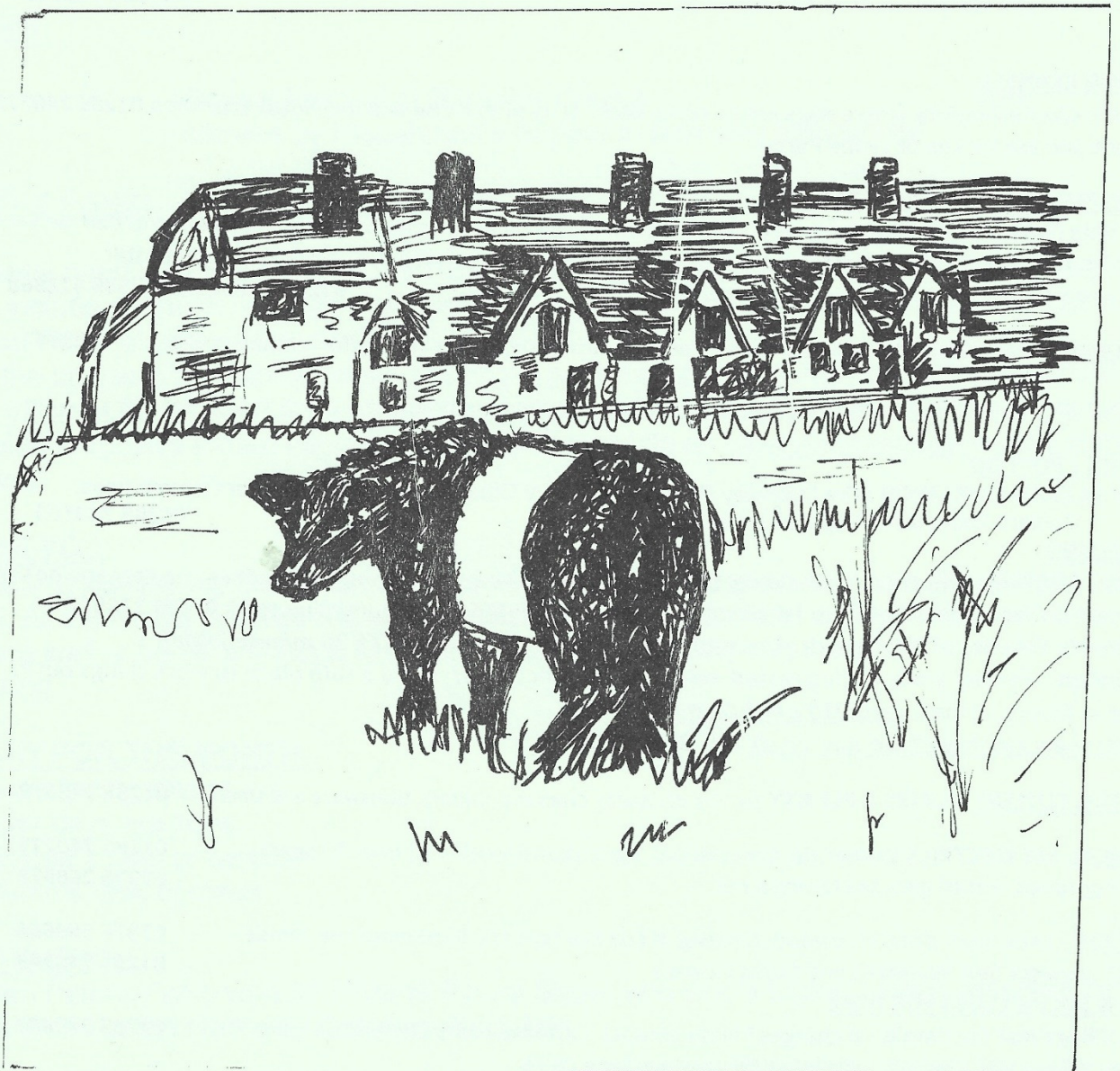


# VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,  
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



SEPTEMBER 2023

## VILLAGE LIFE

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

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#### **SEPTEMBER**

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| Friday    | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Cotswold Chippy at Football Club                    |              |
| Saturday  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Bibury CC Home Match v Rissington                   |              |
| Saturday  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Awards Night & Sri-Lankan Cook off at Football Club | 5pm          |
| Saturday  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Bibury Fun Day                                      | 1pm          |
| Wednesday | 13 <sup>th</sup> | Gardening Club Meeting, Winson                      | 6 till 8pm   |
| Thursday  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | Rural Cinema 'What's Love Got To Do With it'        | 7 for 7.30pm |
| Friday    | 15 <sup>th</sup> | Cotswold Chippy at Football Club                    |              |
| Monday    | 18 <sup>th</sup> | Bingo night at Bibury Football Club – Eyes Down     | 7:30pm       |
| Wednesday | 27 <sup>th</sup> | Craft Club, Village Hall                            | 2 till 4pm   |
| Friday    | 29 <sup>th</sup> | Bibury Village Hall Harvest Festival                | 7 for 7.30p  |

#### **OCTOBER**

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| Sunday | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Harvest Festival at Barnsley Church<br>Followed by Ploughman's Supper in Barnsley Village Hall | 6pm |
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#### **FROM THE PANEL**

We urgently need volunteers to join the Panel, especially from Bibury, Ablington & Barnsley, in order to include as much news as possible in the Magazine. If you are able to help, please contact any of the Panel Members listed below.

Also, in the interests of keeping paper, printing & postal costs down, may we ask you to consider reading Village Life On-line? If you are able to catch up in this way, please do let us know if you no longer wish to receive a hard copy, by Emailing Village Life at; [biburyvillagelife@hotmail.com](mailto:biburyvillagelife@hotmail.com).  
Thank you!

#### **A THANK YOU**

I would like to convey my thanks for all good wishes & support given to me on my recent stay in Hospital. All the Prayers, cards etc. were very much appreciated and a great help. I am now recovering well at home and hope to meet up with you all again very soon.  
Sylvia King

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

By all these lovely tokens,  
September days are here,  
With Summer's best of weather  
And Autumn's best of cheer

#### **COVER SKETCH**

By Sharon Petchey who won 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize at Bibury Show, and who's topical sketch reflected the current interest in the Galloway Cattle on Rack Isle.

#### **VILLAGE LIFE PANEL**

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## **BIBURY, BARNSELY AND WINSON CHURCHES**

Dear Friends,

This week I found myself reading a book that irritated me, and I'm not sure why. Called *Fake History*, by the unlikely named Otto English (Real name Andrew Scott – I guess that the pseudonym is ironic) It tells of ten great lies and How They Shaped the World. Ranging from *Winston Churchill was Britain's Greatest Prime Minister* to *Curry comes from India* via *Hitler was a Failed Artist* it purports to debunk great fake narratives of history to demonstrate how we justify present political or moral certainties, using fake history (Or false heuristics if you want to be clever about it) And the thing is that I agree with most of what he says, even if I reckon that he was peddling his own rather obvious political agenda based on his own very particular reading of history.

When he quotes Mark Twain's words *Its easier to fool people, than to convince them that they have been fooled*. I shout: here, here (Even though Mark Twain never actually said that). When he quotes David Dunning of the Dunning-Kruger effect: *People who lack knowledge, lack the knowledge to realise they lack the knowledge*, Again, I agree.

When he quotes the compulsory preface of Sellars and Yateman's classic *1066 and All That: History is not what you thought. It is what you can remember*. I smile in affirmation. So why the irritation? As you might have guessed, Otto thinks that Trump supporters, and everyone who voted for Brexit, suffer from an overdose of fake history. But I don't think that that's why he annoys me.

Otto is also guilty of gross simplifications and historical misreadings that reveal that he is as guilty of peddling fake history as anyone else. But that's not it either. So maybe its because he seems to assume that fake history, or to give it a more acceptable name, a narrative to live by, is, of itself wrong. We all tell stories. They give our lives shape and meaning. But Otto seems to think that there is a single version of history. And that is where he's wrong.

Laurent Binet's brilliant and subtly nuanced novel HHHH (Short for Heydrich is Himmler's brain) gives us a fascinating insight into the writing of a historical novel about the assassination of Gestapo Chief, Reinhard Heydrich. He shows that every step that the writer makes, in drawing his account together alters the final destination of the book. Every inclusion or omission of a fact. Every choice or change of words, makes a statement, and changes meaning. The idea that there is a single correct version of history is daft. In spite of the Great historian, Geoffrey Elton's, attempt to argue that history is the purest search for truth.

It's a lovely theory, but an impossible one to live out. That said, there is daft, there is inaccurate, and there is plain deceitful. (For example, Donald Trump's father was not born in 'a very wonderful place in Germany'. He was born in New York.) So, I do have an issue with Otto on philosophical grounds, whilst still agreeing with much of what he said. We are all guilty of cognitive dissonance. Which is just a fancy way of saying that we all just make facts fit our story with incredible ease, and ignore those that are simply too stubborn to be reshaped. Its part of being human.

So why the irritation? I think its because Otto seems a bit pleased with himself. The thrust of his argument is how stupid everyone else is. Whilst clever old Otto, can look down upon us mere simpletons. I'm not sure that that is either fair or true. We are all searching for a narrative that makes sense of our lives. Otto's has opted for a secular, liberal and progressive pardigm. And that is fine. But it also happens to be only one option. Otto struggles to understand how anyone could disagree with him or, with integrity, hold a different view.

And that suggests that he doesn't really understand people very well. We all need stories. And as CS Lewis showed stories ae as true as historical facts. **With every blessing**

| <b>Church Services<br/>September 2023</b>   | <b>Bibury</b>   | <b>Barnsley</b>  | <b>Winson</b>  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b><br><i>Trinity 13</i><br><i>Exodus 3:1-15</i><br><i>Matthew 16:21-end</i>                                    | 11.00am<br>Common Worship<br>Holy Communion   | 9:30am<br>Common Worship<br>Holy Communion                         | 9:30am<br>BCP Holy Communion   |
| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept</b><br><i>Trinity 14</i><br><i>Exodus 12:1-14</i><br><i>Matthew 18:15-20</i>                                   | 11.00am<br>Common Worship<br>Holy Communion   | 9:30am<br>BCP Holy<br>Communion                                    |  |
| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept</b><br><i>Trinity 15</i><br><i>Exodus 14:19-end</i><br><i>Matthew 18:21-35</i>                                 | 11.00am<br>Common Worship<br>Holy Communion   |  | 9:30am<br>BCP Holy Communion<br>12:15pm<br>Gloucester Society<br>Service |
| <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b><br><i>Trinity 16</i><br><i>Exodus 16:2-15</i><br><i>Psalms 105: 1-6, 37-end</i><br><i>Matthew 120:1-16</i> | 11.00am<br>Morning Prayer   | 9:30am<br>Morning Prayer   | 12:20<br>Holy Baptism:<br>Billy Poynter                                  |
| <b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b><br><i>Trinity 17</i>   | 11.00am<br><i>Harvest Festival and Holy<br/>Communion with Bibury<br/>CofE School</i> | 6:00pm<br><i>Harvest Praise<br/>followed by Harvest<br/>Supper</i> | 9:30am<br><i>BCP Holy Communion<br/>&amp; Harvest<br/>Thanksgiving</i>   |
| <b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b><br><i>Trinity 18</i><br><i>Philippians 3:4b-14</i><br><i>Matthew 21:33-end</i>                               | 11.00am<br>Common Worship<br>Holy Communion<br>12:30pm Holy Baptism<br>Ava Joy Atkins | 9:30am<br>BCP Holy<br>Communion                                    |  |
| <b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b><br><i>Trinity 19</i><br><i>Exodus 32:1-14</i><br><i>Matthew 22:1-14</i>                                     | 11.00am<br>Common Worship<br>Holy Communion   |  | 9:30am<br>BCP Holy Communion   |
| <b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b><br><i>Trinity 20</i><br><i>Exodus 33:12-end</i><br><i>Psalms 99</i><br><i>Matthew 22:15-22</i>              | 11.00am<br>Morning Prayer   | 9:30am<br>Morning Prayer   |  |
| <b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b><br><i>All Souls</i>   | 11:00am<br><i>Service of Commemoration<br/>of the Faithful Departed</i>               | 12:30<br>Holy Baptism:<br>Archie Hastie-Smith                      |  |
| <b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b><br><i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before<br/>Advent</i><br><i>Micah 3:5-end</i><br><i>Matthew 24:1-14</i>          | 11.00am<br>Common Worship<br>Holy Communion   | 9:30am<br>Common Worship<br>Holy Communion                         | 9:30am<br>BCP Holy Communion   |
| <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b><br><i>Remembrance Sunday</i>  | 10:50am<br><i>United Act of Remembrance</i>   | 9:30am<br><i>Act of Remembrance</i>                                | 10:15<br><i>Act of Remembrance<br/>Ablington</i>                         |
| <b>Churchwardens</b><br><br><b>Vicar</b>  | Jackie Colburn<br>01451 860212<br>Revd Tim Hastie-Smith<br>01285 740301               | Dominic Spacie   | Lavinia Sidgwick<br>01285 720682   |

### **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](mailto:cbh@shiptondowns.co.uk)

There have been a few times this summer when Noah's ark came to mind especially in July!  
There are some things we cannot change the weather being one of them, scientists tell us that we humans are responsible for global warming, what a terrible legacy.

What kind of Legacy will you leave? For most of us to be remembered as a kind, happy friendly person would be our aim.

Who would be a person you could aspire to be like? Mother Teresa of Calcutta would be my choice, she was undoubtedly one of the best adverts for Christianity in recent history, in her adopted home India she came up against much persecution but in her quiet strength she won the hearts of even the most fierce critics of Christianity showing her kindness and love to so many orphans, she was following the legacy Jesus gave us all.

In the bible book 1 Peter it tells us the kind of life Christ lived. He suffered everything that came his way so you (that's us) would know that it could be done, and also know how to do it, step-by-step. He never did one thing wrong, Not once said anything amiss. That is an awesome legacy. We get it wrong all the time, we hurt people and we hurt our creator God but he loves us so much he gave us a way out! Follow in the footsteps of Jesus try and aspire to Jesus, of course it is impossible to be perfect but this is where the magic happens, Jesus told us that if we confess, ask God for forgiveness and trust in him, God loves us so much he will walk through this life with us helping us face the good and the bad and even into eternal life. That is an awesome promise.

Lastly another person who left a great legacy C.S.Lewis wrote of Jesus;

**You must make your choice: either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.**

## **Services and Events**

Every Sunday 10.30am for Contemporary worship

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Prayer meetings

September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Vicarage 6.30pm for a meal and/or 7.30 prayer

Harvest festival service 1<sup>st</sup> October

Shoobox launch 8<sup>th</sup> October

Everyone welcome

**Community Lunches in the Schoolrooms** £7 suggested donation 2 course hot meal with coffee and raffle  
Friendly chat and laughter. Delivery service available call Debbie 740303  
September 20<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup> 12.30 pm

## **Foodbank**

**We collect all the time for Cirencester foodbank please leave donations in the black box outside the Baptist Church which is located at the back of Arlington Green**

We are also a confidential foodbank referral service if you are struggling and need food please email on info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk and we can help you.

If anyone in Arlington could help on our rota to open and lock up the church daily please email info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk thank you



# Magical Harvest Festival Supper

## Bibury Village Hall, Friday 29 September

### 7 for 7.30pm start

Take your seats for Bibury's traditional harvest supper, when our community sits down to a meal together to celebrate the year's harvest.

**Tickets** are just £15 for a main course and pudding, followed by coffee and chocolates. You bring your own drinks.

**Eat, drink and be mystified.** Cirencester-based Alex Robertson, a member of the Magic Circle, will be performing his amazing close-up magic at every table through the evening. (Sponsored by BVHMC).

To reserve tickets email [harvestsupper@btinternet.com](mailto:harvestsupper@btinternet.com) or call Angela on 740078. There are only 70 places available, and we expect this to be a popular event.

- *Please advise of any food allergies or special requirements when booking.*
- *Please remember to bring your own cutlery, crockery and glasses, plus whatever you want to drink.*

### **CRAFT CLUB - new day for Autumn Wednesday 27th September 2 - 4pm**

We stopped having the craft club for the summer when it became too difficult to park. We will restart in September and to try and maximise numbers we need to avoid clashes with other . So we are going to start by trying the **4th Wednesday of each month**. The next meeting will therefore be on the **Wednesday 27th of September in Bibury Village Hall 2 - 4pm**. Cost £3 to cover hall hire and simple refreshments. Bring any project you have worked on during the summer and give us some ideas for future meetings and for the Craft section for next years Bibury Show. All are welcome just to come for a chat and a catch up. Please let Wendy know if the 4th Wednesday is not convenient for you..

## **BARNSELY HARVEST FESTIVAL**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October** please come & help us celebrate Harvest starting at 6pm with a Service in the Church followed by a Ploughman's Supper in the Village Hall. Full Supper & drinks provided for £5 donation per head (children free). Everyone welcome. Contact Jenny 740278 or Coco740620.

### **BIBURY VILLAGE HALL**

This summer's Village Show on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July was a great success, with 300 exhibits, more than double the number for the previous year. Bibury Primary School pulled out all the stops submitting 95 entries. The children's paintings, handmade cards, cress heads, animals made out of fruit and vegetables made for an eye-catching display down the centre of the hall. Look out for some of their Village Scene line drawings in future issues of Village Life.

Despite the wet summer, there was a good display of produce and flowers. Well done all you Gardening Club members. The Crafts, Photography and Cookery exhibits were still mostly by the same people who enter year on year. We still need to persuade more of you crafters, bakers and photographers to enter. Remember you might not think your work is good enough to enter, but it is all about taking part and having fun.

The raffle and teas proved very popular on the day. Many thanks to those individuals and companies who donated prizes, and to the team of bakers for their delicious traybakes.

And, last but not least particular thanks to the various local organisations whose sponsorship enabled us to significantly increase the prize monies to £3, £2 and £1 (previously 30p, 20p and 10p!) for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners within each class. And to create a new £10 prize for the best overall exhibit within each of the nine section categories.

This year's trophy and best exhibit winners were as follows:

**Cookery:** *Village Trophy Angela Staton. Best Overall Exhibit Angela Staton*

**Produce:** *Football Club Cup Roger King. Best Overall Exhibit Terry Day*

**Children:** *Alexander Cup (Ages 4-7) Yana Pryskeyo, Jubilee Shield (Ages 8-11) Oscar Norman. Best Overall Exhibit Oscar Norman*

**Floral Art:** *Bibury Cup Victoria Summerley. Best Overall Exhibit Jill Skarda*

**Gardening Club:** *Best Overall Exhibit Colin Browne*

**Flowers:** *Cricket Club Cup George Blackwell. Best Overall Exhibit Halina Tipper*

**Photography:** *The Margaret Shield Oscar Norman. Best Overall Exhibit Katie Norman*

**Crafts:** *John Body Trophy Jenny Lawrenson. Best Overall Exhibit Jenny Lawrenson*

**Village Life:** *Village Life Trophy Wendy Challinor. John Turner Cup for ages 8-11 and 4-7 shared between Raul Szabo and Nirvana Cook. Best Overall Exhibit Wendy Challinor*

### **Events coming up in September**

The Rural Cinema returns on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September with *What's Love Got To Do With It?* A bright and breezy romcom about a film-maker who's making a documentary about her best friend's wedding, it stars Lily James, Shazad Latif and Emma Thompson.

Then on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September the Village Hall Committee will be hosting the annual Harvest Festival Supper. Tickets are £15 per person for a two-course sit down meal. This year, as a thank you to villagers for their support of the Coronation event, the committee is sponsoring Alex Robertson of Arc Magic to perform close-up table magic during the meal.

Details of both events are covered elsewhere in the newsletter.



**Rural Cinema is back! Thursday, 14th September  
And the film is ... *What's Love Got To Do with It?***

A feelgood romcom kicks off the autumn/winter season of Rural Cinema. Written by Jemima Khan and directed by Shekhar Kapur, *What's Love Got To Do With It?* is an easy-breezy romantic comedy from Working Title Films, the studio behind classic rom-coms like *Love Actually*, *Notting Hill*, and *Four Weddings and a Funeral*.

Starring Lily James, Shazad Latif and Emma Thompson, the cross-cultural comedy thoughtfully explores the different ways that relationships can be built, and what different cultures can teach one another.

**What the critics said:**

- **Mail on Sunday:** “The first feature film written by *Jemima Khan* is a charming comedy that can be ranked alongside British classics like *Bend It Like Beckham*, and has the confidence of a *Richard Curtis* classic. It’s worth making a date with Jemima’s romcom”.
- **Guardian:** *Jemima Khan’s big-hearted debut film is proof British romcoms aren’t dead*”.
- **Observer:** “The sparky chemistry between James and Latif leaves few surprises. But it is an unexpectedly disarming and sweet film”.

**Save the date: Thursday, 8th September, 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, 14<sup>th</sup> September**

***What’s Love Got To Do with It?***

**Romantic Comedy, Cert: PG 13, Run time 1hr 30min.**

***Starring: Lily James, Shazad Latif and Emma Thompson  
Written by Jemima Khan and Directed by: Shekhar Kapur***

*Successful documentary maker Zoe (Lily James) documents her best friend Kaz’s (Shazad Latif) journey into an arranged marriage. In the process she challenges her own attitude towards relationships.*

**Doors open 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm Tickets £3.50 on the door.  
Come early and enjoy a glass of wine or soft drink before the film begins.**

**Commercial grade log splitter for hire locally** - 40 ton rated commercial grade log splitter based in Arlington is for available for short term hire. Can be road towed at maximum of 30 mph – within 5 mile radius. Some operator safety training will be provided. Has been splitting up to 600mm ash logs without difficulty. It is a Hartnell Products 40 ton petrol 4 stroke machine. Can be operated horizontally or near vertical (for very large & difficult to lift logs). Call Phil 07973 168 245.

## **BIBURY CRICKET CLUB**

Approaching the last two weeks of the season , Bibury CC are top of the CDCA Division 2 , 21 points ahead of Great Rissington in second. Recent wins at North Cerney, Ashton Keynes and Williamstrip have put us in a great position to win the league. A very dubious cancellation of our most recent match away at Charlton ( due to an unplayable pitch ! ) who we had beaten easily earlier in the season , deprived us of the 20 points we would have received for a cancellation that would have meant we would have been crowned champions already.

So, to quote a recent prime minister " them's the breaks " so it goes down to the wire with a match against Great Rissington at home on Saturday 2nd September. Please come and support the team. After that game, we will hold our annual awards evening at the club featuring South Asian cuisine, music , cash bar etc. Tickets are £ 20 available from club members or on the night It could be an amazing evening of celebration. Everyone welcome.

Then the week after, on September 9th from around 2pm ,we close the season with the FUN DAY, which includes a 20 over challenge match with Ilmington then the usual fun and frivolity with childrens games, dog agility contest, best cake competition , bar , bbq , disco and finally , live in the club house, we will show the England v Argentina rugby world cup match in the evening. What a day !

Leslie Smith Bibury CC 077753 87813

## **BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Traffic and Parking Issues in Arlington / Bibury**

As a number of Parishioners have commented (and we are all well aware) the traffic and parking situation has significantly worsened over this Summer period particularly around the area of the Trout Farm, River Coln Bridge and the Swan Hotel.

The Parish Council is well aware of the unacceptable issues presented by unreasonable and illegal parking, by both cars and coaches, with resultant road congestion / blockages and visibility issues creating unsafe driving conditions. A number of actions will be put in place via the Traffic Regulation Order (see Parish Council website - TRO), with a final assessment taking place following the latest community consultation.

Key to such new measures however, and with respect to existing measures, is the need for **adequate enforcement** and I would encourage you to contact:

- Police - for a situation requiring their involvement on 101 and you will be connected to Gloucestershire Constabulary Or
- Parking Enforcement - [www.parking@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:www.parking@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

[Gloucestershire County Council - Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Wide ranging information on public and community services in Gloucestershire  
[gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://gloucestershire.gov.uk)

- - Request for Enforcement. Your support in making what is a fairly straightforward Enforcement Request will greatly help to highlight the serious situation we face locally and is much appreciated.

**Note; There was no Parish Council Meeting in August**

## **HEAVENS ABOVE**

The Full Moon in September is late in the Month. It is known as the Harvest Moon being so close to the Autumn Equinox. It is a time of Celebration in many Countries. The New Moon is on 15<sup>th</sup> September. This is when Virgo will be put in its place to make way for sensible Libra to come and balance things for many, and about time.

## **SEPTEMBER**

Commencing with Harvest Festival  
To bring us to Halloween  
Has come the Season of Michaelmas  
Which hesitates in between  
Saying goodbye to Summer Days  
And gardens once in bloom  
To approaching of the Winter's Gloom.

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

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to visit us at our Summer Fete on July 8<sup>th</sup>. We were thrilled to see so many people there to support us – we raised an impressive £1169! Thank you to the Bibury Village Hall Committee/Coronation Committee for allowing us to borrow their homemade traditional games such as “Splat the Rat” and “Hook the Duck” – these proved to be very popular within children and adults alike!

Our Ragbag bin is still up at Bibury Football Club, please place any unwanted (bagged) clothing/belts/paired shoes in the bin. Each time the bin is emptied we receive a financial contribution based on the total weight and the clothes get redistributed around the world to people in need.

If you shop at Octavia's Bookshop in Cirencester please do mention Bibury School at the till – we have a loyalty card that gets stamped and once it is full we get a free paperback for the school library.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **BIBURY FOOTBALL CLUB**

Following last season promotion the pre-season hard work started in mid-June with training and then a good batch of friendly matches throughout July the squad has been strengthened with nine new additions recruited to the Squad, we moved on to August and the season started with the Reg Davies memorial cup we started with a home win against Kings Stanley 3-0 Alfie Cook with 2 goals and Declan Keen with the other Goal this was followed four days later in the second round of the Cup away at the strongly fancied Smith's Barometric from Bishops Cleeve the game finished 1-1 Alfie Cook with the Bibury Goal the match then went to a penalty shootout Bibury goalkeeper Jake Stevens the hero saving the penalties to see Bibury in to the next round. Our league season started on August 12th at home to our old foe's Tewkesbury Town the match ended 3-3 Bibury Goals from James Piatek Jay Griffiths and a Miles Arnold penalty giving us our first league point of the season. The matches keep coming we then travelled midweek to play Chalford in the quarter final of the cup Chalford won everything in this league last season claiming three trophies and in this particular cup have not lost since 2018 until now Bibury claiming a very good 3-2 win Harrison Archer Archie Day and Luke Fields with the goals to send Bibury through to the semi finals the farthest Bibury have ever got in this competition. August finishes with an away trip to Lydney Town in the League

September Fixtures

2/9/23 Away to Longlevenes Reserves (League) 3pm

9/9/23 Away to Brockworth or Charfield (Cup semi Final) 3pm

16/9/23 Home to Stonehouse Town Rederves (League) 3pm

23/9/23 Home to Berkeley Town (County Cup) 2pm

30/9/23 Away to Berkeley Town (League) 3pm

We have various sponsorship opportunities available at the football club if any local businesses are interested from pitch side advertising boards to match ball and training kit sponsorship available if interested please email [biburyafcsec@gmail.com](mailto:biburyafcsec@gmail.com)

We also need more volunteers to help keep the social club going through the winter if anyone is interested pop up and see us

We have our first club night of the season on Saturday 16th with Northleach dou Matt and Sam with their Karaoke and Comedy night this is popular with the lads this event is open to all free entry from 7pm

Unfortunately the problem of dogs fouling on the playing surface has reared its ugly head again so we have made the decision to insist that all dogs must be kept on leads and walked around the perimeter and not across the pitches and please clean up after your dogs unfortunately if the problem persists we will have no other option than to ban dogs from the football ground,

Following the successful support for Bingo during August, our next Bingo Night will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September eyes down 7.30pm – all welcome.

### **BIBURY GARDENING CLUB**

Wednesday August 9th was the day of the garden club summer party and by some miracle, the sun actually decided to shine. We celebrated with pizza and Pimms, not to mention a stupendous selection of puddings brought along by members. You could choose from red velvet cake, summer pudding, tarts with berries glistening like jewels on a bed of crème patisserie, tiramisu, lemon squares and baklava. It was wonderful.

I don't know if any of you noticed, but it poured with rain on St Swithin's Day, Saturday 15 July. According to folklore, whatever the weather is on that date, we should expect forty days and forty nights of the same.

The meteorological powers ascribed in the UK to St Swithin, a 9<sup>th</sup> century bishop of Winchester, are credited in France to the 6<sup>th</sup>-century Saint Medard, or Medardus, bishop of Noyon. It is interesting that two European countries have the same legend, but I suspect that this is the church's attempt to put a pious spin on what clerics may have regarded as pagan superstition. But was it superstition? It's not uncommon for summer weather to be stuck in a blocking pattern – as it is this year – and it is highly plausible that centuries ago, some bright spark looked out from their Anglo-Saxon hovel and observed that spells of unusually hot or cool weather in midsummer tended to persist for around six weeks. Today, we know that this is down to the jet stream, rather than any supernatural intervention, but the result is the same.

Does this mean that by the beginning of September, we might get some sunshine? I don't think I would be prepared to make that call, but I can promise you this: by the time you get this issue of Village Life, you will be thoroughly fed up with grey skies and incessant rain.

Personally, I will be praying for a fine evening on Wednesday 13 September, because that is the date of the garden club's next meeting. We will be visiting the garden of David and Maggie Cowie in Winson from 6pm to 8pm and although the colours of their late summer garden are enough to cheer anyone up, I would rather not get rain in my wine.

Full details of the address will follow via email. If anyone would like to join the garden club, please email [v.summerley@hotmail.com](mailto:v.summerley@hotmail.com)

Victoria Summerley

### **TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK**

**The Great Escape!** The evening of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 was memorable, as a Banded Galloway, one of 3 resident on The Rack Isle through the Summer escaped, and decided to patrol along Arlington Row, and up Awkward Hill. Fortunately, one of the Residents saw it run past the Row, and alerted me, whilst at the same time, Wendy & Phil Challoner, who are on the 'Galloway Care list', had come down to check they were all OK anyway.....

For nearly an hour, we first tried to persuade the Bull to come back down Awkward Hill – which he was reluctant to do, as there was some very tasty ivy on the wall at the back of Arlington Lodge. He butted me twice in a definite gesture to indicate he would only go back when he was ready, then, eventually, charged back down the hill to attempt to escape across the pedestrian bridge, and onto the Street. We foiled him, by placing wheelie bins (ready for Friday's collection) across the entrance to the bridge. So, he went to 'talk' to two Americans, who were seated on the bench behind the small storage shed watching all this with great amusement whilst they were having a picnic. Discovering they had nothing interesting to eat, he then returned along the Row, and was 'greeted' by the remaining 2 Galloways, fortunately still on the Island, and across the stream. He 'answered', (mooing all round), and stepped across the stream, across the electric fence -now 'dead', following Phil Challinor's great efforts to find the off switch. The animal having returned to the fold, the power was switched on again, and calm descended about 9pm. The Americans, staying at The Swan thought it was the most exciting event of their UK holiday, and apparently were not phased by their close encounter with a Bull!...

It emerged later that the battery of the tracker on the Bull in question had failed, and so no-one was alerted to the fact he had 'strayed'. Many thanks to Patricia's efforts to calm the animal, and to Wendy, & Phil, who got very wet trying to find the electric fence switch to turn it off & on. The following day, National Trust Rangers strengthened the electric fence, and all returned to normal. I am hoping my 'bull fighting' days are over, but I can't be sure...

Apart from that, the Summer Visitors here have outnumbered all previous experiences, in some cases making it difficult to walk along Arlington Row at all! There is no doubt that whilst our Village is much admired, and visited by many – the best time is first thing in the morning, and the evenings, when WE can enjoy it ourselves!

**Brian Skarda**

### **What links Bibury to a freighter torpedoed in 1940 ?**

One day this summer I was browsing through postcards of old Bibury for sale on ebay, when I had a surprise. After endless pics of Arlington Row, Arlington Mill and The Swan Inn, what appeared next was a photo of a large cargo ship.

It wasn't a posting error. According to a hand-written note on the reverse of the postcard, the photo was of a 4,600-ton freighter called the 'Bibury', built in Glasgow in 1929, and owned by Alexander Shipping Co. The note also stated that she was 'lost' in September 1940.

Reference to a website called '*uboat.net*' confirmed that she was indeed a casualty of the war in the Atlantic. She had been sailing from Cardiff and Milford Haven to Buenos Aires with a cargo of 7,500 tons of coal. Two days into the voyage she was hit by two torpedoes.

She sank in just five minutes, with the loss of all 37 crew, the gunner and the captain. Three weeks later the body of one of the crew was washed ashore at Tobermory in Scotland.

The steam-powered vessel was owned by Alexander Capper & Co (also known as Alexander Shipping Co Ltd). At first I wondered if there may have been some connection between the ship's owners and the village of Bibury. However, the explanation for the ship's name turned out to be rather more prosaic.

The company routinely named its ships after English placenames ending in '...bury'. Others included Kingsbury, Ledbury, Newbury and Thornbury. So the connection between the ship and our village was simply the fact that the village name fitted the owners' naming scheme.

I thought that was the end of Bibury's shipping connection. But it wasn't. In 1946 a new 'SS Bibury' appeared. It wasn't the same ship, of course, just the same name.

This ship had started in life as the 6,400-ton 'Empire Ballad', built in Sunderland for the Ministry of War Transport in 1941/2. She survived wartime convoy work, and in 1946 was sold off. The buyer, of course, was Alexander Shipping Co Ltd, who promptly renamed her the 'SS Bibury'.

The vessel carried this name until 1951 when Alexander sold her. She changed hands several times during the next 18 years, each time acquiring a new name, finally sailing as 'Poseidon' (nothing to do with the 1972 disaster movie of the same name, as far as I know).

The ship that was once called Bibury came to an ignominious end in 1969, when she ran aground and was scrapped.

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### **COUNTRY SIGHTINGS**

This year seems to have been a good year for the Humming Bird Hawk Moth, as well as many wasps nests, and a Kestrel who likes the garden bird table to perch on – or the electric cable overhead. Sparrows have long done a runner, but it's nice to see 2 or 3 lots of nearly half grown Rabbits! **Roger King**



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Our next Quiz and Chilli Night will be on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October (doors 7pm, quiz starts 7:30pm)**, £10 per head, includes meal. Tables of 6 – 8. Please book by email to [admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk](mailto:admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk).

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