lives in Ablington so it would be fantastic if we could find someone prepared to join the Panel from Aldsworth Road , Bibury itself or someone from Ablington or Barnsely and so help to keep the PAmel representative of the village, If you are interested please let any of the Panel know.

BARNSELY 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

Letter to the Panel.

It is with great sadness that I write to let you know that of the passing of my Dad, Robert Taylor. He was 93.

Dad was an avid follower of 'Village Life' and he looked forward to his copy each month. He grew up in Bibury through the war years. His father was the village policeman. As you can imagine Dad had a lot of memories as well as stories of those days. Although Bibury has changed over those 80+ years, Dad always felt re- connected through the magazine.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Heather Howchin.

BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

The village Hall committee was instrumental in co-ordinating the events in the village surrounding the **Coronation** last month thanks to Angela Staton (and husband Roger) and Victoria Summerley. The whole coordinating committee need to be thanked for the variety of events on offer. The weather did not help and prevented some people and some events from being held, but those that braved the weather enjoyed themselves. The first real inclusive village event held since Covid curtailed so many social gatherings - it was a memorable weekend. Thank you to all involved!

Bibury Open Gardens: these were due to be held on the 11th June but the ravages to gardens during the winter, some ill- health amongst our normal gardeners and the busy nature of last month, have meant that we have cancelled the Bibury Open Gardens for this year. It means that all those involved can concentrate on our next event:

The Bibury Show on Saturday 22nd July. Schedules should have been delivered to every household. Additional entry forms will be available on the entry night (Wednesday 19th) or from Wendy (740021). So get growing, creating, cooking and nurturing your entries for the show. Remember to keep the yellow schedules somewhere safe - until the Show !.

CRAFT CLUB

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 1st June from 2 - 4pm in Bibury village Hall.

Nothing specific is planned - just a chance to catch up and have a chat so bring whatever you are working on and ideas for future meetings. See you then.

Wendy

HEAVENS ABOVE

In June, Gemini makes its presence felt after shaking off stubborn Taurus. A lot of good energy will be around by the 13th sharp talking will take place – so beware of your tongue! Full moon on the 14th leads us all into a happy frame of mind up to the solstice on the 21st, which also marks the start of summer.

Then it is fun all the way.

JUNE

Joy finds you when you
Understand your value and
Nourish your need
Even when it feels hard.

BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



A very special village school, serving Bibury and the surrounding villages.

Bibury children joined in with Coronation celebrations, making crowns that they wore to church and displayed for others to enjoy. The children have been hard at work on some fantastic maypole dances that they showcased to friends and family.

Here is a little snippet of what our classes have been up to:

Acorn Class - Acorn Class have been busy writing stories in the present tense using the book, Traction Man as a stimulus. The children have created some excellent stories in their independent writing sessions.

We have had visits from young animals too this month, Mrs Spring's puppy and a box of lambs thanks to Mr Emmerson. The children enjoyed meeting our guests and very much enjoyed feeding the lambs their milk.

In Geography we have been learning about some of the wonders of the world including the tallest mountain in the world, Mount Everest. We found out that bar-headed geese fly over the top of the mountain at 10, 000m - that's as high as a jet plane!

EYFS are enjoying their new learning space which is smart, bright and well-resourced. Having their own dedicated space means that their learning area is quieter and completely dedicated to their needs whilst providing easy access to the outdoor learning area. We feel very lucky to be benefitting from this investment in our school facilities.

Oaks Class - In History, Oaks and Mighty Oaks have just started to explore the Anglo-Saxon period. We have investigated who they are, where they sit on our timeline and considered why they came to Britain. We will continue by examining archaeological evidence and written evidence from the time to provide context for the archaeological finds and learn the importance them. By the end of term, Oaks and Mighty Oaks will be considering whether the period deserves to be called the 'Dark Ages'.

Oaks have been thinking about the Day of Pentecost and how Christians believe that after Jesus returned to be with God the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to help the Church to make Jesus' invisible Kingdom visible by living lives that reflect the love of God. As a class, we have explored a range of emotions which could have been felt during this period, specifically the emotions of Jesus's disciples. To explore and explain these emotions, Oaks have recently created an emotions graph to represent the disciple's feelings starting from the day Jesus died to Pentecost.

Mighty Oaks Class: In English, we have been reading Michael Morpurgo's 'Beowulf' and the children are writing their own version of a part of this legend. This ties in with their learning about the Anglo-Saxons in history.

We are working on a project called 'Holy Ground' with the conceptual artist, Paul Hobbs, whose art exhibition is at the church. The children are interviewing people in the community about their Christian faith and their project will also be on display in the church.

Our Christian value for this term is service, which ties in really well with the Young Leaders' Award, where the children will be soon be deciding upon a community project that they will work on. This award, provided by the Archbishop of York Trust, encourages children to become courageous advocates – also one of the aims of our school vision.

A big well done to all of our Year 6 who have completed their SATS this month. We are so proud of you all.

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BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from Meeting of 16th May 2023. The meeting was greatly enhanced by the Clerk who had prepared teas & coffees for the break between the Annual Parish Meeting and the workaday Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – she had also brought biscuits!

The three new Councillors were welcomed to join the four returning Councillors. Our Ward Councillor David Fowles and our County Councillor Lisa Spivey were also at the meeting. Craig Chapman was re-elected as Chairman for the coming year. The gallery of Councillors now looks like this:

Craig Chapman (Chairman & Highways)

Simon Brownless (Internal Checker for matters financial)

Ann Haigh (Village Life Reports)

Mike Pini (Representative on Village Hall Committee)

Simon Brownless, Michelle Holt, John Phillips & Brian Skarda (Representatives on United Charities)

TRO (Traffic Regulation Order)

The Public Consultation for parking Traffic Regulation Order will commence on 25th May 2023, closing on 16th June 2023. The information will be available to view on the GCC website from this date and a link will be set up from Bibury Parish Council's website. Notices will be erected on site in readiness for the consultation start date.

We are progressing the offer of trialling an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) camera which will note speeds of traffic coming into Arlington on the B4425 as a deterrent to speeding.

PLANNING:

Barn House, Hawker's Hill, Arlington: No objections.

Bibury Trout Farm, Arlington: No objections were raised.

ISSUES RAISED:

Mirror opposite Arlington Farm Road: It was noted that this needs to be improved as it was very dangerous to join the main road without sight of traffic coming uphill.

ROSPA Inspection of Play Area: This raised only issues which were already in hand.

Tributes were paid to Ray Theodoulou who had represented us with such energy for many years as our CDC representative. David Fowles has taken on the role and reported the make-up of CDC is: Liberal Democrats now have 22 seats on the council, Conservatives 9, Greens 2 and Independents 1.

BIBURY CRICKET CLUB

Unfortunately, inclement weather caused the cancellation of the much anticipated Bibury v Arlington Coronation Challenge cricket match using our newly installed artificial wicket. The rain did relent sufficiently to allow us to proceed with the ribbon cutting and grand opening of said wicket. Life member Steve ' Conkers ' Turner did the honours with the scissors and the ribbon and dutifully took the first ball from Charlie Robinson. He was out for a golden duck (video available on request !) .

The Saturday league season opener saw us open our account with a convincing win against Central Hall. Our opponents were skittled for 61 all out, Sachin Bandara 2 wickets for four runs from just four overs, Nouan Wickie 2 for 11 from 6 overs. Ali Carman with a classy 51 not out and skipper James Richardson with 10 not out finished the job for a ten wicket win. Our opponents for the next game, Cirencester, conceded so after two matches we will probably top the standings in the CDCA division 2. The Wednesday T20 warriors open their account against Tarbarrow on Wed 15th May and the Sunday warriors v Ascott under Wychwood on the 21st.

New players of any age, ability or gender are very welcome.

To finish on a sad note, the pavilion has been broken into yet again. Police have been informed and have visited the scene. If anyone has any information please contact the police in Cirencester or any club official.

Leslie Smith, Chairman, 077753 87813

BIBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

We finished our season with a narrow 2-1 defeat at home against the league champions Tewkesbury Town we then had a nervous 2 week war to see if we got promoted Falcons from Cheltenham still had 2 games to go and if they won both they could overtake us. Falcons won the first game but drew the second meaning Bibury got promoted... by 1 point!

End of season awards went to the following

- Top scorer golden boot Max Lukaweckyj 34 goals
- Supporters award Alex Harding
- Players player of the season Max Lukaweckyj
- Clubman of the year Dan Shannon

Pre season training will begin towards the end of June with pre season friendlies in July ahead of the new season starting in August. Good luck to Bibury Cricket Club for the season ahead

The Cotswold Chippy will be serving the wonderful food on Friday 9th and 23rd of June

Let's make the 2023 Bibury and District Show on Saturday 22nd July the biggest yet.

We've admired your gardens and vegetable patches, sampled your delicious cakes and been amazed by your (and your children's) craft skills over the years. So, let's make this year's show a bumper one for entries. It's fun to enter and it helps raise funds for the village hall. We know Bibury and District's got talent. Now's the time to show it off.

There are prizes to be won - £3, £2 and £1 if your entry comes 1st, 2nd or 3rd in its class! And a £10 prize if your entry is the overall winner in a particular section.

So, show us your baking, marmalade-making, crafting, garden produce, flower arranging, photographic or artistic skills with an entry (or several) in this year's village show. There are no age limits! Whether you are 4 or 94, there is a category for everyone.

Every house that gets *Village Life* should by now have received a copy of the 2023 Bibury and District Show schedule. This lists all the categories you can enter, and the rules. If you haven't received one or need another copy, contact Wendy Challinor on 740021.

**Rural Cinema: Thursday 8 June, Bibury Village Hall
And the film is ... *Mrs Harris Goes to Paris***

Based on Paul Gallico's 1958 bestselling novel, *Mrs Harris Goes to Paris* follows unassuming charlady Ada Harris (played by Lesley Manville) as she falls in love with a Dior dress owned by one of her clients.

The film's starry cast is matched by the cinematography which perfectly captures the glamour and post-war decadence of 1950s Paris and its haute couture. You can almost smell the Gitanes.

A celebration of friendship and a love letter to Dior, *Mrs Harris Goes to Paris* will have you rooting for the spirited cleaning lady with the audacity to dream.

What the critics made of it.

"Executed with a sense of style, sparkle and drama that dazzles on the big screen, *Mrs Harris Goes to Paris* is at once hilarious, transporting and enchanting." **Sunday Times Style**

"It's unabashed froth, as substantial as a tulle skirt. And perhaps that's exactly what we need right now." **Guardian**

**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, 8 June

Mrs Harris Goes to Paris

Comedy Drama: Cert: PG - Run time 1hr 55min

Directed by: Anthony Fabian

*Starring: Lesley Manville, Isabelle Huppert, Lambert Wilson,
Alba Baptista, Lucas Bravo, Anna Chancellor and Freddie Fox*

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

BIBURY GARDENING CLUB

I'll be quite glad to see the back of May. Yes, there were lots of exciting things happening – our Coronation celebrations for example – but the weather was relentlessly cold and/or wet. Normally by now we've had a couple of warm spells, but this year we've had to wait until the end of May for a good dose of spring sunshine.

If you look at the statistics, the May that's just gone wasn't notably colder compared to the UK average. However, the lack of any real warmth kept overnight temperatures as low as 5C (41F) and stopped plants putting on growth.

The advice from experienced gardeners is not to plant anything tender (such as geraniums and fuchsias) until the risk of frost is over.

This often seems frustrating to the novice gardener, who wants to rush out and fill their pots and containers with colourful summer bedding, but think of it this way. If that small plant was a small kitten or puppy, you wouldn't put it out on a cold night, would you? Plants get stressed by adverse weather conditions just as we do – even more so, because they can't run away and find shelter somewhere.

Wildflowers, like the weather, set their own agenda. A forecast of thunderstorms meant we had to call off our visit to Wendy Challinor's garden on 10 May, but it is rescheduled for Wednesday 14 June at 6.30pm. Let's hope the sun shines and the wildflowers are looking spectacular.

On 12 July, the garden club will be visiting Brockworth Court, the home of Tim and Bridget Wiltshire, who open their garden for the National Gardens Scheme. It's really a series of gardens, which surround a historic manor house, and a tithe barn which is used for weddings.

The earliest part of the house dates from the 14th century and it was once visited by Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. The garden is featured on the Great British Gardens website for Gloucestershire if anyone wants to have a sneak preview. We'll be meeting at the house at 6.30pm, and there is plenty of parking. Postcode for satnav is GL3 4QU.

Bibury gardening club meets on the second Wednesday of the month, at 7.15pm in the village hall. Membership is still £25 a year (or £5 per meeting if you pay as you go). v.summerley@hotmail.com for details.

Victoria Summerley

LANDS END TO JOHN O'GROATS CYCLING CHALLENGE

Our son Robert A'Bear is undertaking a massive self-funded challenge of cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats – 1000 miles over 10 days from 4th to 13th June, through Cornwall, Devon, over the Severn Bridge into Wales, then on up through central England to the very top of Scotland. It exhausts us just thinking about it!! He is hoping to raise £2500 for the charity Helen and Douglas House hospice, which many of you know does a wonderful job caring for terminally ill children and their families. See their website www.helenanddouglas.org.uk for more information.

If you would like to support Rob in this challenge, please could you donate via his Justgiving page www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rob-abear-cycling, or any cheques (payable to Helen and Douglas House) or cash can be given to us to pass on. Thank you!
Jenny and Rod A'Bear, Stonebank, Ablington (740412).

A THANK YOU

A delegation of representatives from Arlington, Virginia traveled to Bibury over Coronation Weekend to join in the celebration of the coronation of Charles III in a demonstration of friendship between the “two Arlingtons.” The delegation consisted of Charlie Stuart-King (whose sister Anne-Marie lives in Bibury), Mark Murwaski (who has led the effort to forge a friendship relationship between Bibury/Arlington and Arlington, Virginia), Nick Rozen, Ben Green and Rebekah Givens (Ben and Rebekah became engaged several days before the trip, and Mark and Jane Stanga (who have a cottage in Bibury). Most of the group attended the Charity Coronation Supper on Friday night, the Street Party/Village Fete on Coronation Day, and the Coronation Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's on Sunday. Nick, Mark and Ben provided brass music accompaniment in the Thanksgiving Service, and we performed a Coronation Celebration concert of brass music following the service.

On behalf of the entire U.S. delegation, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the Bibury/Arlington residents for offering us a warm welcome, and for extending to us the privilege of sharing in your Coronation celebration festivities. It was a great joy for us to join you for this once-in-a-generation event, and we look forward to continuing to support and enrich the friendship between the two Arlingtons – Mark Stanga

ROUND AND ABOUT

We must begin by giving a huge thank you to all members of the Coronation Committee for organizing the events over the Coronation weekend. Thank you too, to the Baptist Church volunteers for providing the delicious Charity meal on the preceding Friday evening and the American musicians for the lovely concert in the church on the Saturday. It was lovely to see the village come together to share these memorable events and hopefully, a special coronation souvenir brochure will accompany this magazine which will include reports on the events and, Sharon Petchey's wonderful adaption of John Betjeman w poem The Church Mouse, adapted for the coronation. There are some wonderful photographs taken by Alix Haigh that we would have liked to include but the Panel had concerns about getting individual permission before publication. Those that attended have access to the photographs – so ask them to show you if you are interested.

Barnsley Festival enjoyed fabulous weather once again. We hear that it was highly successful – and we await the final report from the organisers. .

Sadly we have three deaths to report of people associated with the village. Firstly that of Jeremy Mais who was a former vicar of our parish who died suddenly at the beginning of May. Condolences to his wife Sarah and his family and Friends.

Secondly, the death of Marianne Keay formerly of Arlington Farm Cottage who died recently. We send our sympathies to daughter Fiona and all her family.

And finally the death of Rodney Taylor, which we heard from the letter printed elsewhere. All three were former residents of our village and each contributed in different ways to our village life when they lived here and who all remembered their time with us fondly.

On a happier note, we would like to welcome some new people to our village. Oliver and Chrstitina Cully have moved into The Old Police House and Nigel and Lee Mai have moved in Randlass Cottage – Welcome to Arlington !

Many may have seen the report of the road accident in Bibury which resulted in a car (not for the first time), being upturned in the river near the Village Hall. Thankfully, the prompt action of Sir Chris Evans' security guard helped avert more serious injury to the driver.

It is good to see a new noticeboard back on the bank by the Green. It has been missed!

The month of May saw the traditional blossoming of the not only the May but also increasing numbers of a range of butterflies and insects to enjoy the blossom. Let us hope that June will be just as full of colour and life.

FROM FURTHER AFIELD.

NORTHLEACH

Saturday June 10th, Val Bourne, organic gardener and Daily Telegraph columnist, gives an illustrated talk about her garden in Cold Aston "A Year at Spring Cottage". Northleach Church, 6.30pm Tickets £12/£15 incl a free drink at northleachevents.co.uk

Saturday June 17th, an evening with The Wessex, award-winning male voice choir. Northleach Church, 7.00pm Tickets £12/£15 at northleachevents.co.uk

The Prince's Foundation craft training centre at Highgrove is a fairly new venture – which is promoting traditional crafts, focusing on furniture, textiles, stonemasonry, plastering and related crafts. We are holding two events in the near future around the theme of 'repair' – a homeowners' day for those living in or working on Cotswold stone buildings, plus a furniture and textile repair day. All the events are listed on: [Highgrove Traditional Crafts Workshops, Masterclasses and Events | Highgrove Shop & Gardens \(highgrovegardens.com\)](http://highgrovetraditionalcrafts.com)

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FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES are holding various events

- **Sunday 4th June - Open Garden at Langford Downs Farm:** 2 - 6pm, £7 entry. Part of the National Gardens Scheme.
- **Tuesday 6th June – Menopause talk with Senior Consultant Gynaecologist:** 7pm at Fairford Community Centre. Free event, no booking required. Everyone welcome!
- **Sunday 11th June – Fairford Festival Afternoon Tea Luncheon:** Afternoon Tea Luncheon for the over 70's at the Cricket Club Grounds, Fairford. Booking essential, please contact Kerry on admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk / 01285 707300.
- **Sunday 25th June – Open Garden at Ryton House, Lechlade:** 2 - 6pm, £7 entry, tea and cakes available.

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