

VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

ISSUE No:482

JULY

Saturday	8 th	School Fete in Bibury churchyard.	11:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesday	12 th	Bibury Gardening Club at 6.30pm, at Brockworth Court	6:30pm
Wednesday	19 th	Community Lunch at Baptist Schoolroom	12:30pm
"	19 th	Entry night for Bibury and District Show in Bibury Village Hall 6 – 8pm	
Saturday	22 nd	Bibury and District Show in Bibury Village Hall	2 – 4pm

AUGUST

Wednesday	9 th	Bibury Gardening Club meeting.	
Saturday	19 th – Sunday 20 th	TREGOR championships at Bibury Farm	
Wednesday	23 rd	Community Lunch at Baptist Schoolroom	12:30pm

SEPTEMBER

Saturday	2 nd	Bibury CC Annual Players Awards evening	
Saturday	9 th	Bibury CC Fun Day at Cricket field	
Thursday	7 th	Rural cinema in Bibury village Hall restarts.	7:00 for 7: 30pm start
Friday	29 th	Village Harvest Supper in Bibury Village Hall	

VILLAGE LIFE PANEL

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A thank you to the Garden team at Ablington Manor

The garden team at Ablington Manor had a huge surplus of vegetable plants of all kinds, and as a result the plants have been given away to a local charity and to Bibury School amongst others. As a result hopefully more people will enjoy home grown veg!

BIBURY, BARNSELY AND WINSON CHURCHES

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Dear Friends,

Last week I read a complaint about the lack of Church of England resources made available for Father's Day. The writer felt that this was 'WOKE anti masculinity', and whilst conceding that Father's Day isn't actually a Church Festival (Unlike Mothering Sunday) a point that I would have thought was fairly significant for a Vicar, he was nevertheless doubling down on his anti-pc rant.

This set me pondering, because in my life time, fatherhood has certainly gone through a pretty radical redefinition (from Victorian pater familias – my own papa - , via Old Spice and Brut (Splash it on all over), to Tony Parsons, and Harry Potter and the Cursed Child)

This has inevitably been paralled by new understandings of gender and masculinity.

Born in 1962, the year that *Dr No*, the first James Bond film appeared, I once, recovering from an operation on my foot, watched every James Bond film, in order, up to, and including, *Spectre* (This was before *No Time to Die*) It was pretty good overview of the changing perception of men and women, gender identity, and stereotypes over a 60-year period.

But what most struck me most starkly in my three-day Bond-a-thon was just how much had changed in my lifetime. Nothing particularly unexpected there. But it then occurred to me that as far as my children are concerned, for whom *Tomorrow Never Dies*, for Emily and Edward, and *Casino Royale*, for Alice, were their Bond Baptisms, all the stuff that changed before their entry into the series wasn't really change at all. It was just old stuff. Because change only really happens if we exist both before and after it. If it happened either before our existence, or before we took an interest, everything just gets lumped into old stuff.

For anyone under the age of 30, a mobile phone free world is almost impossible to imagine for example.

Why does this matter, and why did it strike me anew?

I think, simply this.

Change is constant and relentless, and both normal and healthy. And whilst there is a constant battle between the forces of change, and keeping things the way, they were, even that is a battle about the nature of the future, and the change required to effect 'no change' since the river is constantly flowing.

So, embracing change rather than fearing it seems to be a fairly obvious conclusion, and for Christians a recognition that the changelessness of God is not the same as the changelessness of the world, society, culture and the Church. And is certainly not a permissible opt out clause from engaging with the world.

Its, perhaps, also, worth recognising that the fact that change is normal and inevitable, does not mean that it is always change for the better! Things can and do change for the worse as well. And some changes benefit some people but not others. And some change brings mixed results.

I recently received a card which had the words *Life's Tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late*. Two changes. One inevitable. One not.... So change involves choice as well.

Change and decay in all around I see, wrote Henry Francis Lyte, *so Thou Who changest not, abide with me*.

Change may be inevitable. But you never have to face it alone.

with every blessing

Tim

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

Monday 24th July

Monday 21st August

Village Prayer Meeting

Baptisms

Saturday 1st July: 1:30 Bibury: Jemima (Charlotte Royden & George Jones)

Sunday 16th July: 11:00 Bibury: Frank (Frank and Amy Mead)

Sunday 23rd July: 3:30pm Bibury: Harvey (Macaulay & Katie Reynolds)

Sunday 13th August: 12:30pm Bibury: River (Maddison Lobban)

Sunday 27th August: 12:20 Barnsley: Rocco (Henry & Bella Toloczko)

Weddings

Mon 10th July Blessing Bibury: Chris Jennings/ Jennifer Jensen

Sat 22nd July 12.30pm Bibury: Jonathan Cook/ Emma Kinder

Fri 28th July 1.00pm Barnsley: Jack Bingley/ Laura Barton

Sat 29th July 1.00pm Bibury: Hugh Anderson-Elliott/Katherine Farrell

Sat 19th Aug 1.00pm Bibury: Matt Pilbeam/Hannah Ferrugia Sharples

Sat 26th Aug 1.30pm Bibury: Jack Merrylees/ Tori Longdon

Mon 28th Aug 1.30pm Bibury: Tom Shewring/ Joanna Hull

Sat 9th Sept 2.00pm Barnsley : Chris Cannock/Sandra Hoaksey

Church Services July & August 2023	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
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>Psalms 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		
Sunday 6th August <i>Transfiguration</i> <i>Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14</i> <i>Luke 9: 28-36</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 13th August <i>Trinity 10</i> <i>Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28</i> <i>Matthew 14: 22-33</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 20th August <i>Trinity 11</i> <i>Genesis 45:1-15</i> <i>Matthew 15: 21-28</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 27th August <i>Trinity 12</i> <i>Exodus 1.8-2:10</i> <i>Psalms 124</i> <i>Matthew 16: 13-20</i>	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:30am Morning Prayer	
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Writing this sat in the shade under an umbrella in the garden with a cold drink, suddenly we have been plunged into mid summer from what was a fairly cold and wet spring. Bibury and its surrounds are fairly peaceful and its a joy to be alive, for some of us, we realise we are very lucky.

Sadly disasters continue making headlines, last month we saw escalating conflict from Russia in Ukraine, Afghanistan moved down the International rescue committee critical list but not because of any improvement but the opposite as conditions in East African countries deteriorate. Cyclones due to global warming are devastating vast areas and locally we hear of families trying to overcome terrible tragedy.

We get asked, "So where is God in all of this?"

There is only one answer we can give, God is there right in the middle of it all, God is in control he has a plan. When we are suffering God is right beside us holding our hand walking with us, he wants to show us his love through his church (the people not a building), and give us a purpose through his word. So if you are one of the lucky ones sitting in the shade like me enjoying the peace, God wants to show his love to others through people like us.

At a concert in Cheltenham recently the singer Heather Small sang "What have you done today to make you feel proud?" A title that touches our conscience, challenges us into action, actions don't need to be something enormous it could be a smile, helping someone with shopping, a phone call to say hello, or even saying good morning to someone and if you are able give financially to one of the many world organisations helping those living with tragedy. Enrich your summer by being thoughtful and enjoy the warm weather while it lasts.

What have you done today to make you feel proud?

John 15:12 This is my commandment love each other just as I have loved you

Services during July and August

Every Sunday from 10.30am contemporary worship

Churches Together prayer meetings

June 26th Baptist Church 7 for 7.30pm coffee and tea and chat before prayer

July 24th Vicarage 6.30 for light supper 7.30 prayer

August 28th Baptist Church 7 for 7.30pm

ALL VERY WELCOME

Community Lunch in the Old Schoolrooms, we were pleased to see a good turnout of locals and friends last month

Next lunch JULY 19th 12.30pm Menu will be a buffet of Cold meats, freshly made scotch eggs, Cheeses and salads with baked potatoes and for dessert Sticky Toffee pudding or fresh fruit salad with cream or Ice cream.

August Community lunch on Wednesday 23rd

The profits of Community Lunch raffle and bring and buy in May of £123 went to Christian aid this year for their work in Malawi after devastating Cyclone Freddie washed away crops, 500,000 people were displaced and hundreds lost lives. Thankyou to all who came and supported.

Gwen Greenaway

Heartfelt thanks to everyone for their kind cards and messages following the death of our dear mother Gwen. She was a Bibury girl through and through, and loved coming back to village events whenever she could. She specifically requested that there should be no memorial service, but we would like to invite you to the Schoolrooms at Arlington Baptist Chapel any time between 12 noon and 2pm on Monday 31st July 2023, when we can celebrate her life with some chat and refreshments. We do hope you can come along, and we much look forward to seeing you there.

Richard, Jim and Laura Greenaway

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the meeting on 19th June 2023 Discussions were held on the following:

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- **Flood Issues in Arlington Row:** A meeting was held to discuss remediation for water coursing down Awkward Hill and Highways have put in a Capital Application and perhaps they will link with National Trust for funding. They felt work on the drain could be done alongside resurfacing.
- **Wall Repairs, The Street:** Repairs following the accident are still awaited.
- **TRO (Traffic Regulation Order):** Consultation closed mid-June and hopefully people have raised issues where there are concerns.
- **Mirror opposite Arlington Farm Road:** This was never put up by Highways who do not instal mirrors.
- **Automatic Number Plate Recognition Camera:** There is summary of questions/answers in Village Life giving details. The Parish Council are very much in favour of installing this in an attempt to stop drivers speeding through the village.

PLANNING:

- **Razor Wire:** It was felt that this was oppressive although the height has been reduced; previously the Parish Council had supported its removal and it was the subject of an Enforcement Order. The question is whether CDC have accepted reduction in the height as a compromise.
- **10 & 11 The Street:** Demolition of rear extensions, erection of replacement rear extensions and use of the first floor of No.11 in connection with the tearoom. No objection raised.

PARISH PLAN: We are looking at setting up a working group to create a plan to inform our Council decisions for the short, medium and long term. It is hoped this can begin in the Autumn.

CRAFT CLUB

Hopefully all members will make something for the Bibury & District Show on the 22nd July. The handicraft classes are for 1. A knitted item , 2, A painting in any medium, 3 A crocheted item,4 A quilted item, 5. A wooden item, 6 A hand embroidered item, 7 A handmade Card.

Lots of scope! So please try and enter something ! Schedules should have been delivered in May or June. If you need a copy – let Wendy 740021 know.

Unfortunately the Craft Club in June was cancelled and the general feeling of members was that we should suspend meetings until September to avoid the parking problems, holidays etc Please let Wendy know which day of the month is the preferred day for us to hold the Craft Club as the 1st Thursday prevents some members from being unable to attend over the winter months due to a clash with Fairford Art Society afternoon meetings. So the next Craft Club will be in September – so watch out for the day/date in September's issue.

AUTOMATIC NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION – CAMERA

Gloucestershire Road Safety Department and the Police are offering an (ANPR) camera to be used in Bibury. These small cameras are spreading fast across the country to limit speed on the public highways.

Questions on how and why the camera will be used in Bibury.

Q1. Why do we need an ANPR cameras in Bibury?

A1. Concerns are frequently expressed about speeding in Bibury. The camera is an efficient and effective way of targeting those who speed excessively. The Council have the opportunity to be given one for free under the County Council Community Speed Watch initiative.

Q2. Where is it proposed to site the camera

A2. On the B4425 coming into Bibury on the left-hand grass verge, 100 metres beyond the 30 mph sign, outside the hedge in front of Randalls Cottage (with another hedge opposite – so not in any residents eyeline)

Q3. What data will they record and keep?

A3: The camera will record vehicle speed and registration numbers of vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

Q4. What will happen to the data then?

A4: Once a week, the Council will provide the top ten speeding vehicles registration numbers to the police who will send out warning letters to the registered owner of the vehicle. The police will use the data to support enforcement action within the Parish, as they deem required. Please note that Parish Council do not have the required clearance to identify the owners of the vehicles from the registration so no personal data will be held by the Parish Council.

Q5. Will fixed penalty notices be issued?

A5: No, but the Police may use the information to deploy their mobile speed cameras and will visit persistent offenders.

Q6. Will there be clear signage of the cameras?

A6: Yes - signage of their presence is a key part of the initiative.

Q7. Will there be any display to indicate that you are over the speed limit and that their data is being recorded?

A7: No. The cameras are very small, only aimed at recording data.

Q8: How effective are these cameras / signage in reducing speed?

A8: From experience in Quenington it was indicated that their cameras (they have 6) have been 'hugely successful, transforming the village'. At the start 90% of drivers were doing in excess of 40mph, in a 30mph zone, whilst now 85% of drivers are doing 33mph or less.

PLEASE CONTACT – Craig Chapman (Chairman / Highways, Bibury Parish Council) for any further clarification required - craigchapman@biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07710 98 68 38.

TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK - JULY/AUGUST

Under Siege! That's the way we felt in Arlington Row during the May Bank Holidays! – And I guess the rest of the Village did as well, with traffic chaos caused by a large number of Coaches & Cars trying to park in silly places. Never have we Residents in Arlington Row seen so many Visitors walking along the Row, ringing door bells, banging doors – and even putting stones through letterboxes! At times it was difficult to get in or out of our own doors.

In May & June, with the weather mainly fine – and the Media constantly promoting Bibury as the 'secret place' to visit, large families arrived, children bathed in the Stream & River, and no doubt had a wonderful time,. But we do wonder what damage is being done to Wildlife of all sorts on & around Rack Isle, where such noise & disruption must have frightened nesting Ducks, Swans & other wild animals. The Banded Galloway Cattle arrived on Rack Isle on 13th June, and are surrounded by Electric Fencing – so if Visitors get over there, they may be in for a 'shock', quite literally! The Galloways are due to be there for around 60 days, according to the National Trust Rangers. They should 'eat down' some of the surplus undergrowth – and may surprise the many Foreign Visitors, who don't seem to recognise Banded Galloways!

The Stream outside the Row was cleared by National Trust Volunteers in June, and whilst it will inevitably grow over again, it was nice to see the Yellow Irises blooming in increasing numbers this year. In an effort to enable Emergency Vehicles to turn at the end of the Row, Bibury Parish Council have been successful in getting a new sign erected stating 'Turning Area Keep Clear', for, despite Signs at the top of Awkward Hill indicating no access to Arlington Row, cars still drive down, and then try & park in the turning circle. When asked why they drove past several signs indicating 'No Access', they usually say either, 'because SatNav said so', or 'we don't read English' – frightening, really, when they are driving on our Roads!

Enjoy your Summer! We in the Row will be taking cover...

BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL *A thriving village school, serving Bibury and the surrounding villages*

We are very pleased to say that our Ofsted visitors last term were able to build a detailed understanding of our wonderful school. Thank you to the staff and governors for consistently doing their best for every child, and for continuing to smile and support everyone in our little community. Thank you to the parents who so clearly communicated how much the school is valued. Most of all, thank you to our amazing children, who demonstrated their love of learning and pride in their achievements. Well done!

Acorn Class: It has been a busy month in Acorn Class. Year 2 have been busy completing their SAT tests and have tackled them with confidence and good humour.

In Maths we have been looking at fractions and the children have enjoyed using pictures and objects to help them with this.

In Geography we have been exploring the wonders of the world both natural and man-made.

Finally in English the children have enjoyed receiving and writing letters as part of a unit of work based on the book *The Day the Crayons Quit*.

Oaks Class: In English, Oaks have been busy exploring a play script. They have been able to build sentences which follows a play script layout, using simple stage directions and instructions, and using the correct punctuation that tells the reader know when a new character is speaking.

Oaks are currently planning their very own play script which links to our history topic, the Anglo-Saxons.

Oaks have focused on two areas of computing this term. Firstly, oaks have been learning about what a simulation is and understand the purpose of simulations. We have recently moved onto looking at graphing, focusing on entering data into a graph, answering questions and to solve an investigation and present the results in graphic form. Oaks have enjoyed the independence of creating graphs using data given from their peers.

Mighty Oaks: This term has seen our year 6 pupils all complete their end of key stage statutory assessments; we were all so impressed with their calm, determined and purposeful approach to these challenging tasks and are very proud of all of them.

In English, we have been writing legends based on the story of Beowulf, which links with our learning on the Anglo Saxons.

In science, we have been learning about how the human body changes as it grows, and comparing human growth and life cycle with that of other animals. This has provided lots of opportunities for using our mathematics skills in a real context as we have analysed and presented statistical data.

Our mathematics for the last few weeks has focussed on shape, both identifying properties and drawing and measuring accurately using a protractor. This week, year 6 have been putting these skills to the test to create 3D shapes from their own nets.

The children have enjoyed interviewing members of the church community for the art installation with Paul Hobbs, all artwork was exhibited in the church.

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BIBURY GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday 14 June turned out to be one of those idyllic summer evenings, with a faint golden glow over the countryside (or maybe it was just the effect of the Pimms). We met at Chestnut Grove, the home of Wendy and Phil Challinor, where the garden looks west over the meandering Coln river.

As members arrived, you could see their faces light up at the thought of spending the evening in such a beautiful, peaceful spot (though again, maybe it was the sight of the Pimms).

Wendy and Phil have some areas of formal garden behind and beside the house, plus a productive veg garden, but most of their land is given up to wildflower meadow and trees. The highlight for most of us were the wild orchids, and there were four to look out for: the greater butterfly orchid, bee orchids, spotted orchids and pyramidal orchids.

If you walk the fields and footpaths around Bibury, you've probably seen pyramidal orchids, looking like a tiny posy of magenta-pink flowers, but bee orchids and spotted orchids are not so common, and butterfly orchids are a rarity.

Huge thanks to Wendy and Phil for their hospitality, and for sharing their magical garden.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12 July at 6.30pm, at Brockworth Court. This medieval Manor House once hosted Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, but the great tithe barn is now used for the celebration of marriages which, one hopes, have a happier outcome and are of longer duration.

There is plenty of parking and the postcode is GL3 4QU if you want to plan your journey.

As I write this, August's meeting, on Wednesday 9th, is still at the planning stages, so keep an eye on your email inbox for further details.

We are always happy to welcome new members. Non-members or pay-as-you-go members pay £5 per meeting, while the annual subscription is £25.

DID YOU KNOW...

The TRECGB National Championships are to be held at Bibury farm on 19/20th August by kind permission of Nick Phillips, and organised by Wessex TREC club, you may see horses and riders with maps and compass out and about this is a relatively new equestrian sport, here is a brief explanation.

TREC is a sport intended to test the skills of a horse and rider in planning and executing a long distance ride in unfamiliar country. It originated in France as a way of testing and improving the skills of trail ride leaders. TREC originated in France but is now gaining popularity throughout Europe with many competitions being run in the UK, from beginner to international level. It is a great sport designed to increase the knowledge, awareness and enjoyment of the countryside for a diverse range of people and to be manageable for every rider, no matter what level their ability. One of the best things about TREC is that you can have fun with friends and your horse whatever your skills with the emphasis being on fun!

TREC is a really friendly sport and first timers are very welcome.

Most of the competition comprises challenges you would meet out riding in the countryside and involves the skills and hazards you might encounter while hacking in an unfamiliar area map reading and negotiating various types of terrain. The winner is determined by points gained over all the phases of the competition.

There are three phases to a TREC competition:- orienteering (POR), control of paces (MA) and obstacles (PTV). (The abbreviations originate with the French names for the phases.)

POR Grassroots level navigation is very basic, the route will be up to 15km (9 miles) as you go up through the levels the distance and technicality gets more difficult, using compass for much of the route at Level 4 and riding up to 40km, riders are also given an ultimate speed to travel between Check points to achieve and scored accordingly

MA The control of paces (MA) is a simple test of how slowly your horse can canter and how quickly it can walk without breaking into trot from either pace.

The PTV is a course of up to 16 obstacles, they are all designed to test things that would normally be encountered out hacking in the British countryside.

Throughout the country there are clubs affiliated to TREC GB running training sessions and competitions. Please feel free to come along to spectate or offer to help with this event we ask you to contact us so that we know who to expect please email Helen Curley at the following email address chair@wessextrecom

CHARITY CYCLE RIDE FROM LAND'S END TO JOHN O'GROATS

I am delighted to say that our son Robert A'Bear was one of a team of ten who all completed this gruelling cycle ride of 1000 miles over a very tough 10 days cycling, in a mixture of weather but mostly very hot sun.

So far he has raised around £2000 for Helen and Douglas House, children's hospice. If you would like to support him, please make donations online at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rob-abear-cycling, or any cash or cheques can be given to me. Thank you.

Jenny A'Bear

HEAVENS ABOVE

We start the month on July 3rd with a full moon in Capricorn and end with a new moon on July 17th, this will be in Cancer and this is a good combination polarity-wise as it's all about love, emotion and relationships and it all bodes well in time for the super moon on August 1st so enjoy!

The super moon is the time when the full moon is closest to the earth so it looks brighter and larger. At the end of August, we have a second full moon on August 31st. A second full moon in a month is sometimes called a Blue moon. August is the month for Peace and hope for many – depending on how Neptune reacts to the moon – be lucky!

Summertime Kids.

Summertime, summertime
Let's go and play
Time for Sun and lots of fun
I love these days!
Summertime, Summertime
Swimming to stay cool
Pillow fights, late nights
So glad we're not at School!

August

Lazy summer afternoons
Walks along the beach,
Balmy evenings, cloudless skies
Stars just out of reach
Sailing on a quiet lake
Hammocks in the shade,
These are simple treasures,
On which August days are made.

BIBURY CRICKET CLUB

The Bibury CC Saturday X1 have made an unbeaten start to the season so far and currently lie second in the CDCA Division 2 standings on 110 points, just one point behind Great Rissington (also unbeaten) who have played one game more. North Cerney lie in third place with 97 points. The team had two very close matches, prevailing against Central Hall by just one run after being skittled for just 61. Away at Cricklade we made 152 all out in less than 40 overs but managed to restrict our opponents to 149 for 8. In contrast we had a comprehensive win against Wiltshire based Charlton CC. Bibury running up 272 for 9 and Charlton bowled out for 117. We were very unlucky with the weather having racked up a surely unassailable 312 for 1 (Charlie Robinsons 155 put him fifth on the Gloucestershire County Honours Board for that weekend) against Langford before rain ended the match.

In the mid week CDCA Lighthouse T20 league we currently lie in fourth place with 53 points having won 2 and lost 3 of the 5 matches played to date. Great Rissington also top the mid week league having won all five matches including a 46 run home win against Bibury. We have beaten Lechlade by 7 wickets and Tarbarrow by a monster 95 runs having scored a huge 195 in our 20 overs. Our other defeats were away to Malmesbury by 4 wickets and Poulton by 7 wickets.

The Sunday warriors have played one match in June, a home defeat by Bayshill CC. We still need new players of any ability or gender to support our busy fixtures list.

Finally, dates for your diary. The FUN DAY has been moved to SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER. All the usual fun of the fair including live music and dog agility. Also, the post pandemic re introduction of the Annual Players Award night on SATURDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER following the last game of the season.

Leslie Smith, Bibury CC 07753 87813

COVER SKETCH

We are grateful Maggie Catlin for her drawing of a jug of flowers to grace our front cover. It might also remind those amongst our readers to enter the Floral Art section of the Bibury Show.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.

We can do no better than the thought included in the Vicar's letter.

Life's Tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late.

Was Cheltenham's figure-of-eight horseracing course modelled on Bibury's ?

Do you remember my articles a few months ago on Bibury Racecourse near Aldsworth ? I commented on the unusual figure-of-eight shape of the course laid out by Lord Sherborne in the late 1700s.

Well, it seems that it may not have been so unusual after all. I now know that the Cheltenham course laid out in 1818 for flat racing on Cleeve Hill also had a figure-of-eight shape.

I wonder if familiarity with the course shape was a reason the Bibury Club took its races there in 1825 when it had to quit the Aldsworth course. In fact, I wonder if the 1818 Cheltenham course was designed as a figure-of-eight specifically because of the success and fame of the Bibury course that was laid down 20 years earlier ?

In truth the Cheltenham course was a rather 'deflated' figure of eight, in order to fit onto the long, thin hilltop. It is shown on the 1st edition OS map (from around 1820). The three-mile Gold Cup race run on this course became a highlight of the annual two-day events held in July, attracting crowds of 30,000.

Cheltenham's flat racing continued on this spectacular hilltop site until 1831 when it moved to Prestbury Park. The Bibury Club didn't go with it to Prestbury Park. Instead it chose to take its fixtures to Stockbridge.

All this came to mind as a result of a report on the BBC News website recently. This was about geophysical surveys being undertaken on Cleeve Common to try and pin down the location of the grandstand from the 1818 course. The grandstand burnt down in 1830. At the time this was widely believed to have been a deliberate act by anti-horseracing campaigners.

If the surveys yield promising results, we might see an archeological dig on Cleeve Hill. And that could throw new light on the design, shape and size of these early grandstands.

That, in turn, could provide some insights into what the Bibury Racecourse grandstand was like.

I'll keep you posted.

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PS1: Horserace historians will point out that Cheltenham's first horseracing course was created on Nottingham Hill in 1815. However, this only lasted three years, and it was when racing moved to the much larger Cleeve Hill in 1818 that it really took off. The two flat-topped hills are next to one another along the Cotswold escarpment.

PS2: Cleeve Hill is also referred to as Cleeve Common, and in earlier times as Cleeve Cloud.

BIBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE 8TH JULY 11AM-3PM

We are looking forward to a fun filled day at our Summer fete on Saturday 8th of July in St Mary's Church grounds. We will have a cake stall, tea and coffee, ice cream, a BBQ, tombola, book stall, games for the children, local artisans and a raffle. Our raffle prizes include afternoon tea at Barnsley House Hotel, Oaksey golf course voucher, local wildlife park vouchers, luxury pamper packs, clay shooting experience, Cotswold Airport aircraft tour and much more! Please spread the word and come along to support our fundraising efforts.

Bibury PTA

MOBILITY SCOOTER FOR SALE

Mobility Scooter RASCAL 388x (from 2020) for sale. Please contact Jean Stringer on 01285 740451

Local groups benefit from Coronation celebrations

The final chapter in the story of Bibury's Coronation celebrations through the weekend of 5th-8th May 2023 is the announcement that several local community groups will benefit from the money raised at the Big Lunch/Village Fete.

Income from raffle ticket sales is to be shared between five local organisations: Arlington Baptist Church, Bibury Cricket Club, Bibury Football Club, Bibury Primary School PTA, and Bibury Village Hall.

Each will receive £400. Any remaining money once the final reckoning is done will be retained as seed funding for another community-wide event next year.

"This is a brilliant outcome," said Angela Staton, chair of the organising team, and secretary of the Village Hall management committee. "Our main goal was simply to stage an event that would bring people together in celebration of our new King and Queen, and encourage other local groups to add in their own plans for events through the Coronation weekend.

"To have raised money for local community groups is an added bonus. Only possible thanks to the generosity of local people who helped underwrite the running costs, and the many people who helped in hands-on, practical ways that went far beyond the call of duty."

Bibury and District Show Saturday, 22 July

We came together as a community for the Coronation celebrations. Now let's do it again for this year's Bibury and District Show.

If you haven't already planned your entries, take a look through the show schedule and decide what you are going to enter.

Maybe you have some chutney or marmalade that you made earlier this year. Or perhaps you fancy making some strawberry jam. If cakes and pasties are more your thing, there is lots to choose from. We also need your paintings, crafts, photos, produce and flowers.

- Entry forms Wednesday 19th - 6-8pm, Village Hall
- Show exhibits Saturday 22nd - 8.30-10.15am, Village Hall
- Hall closed 10.30 – 1.30 pm for judging to take place.
- 2.00pm Show opens – raffle tickets on sale. homemade cakes, tea, coffee and soft drinks available
- 3.30 Presentation of trophies
- 3.45 Raffle draw
- 4.15pm sale of produce and flowers

***Remember: The show is all about fun and supporting the village.
You don't have to be an expert, we just want to admire your efforts.***

And if you've never been to a Bibury Show before, come along after 2pm and take a look. You might be tempted to enter next year.

FROM THE PANEL

We are in need of some new members either to join the Panel at our monthly meetings or to join our team of Typists, Collators or duplicators on an ad-hoc basis. We would love to have someone from outside of Arlington. = so come on Ablington, Bibury or Barnsley or even Winson! If you want to know what is involved in being part of VL – please contact any of the Panel members.

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

ROUND AND ABOUT

Summer is finally here so here is our double issue for July and August. The two main village events on the horizon are the School P Fete in the Churchyard on the 8th July and the Bibury and District Show on the 22nd July with entry forms due in on the Wednesday 19th July between 6 – 8pm in the Bibury Village Hall. Village Life is about supporting each other and taking part!

The blossom this year has been fabulous but the dry weather in May & June and recent heavy thunderstorms have challenged the gardeners amongst us. Lovely to see the 3 belted galloways cattle back on Rack Isle. As there are fewer than last year – we may have them for longer. They a report of the National Trust conservation herd and do a brilliant job of maintaining and improving Rack Isle as a nature reserve.

The village, as mentioned elsewhere, is increasingly busy with tourists of many nationalities, but it is worth remembering that without them we would not have the number of shops and services that we do have.

From further Afield

Home Start Cotswold - JOIN US AS A TRUSTEE!

Home-Start Cotswolds, based in Cirencester, is a charity that supports families through their toughest times. A child's earliest years have the biggest impact – and they are irreplaceable. But being a parent is hard and for some it is lonely, frustrating and overwhelming – particularly those facing additional issues like isolation, postnatal depression or disability. We are looking for voluntary Trustees to join our Management Committee and help run the charity. If you have experience that you think may be useful, such as in HR, IT, Fundraising, etc., please visit www.home-start-cotswolds.org.uk/volunteering-roles/ to find out more. We look forward to hearing from you!

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