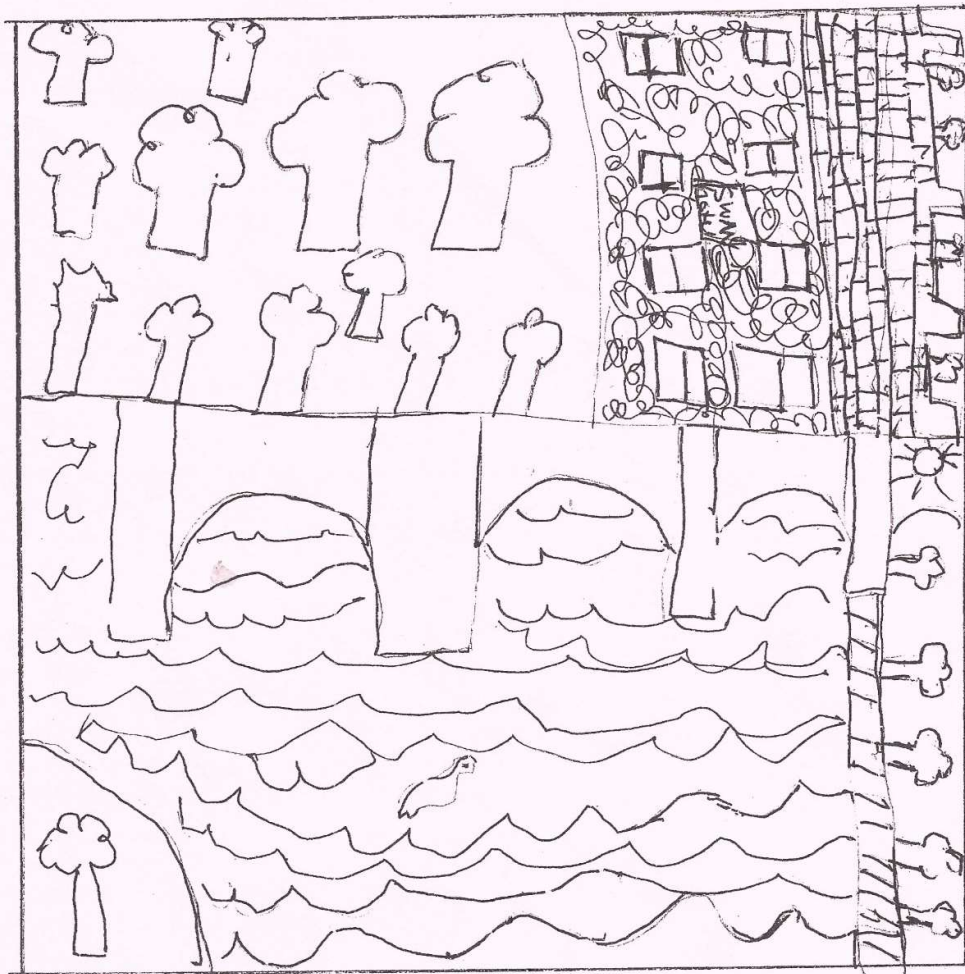


# VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,  
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



APRIL 2024

## VILLAGE LIFE

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

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#### APRIL

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	'Celebrating Cotswolds', finest food, crafts, etc in Bibury Village Hall	9-4.30pm
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Bibury Parish Council meeting in Bibury Village Hall	7pm
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Rural Cinema 'One Life'	7pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Kings Men, Bibury Parish Churchdoors open</b>	<b>7pm Film 7:30pm</b>
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Community Lunch, Baptist Schoolroom	12.30pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> BibLit 24, Bibury Church</b>			
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Refreshments in Bibury Village Hall	10am till 4pm
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Club, Bibury Village Hall	2pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Village Life Coffee Morning, Barnsley Village Hall</b>	<b>10.30 till 12.30pm</b>

#### MAY

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Craft Club – Great Bibury Craft Club Swap	2-4pm
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Barnsley Village Festival	
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Community Lunch in Baptist Schoolroom	12:30pm
Saturday	18 <sup>th</sup>	School fete in churchyard	from 11am, in the Churchyard

#### JUNE

Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Bibury Craft Club	
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Art Journaling Day, Baptist Church	9.30 till 4pm
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Indian Block Printing Workshop, Barnsley Village Hall	6.45 till 8.45pm

#### JULY

Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Craft Club, Bibury Villager Hall	
Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Bibury & District Village Show Village Hall	

#### **BIBURY VILLAGE LIFE PANEL**

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[https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/village life](https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/village%20life)

**COVER SKETCH** This month's creative front cover sketch of the area of Bibury near the Swan Hotel was drawn by Nievana Cook who came first in the infant section of last years 'Village Life' section of last years Bibury Show.

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

Given the recent family celebration for a member of the Panel we thought this was appropriate'

*Be nice to your family. They're the best link with your past and the people most likely to stick with you in the future.*

## **BIBURY WITH WINSON AND BARNSELY CHURCHES**

Tim [hastie-smith@hotmail.com](mailto:hastie-smith@hotmail.com) APRIL 2024 Bibury Vicarage, Gloucestershire GL7 5NT, Dear Friends,

*April is the cruellest month, breeding* wrote TS Eliot, as the (almost) opening line to his magnum opus, *The Wasteland*. Volumes have been written about this one, single line, but I still recall, when aged 16, the interpretation offered by my English teacher, Stephen Cole. The thing about April, he said, is that spring is breaking through, life is reasserting itself, it is getting lighter and warmer, and spirits rise. Yet those trapped in their own personal wasteland of internal gloom remain there, unaffected by the external changes around them, and are, indeed, cast deeper into their darkness as those around them awake to spring. Cheerful soul, was Stephen.

Whether you buy that interpretation, or not, it is certainly true that the darkness and gloom of an extended, overcast, wet winter, takes its toll on all of us, and the breaking through of a spring bloom, and the kiss of sunshine in the morning can raise the spirits like a magic spell.

Yet, as I write this, it is still March and the gloom and the dark continue to prevail, and those famous optimists, the farmers, are already predicting a dry summer, to guarantee the worst harvest in living memory, compounded by cheap Ukrainian grain and half-baked governmental 'eco' grants that take even more land out of production.

As a headmaster I would from time to time predict in break time notices to the Common Room, that at certain times of year a 'disaster' was highly likely to occur. Forewarned was sometimes forearmed. It wasn't rocket science. A combination of weariness and lack of sunshine just made it more likely that the trivial would blow up into a crisis. The small flames of annoyance fanned into an inferno by overreaction or, inappropriate comments in emails, or the normally unsaid, slipping past weary lips. I well remember the undercooked sausage crisis of '99 that took hours to unravel. My birthday, 8th March was one of those times of year. The last week of November, another.

I was involved in a car prang recently. This was mildly irritating as I was not only stationary at the time, but the engine was off, and I was parked. A van backed into me. The van driver's reaction however, to my slight surprise, was to declare with vehemence: *You weren't there when I shut up the van*. He was clearly annoyed and, clearly, it was my fault.

When I was appointed as a Headmaster aged 35, I was sent on an induction course for all newly appointed Heads, where we were addressed by, among others, an extremely experienced Head of a vast and prestigious school in Scotland. He had flown down to Windsor to see us and began his talk by explaining: *I almost missed my plane this morning as a parent of three children in the school came into see me. She proceeded to recite a litany of complaints and issues about the school, and her children. And when she was finished, she pointed an accusing finger at me and declared. And it's all your fault*. He paused a moment for effect, and then went on, *as a Headmaster if you just remember that it is all your fault, you will find life much simpler and happier!* On the whole I have found this to be good advice. The desire to blame others, or to excuse our behaviour, as we indulge our primeval yearning to avoid shame, and the fear of being found out, tends to lead to contorted logic, or lying, and further embarrassment. But you can take this too far, and some regard the royal family's mantra, *Never complain, never explain*, as a little unwise at times. And, interestingly, in the early Christian spiritual writings, of the dispersed monastic community known as the desert fathers, there is a great deal of reflection on mastering our passions, that include the so called seven deadly sins. Whilst most of those sins are deemed to be worth battling, there is a soft spot for anger. Perhaps the result of too much grit and scorching sun. But for the desert fathers anger definitely had a place. Unfortunately, the places where they regarded it as efficacious may not be the ones that commend themselves to us. Righteous anger aimed at injustice, certainly has a place. So does anger directed at self, if it is directed at those aspects of our temperament and behaviour that cause harm. (I suspect that this should come with a health warning as there is no place for self-hatred) But anger against others whose actions discombobulate me? Sadly, the church fathers won't come to my rescue here. The thing is, even my righteous indignation tends to slip into self-righteousness, and my anger, all too often, involves slights and grievances that I believe that I have suffered, and my assumptions about what others owe me.

So, roll on April, with your sunshine and promise of new life and a slate wiped clean. How appropriate that this year Easter, the day of new life, fall on the last day of March. Why not join others in expressing gratitude for new beginnings.

**with every blessing, Tim**

**PS: Parish Prayer Meetings Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Vicarage. 6:00pm and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, PPS: BibLit 24 tickets are now on sale. Among many others we are delighted to be welcoming to Bibury King Charles's biographer, Robert Hardman, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 11:00 and Rabbi Baroness Julia Neuberger on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00**

<b>Church Services April 2024</b>	<b>Bibury</b>	<b>Barnsley</b>	<b>Winson</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Easter 2</i> <i>Acts 4:32-35</i> <i>John 20:19-end</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Easter 3</i> <i>Acts 3:12-19</i> <i>Luke 24:36b-48</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> <i>Easter 4</i> <i>Acts 4:5-12</i> <i>John 10:11-18</i>	11.00am <i>Robert Hardman on King Charles III</i>		9:30am BCP Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> <i>Easter 5</i> <i>Acts 8:26-end</i> <i>John 15:1-8</i>	11.00am <i>Rabbi Baroness Julia Neuberger on Death</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Easter 6</i> <i>Acts 10:44-end</i> <i>John 15:9-17</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Ascension Day</i> <i>Acts 1:1-11</i> <i>Luke 24:44-end</i>	8:00am Holy Communion and Breakfast		
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Sunday after Ascension</i>	<b>Beating the Bounds (Parish Walk)</b> Starts at Bibury at 9:30	<b>Reaches Barnsley at 10:55</b>	<b>Reaches Winson at 12:30</b> <b>BBQ Bibury at 1:45</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Acts 2:1-21</i> <i>John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15</i>		11:00am Barnsley Garden Festival Praise	9:30am BCP Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i> <i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i> <i>Psalms 29</i> <i>John 3:1-17</i>	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:30am Morning Prayer	
<b>Churchwardens</b>  <b>Vicar</b>	<i>Jackie Colburn</i> 01451 860212 <i>Revd Tim Hastie-Smith</i> 01285 740301	<i>Dominic Spacie</i>	<i>Lavinia Sidgwick</i> 01285 720682

**The return of the King's Men, by popular demand, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm with drinks from 6pm. Tickets are £15, which includes wine & canapes at St Mary's Church**

The Bibury Literary Festival committee are delighted to announce the return of The King's Men, the *a cappella* group comprised of choral scholars from King's College Cambridge. If you were at their last concert, which was a sell-out, you may remember that they sing an eclectic programme of music from Renaissance madrigals to arrangements of works by Elton John and The Beatles. This year, English music will feature on the first part of the programme, with works by John Dowland, Thomas Morley and John Mundy, followed by traditional folk songs and sea shanties.

The second part includes their versions of contemporary popular music, ranging from Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head, and the ever-popular Minnie the Moocher.

There will also be two organ interludes.

The group is led by Felix Blake – who by an extraordinary coincidence is named after our very own Father Felix – and this promises to be a fantastic concert and a great opportunity to hear some first-class a cappella singing. The King's Men's last performance in Bibury proved extremely popular, so if you want tickets, head over to [www.biburyfestivals.com](http://www.biburyfestivals.com).

## **ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH CIO 1192458**

[www.arlingtonbaptist.org.uk](http://www.arlingtonbaptist.org.uk)

CRAFT DAY in The Old Schoolrooms, Arlington Baptist Church

ART JOURNALLING and Ecumenical Christian Mindfulness led by Jenna Burne

<https://www.jennaburne.com>

Organised by Arlington Baptist Church; contact Sharon 07974785437 or [info@Arlingtonbaptist.org.uk](mailto:info@Arlingtonbaptist.org.uk)

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 9.30am-4pm £30.00 per person includes materials.

1. A fun fully guided creative process as a small group max.15
1. Prayerfully/Mindfully bringing our concerns, needs and ourselves into the presence of God and listening to him as we explore a different way to express ourselves through Art.
2. No prior knowledge assumed- we would start with an introduction to cover "what is mixed media?" "What is art journaling?" "What's it got to do with God?" No special "artistic ability" is required- everyone is welcome!
3. Each person will be guided to create 2 full page (A3) multi-layered mixed media journal spreads, all materials provided.
4. Access to "play" with a wonderful range of high-quality artists materials -acrylic & watercolour paints, collage materials, brushes, inks, oil pastels and a whole lot more.
5. Time to rest and reflect on our work and process, listen to God, chat in a warm friendly atmosphere and feedback as a group if helpful.  
Hot drinks and cake provided please bring a packed lunch.

**STOP PRESS; SUNRISE SERVICE EASTER SUNDAY MORNING** 6am at Bibury cricket field, All welcome to celebrate the SON RISE.(please remember daylight saving)

It's spring cleaning time again ! A time to de- clutter, clean and freshen up.

What keeps us from getting rid of the clutter in our homes?

What keeps us from taking the time to evaluate what we have and decide what to keep and what to get rid of, or what to give to others?

God is the gardener who prunes and trims the vine so it will be more productive. The dead and unproductive branches are cut off and disposed of In John 15:1-6

Jesus is talking about our relationship with him and how the Father maintains that relationship as a gardener prunes his grapevines. But the metaphor also sheds light on how we can keep what is productive in our lives and get rid of what isn't.

How does this passage about a gardener pruning branches apply to you and me cleaning our house, whether it's our literal house or the secret storage chambers of our thinking?

Well, when was the last time you took an honest look at the fruitful and unfruitful activities in your life? Then have a look at the things in your home with the question: Does having this particular item in my home "bear fruit" so to speak?

Jesus has some pretty important things to say about getting rid of negative stuff. He says if your right eye

or right hand causes you to sin, you should pluck it out or cut it off. Matthew 5:29

This is a metaphor, of course, for getting rid of thoughts and practices, which may be very much a part of lives, but are a negative influence. It's Jesus's way of saying to get rid of the things in your life which don't bring you closer to God.

So can I encourage us all to do some mindful spring cleaning and evaluate what is productive in our lives and get rid of what isn't.

## **SERVICES AND EVENTS**

Thank you to all who took part or attended the Murder Mystery on March 8th it was a great success and over a thousand pounds will go towards paying off the loan for the renovation of the Old Schoolrooms, home of the community lunches and much more....

Hire the Old Schoolrooms and kitchen [info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk](mailto:info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk)

**Sunday Contemporary worship Service every Sunday at 10.30am All welcome**

**Community lunches April 17th and May 15th** from 12.30pm info Debbie 740366 or Sharon 07974785437

Happy Spring Cleaning!

## **MURDER ON THE CIRCUIT**

Resurrected after 6 years the BADS of Bibury – no, not a motorbike cult – simply the one and the only **Bibury Amateur Dramatic Society** – has risen phoenix-like and scaled the dizzying heights of thespian excess and success...!

Yes, a play was executed...

Executed indeed. For 'twas a Murder Mystery suspense thriller....

Admittedly, most of the suspense involved wondering when (and if) the Shakespearian-quality actors would get their next line out...

And the mystery.... well... what EXACTLY is that accent...???

Enough ribbing!!!

The BADS Murder Mystery evening on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 was – by every measure imaginable – AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS!!

The baddie was captured, the lovers declared their unrequited, the wigs were the stars... (tho' some missed their cue !), the roof WILL be fixed and James got his girl...

Accolades abounded:

"I couldn't breathe for laughing!"

"the best fun ever!"

"the Village Hall at its best 😊"

"unmissable"

"So so very much fun... just brilliant... just really proud to be part of this community. We do it very well"

Bravo to all who took part– those who came up with the idea, aka Sharon Petchey, those who made it all happen, aka The Technical Team, the Character-Actors who slipped seamlessly into their overalls, sequins, slops and fishnets to the bemusement of all AND THE BIGGEST THANK YOU to everyone who came and made the fund-raising of £1018.70 possible.

These funds will go directly to the costs incurred in the refurbishment of The Baptist Church Old Schoolrooms.

Please do visit the Baptist Church if you've not already done so – it's a complete gem. Tucked away in the corner of Arlington Green it is a wonderful venue for a wide range of brilliant community get togethers.

A particular highlight is the monthly Community Lunch which is great opportunity for folks to meet up and catch up with local news and friends, new and old. It's a wonderfully happy gathering and rather life-affirming; a tremendous tribe (and maybe just a tad eccentric!) in this little corner of England!

The culprits:

James Humpington-Daily - aka James Hunt :: Craig Chapman  
Nikki Loudest – aka Niki Lauda :: Mike Pini  
Jacky Astute– aka Jackie Stewart :: Kevin Bowers  
Andy Tool – cheeky handyman :: Jeff Wheeldon  
Gloria Slooks - flirty nurse :: Debbie Stringer  
Laura Gastley - glamorous manager :: Zena Sparks  
Chief Inspector Justine Case :: Karen Gray  
Technical technical :: Simon Brown  
Joint organiser, assistant gastronomic technical :: Anne Biggs,  
Service technical team :: Loyu, Martin, Geoff and Hope  
..and finally, the Herder of Cats and Superstar Technical :: Sharon Petchey!

***Westie N Dree-Vue, acclaimed critic***

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

### **A special village School & Preschool, serving Bibury and the surrounding villages**

We are very excited to open our Little Acorns preschool on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April. This is part of our Early Years Class and will be led by Mrs Spring & Mrs Williams. Children aged 3 and 4 years will be able to attend, learning and developing their skills through play, ready to begin their school life. Session are: Morning 9am – 12 noon or All Day 9am – 3pm. Monday to Friday, term time only. We will be accepting government funding.

Please email the school office for further information and an application form.

[admin@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk)

**Acorns Class:** In Maths, Early Years have looked at the language associated with time (today, tomorrow, yesterday) as well as looking at the representations of numbers 9 and 10 this term. They have been using the large array of maths resources we have to deepen their understanding of number. Year 1 have completed a unit on Place Value with numbers to 50. They have explored how these numbers are made up of a number of tens and ones and how these terms can be used to compare and order numbers on a number line. Year 2 have started a unit on Multiplication and Division, as well as looking at times tables, we have investigated the deeper concepts associated with these calculations. They have looked at how to make equal groups, how to draw arrays and looked at how multiplication and division are linked.

**Oaks & Mighty Oaks:** We have recently started to explore the types of moving mechanisms that can be found in different types of books. Once they identify a type of mechanism, they were instructed to discuss why it is used and whether they liked or disliked it. Over the next few weeks, Oaks and Mighty Oaks will start to create different sorts of movement, plan and design their own moving storybook which links to a previous history unit, the Mayan Civilisation. They will then finish this process by evaluating their successes and identify any areas for improvements with their partner or group.

At the end of last term, we enjoyed a magical morning's entertainment at Rendcombe College, watching their production of Oliver Twist. There were some wonderful performances and the children were all transfixed by the show.

**Suki Pascoe, Head Teacher**  
**Bibury C of E Primary School \* Tel: 01285 740268 \* E-mail: [admin@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk) For more information take a look at our website: [www.bibury.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.bibury.gloucs.sch.uk) or come and visit us.**  
**Bibury PTA can be contacted directly on [ptabibury@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ptabibury@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk)**

We are pleased to be visited by the 'GlamoRose' cake van on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 3pm until 4.45pm. The bright pink van will be parked outside the school, selling a delicious range of cupcakes, tiffins and brownies with vegan and gluten free options. 10% of takings will go to the school PTA so please do come along and support this independent business alongside us. Come and get an afternoon treat, all very welcome! The van can accept cash and card payments.

This year our school Summer fete will be Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 11am, in the Churchyard. It was lovely to see the community come together last year for this event and raise funds that will benefit the school children and families. This year promises to be bigger and better with many stalls and games planned. More information to follow next month but please save the date. Bibury PTA.

## **BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

### *Notes from Parish Council Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

There were 18 people present to hear agenda discussions and a presentation from Architect Ross Sharp of Yiangou and Planning Advisor David Keate on an early draft of a package of plans which cover 3 areas:

1. **Land below Aldsworth Road housing** – 10 low-cost affordable homes, all with parking and access to the main road - Highways permitting. This will need a Housing Needs Survey to advise on requirements.
2. **Land between Church Road & Cemetery Lane** – 1 cottage, a car park for church and school use and an area of land to go to the school in some way for amenity use.
3. **North of Cemetery Lane** – 2 cottages and carpark for use by the cottages.

The next stage will be to go to the District Council for pre-application advice whilst the meeting provided an opportunity to take on board the view of the parish. Concern was expressed from the floor that some of this land proposed for development comprised an area in our Conservation Plan marked as 'green space'. There was also concern that the houses would be second homes used as Air B&B's of which we already have 32 in Bibury.

**Trout Farm Plans** (consideration of 3 structural & 2 tree applications): A great deal of unrest is being caused by the volume and nature of work at the Trout Farm, with general concern that it's use is being changed from it's traditional activities to that of a leisure / theme park, which does not enhance or preserve the special character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The Café plan has been agreed as a 'change of use', 6 glamping pods have been strongly objected to by the Parish Council as has the Arts area building with the loss of hatcheries and conversion of existing fish raceways to be a lake, without defining for what purpose. Banks are being cleared of vegetation although there have been 3-5 otters in that area and there are water vole holes. In spite of being twice asked to present to the Parish Council to better understand their plans, the Trout Farm have disappointed by not engaging.



**Highways.** Swan bridge (17T weight limit) – over a two-week period there were 61 contraventions identified by an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) camera by vehicles of 18T or more weight, which is sufficiently high to warrant a permanent camera / enforcement and issue of fines. This requires a 6-week public consultation which will now be progressed. The TRO detailed design / handover pack has been provided to the contractor to be implemented and we await notification of when the works will take place.

**Ablington Manor.** Following the concerns expressed at the February Parish Council Meeting, regarding the plans for the Manor currently seeking approval, a residents group has been established, which will work with the developers to minimise disruption during construction.

**Cotswold District Council (CDC) Local Plan Consultation:** It was agreed to submit a new nomination for the former allotment gardens north and south of Cemetery Lane to be included, as it is in our Bibury Conservation Statement, in Policy EN3 (which protects important local green areas to the community) of the Local Plan along with the green land in The Square, Swan Hotel Gardens and the western part of Bibury Trout Farm.

**Protect Your Green Spaces.** Bibury is undergoing a period of transition with increased development pressure on some of the village's long-standing green spaces. Cotswold District Council are inviting nominations for 'Local Green Space' designation under the update consultation for the Cotswold District Local Plan 2011 to 2031, which **closes on Sunday 7 April 2024 (11:59pm).**

Please support the Parish Council's campaign to protect our local green spaces before they are lost to development. Contact Cotswold District Council Forward Planning team on [local.plan@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:local.plan@cotswold.gov.uk) to request a copy of the 'SHELAA' form to submit your nomination. You will require one form for each area and there is no restriction on the number of people who can nominate a given area – the more the better!

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 19.00 hrs.

**CELEBRATING COTSWOLDS**  
is holding an amazing fayre  
at **Bibury Village Hall** on the  
**1st of April (Easter Monday) 9 - 4.30pm.**

We will be introducing some of the Cotswold's finest producers, from artisan fine foods and drinks to local artists, skincare and bespoke ceramics.

We aim to bring the best the Cotswolds has to offer to Bibury for everyone to experience and enjoy.

Please come along and support our event so we can make this a regular feature.

Aggy @ [www.celebratingcotswolds.com](http://www.celebratingcotswolds.com)

## **STOP PRESS**

**The trout farm has withdrawn its application for glamping pods on their land.**

# **Bibury and District Village Show**

**Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, Bibury Village Hall**

**Start planning your entries now!**

To give all you keen vegetable growers a head start, here is the list of items in this year's Produce section. Will you be the proud overall winner who gets to keep the Football Club Cup for a year? Or is winning the heaviest onion or ugliest vegetable class the height of your ambition?

- |  |   |                              |
|--|---|------------------------------|
| Six new potatoes                                   | Six radishes                                  | Three tomatoes (any variety) |
| Three onions                                       | Three courgettes                              | Three hen's eggs             |
| A lettuce (any variety)                            | Ugliest vegetable                             | A dish/plate of soft fruits  |
| Heaviest onion                                     | A jam jar with a sprig of six different herbs |                              |
| Box/basket of five vegetable varieties (max 45 cm) |   |                              |

*Remember, you don't need a big plot or greenhouse, you can grow vegetables in containers. So, whether you grow them from seed, buy small plug plants to pot up and grow on, or get plants that can go straight out into the soil, start planning your entries now.*

If rather than the Football Club Cup you have your eye on the Cricket Club Cup, here are the Flower classes for this year's show.

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|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| A single hosta leaf                | A container of six salvias                      | A vase of mixed garden flowers |
| Six sweet peas                     | Six phlox                                       | The most unusual garden flower |
| Three different variety rose stems | A scented rose stem (one bloom or multi-headed) |                                |

## **FROM FURTHER AFIELD**

Saturday April 13th, London Festival Opera present "A Night at the Opera" - Northleach Church at 7.30pm. Tickets £20/£25. Plus sparkling reception £15, Tickets at [northleachevents.co.uk](http://northleachevents.co.uk)

## Rural Cinema: Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, Bibury Village Hall

### And the film is...*One Life*

*One Life* tells the story of Sir [Nicholas Winton](#), a former London stockbroker who helped to arrange the escape of 669 children from Czechoslovakia in the run up to World War II.

Often referred to as the 'British Schindler', Winton is portrayed in retirement in the 1980s by **Anthony Hopkins** and by **Johnny Flynn** in flashbacks to the late 1930s. The film is based on a book by Winton's daughter, Barbara Winton, "*If It's Not Impossible ... the Life of Sir Nicholas Winton.*"

As you can see by the critics' comments below, you'll need a heart of stone not to be touched by this quietly affecting drama and by the simplicity and heartfelt directness with which it's told by screenwriters Nick Drake and Lucinda Coxon, and director James Hawes.

What the critics said:

- Hopkins's light touch and affecting restraint are perfect for this extraordinary true story of Hampstead-born stockbroker Nicholas Winton.
- The story is so inherently powerful and moving and there is so much goodness and decency at work it will set you off. Take a whole box of tissues if you want to play it safe and would rather not deploy your sleeve. *The Spectator*
- The film does justice to this overwhelmingly moving event in British public life in a quietly affecting drama. *The Guardian*
- I was glad that the lights didn't go up too soon afterwards. It gave my cheeks time to dry. *Daily Mail*

**Doors open 7pm, film starts 7.30pm**



### RURAL CINEMA

**Bibury Village Hall – Thursday, 11th April**

### **One Life**

**Genre: Biography, Drama, History Cert: PG13 Run time: 1hr 50 min.**

***Starring: Anthony Hopkins, Lena Olin, Johnny Flynn, Helena Bonham Carter and Jonathan Pryce***

***Screenplay by Lucinda Coxon and Nick Drake. Directed by James Hawes***

**Doors open 7.00pm Film starts 7.30pm Tickets £5 on the door**

***Come early to catch up with friends and enjoy a drink before the film begins***

## **Bibury Village Hall Management Committee**

Despite the rain, we had a good turnout for our March film – *A Haunting in Venice*. Set in a crumbling palazzo in eerie post-World War II Venice on All Hallows' Eve, there were plenty of spooky twists and turns to keep us on the edge of our seats. Next month's film on 11<sup>th</sup> April is *One Life*, the true story of our very own 'British Schindler' Sir Nicholas Winton (see Rural Cinema write-up).

On Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April the Village Hall Management Committee will be supporting this year's Bibury Literary Festival by serving refreshments from 10am to 4.30pm in the Village Hall. **But we need some extra pairs of hands.** We are looking for volunteers to bake a cake, make some cheese scones, or serve refreshments for a couple of hours. If you can help in any way, please contact Angela Staton on 740078 or Maggie Catling on 740728.

Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July is our annual Bibury and District Show. Now that the milder weather is here and the soil is warming up, it is time to think about growing those prize-winning vegetables and flowers. The schedules are still being finalised but in the meantime a preview of the Produce, Flower and Photography classes is featured in this issue of Village Life.

### **NEWS FROM ABLINGTON - PLANNING**

For those who haven't heard, I'm delighted to say that the planning application 23/03772 to develop the land between Stonebank and Hinton Cottage has been comprehensively Refused (for the third time).

The massive application for Ablington Manor is ongoing with many objections, particularly regarding the proposed underground car park.

I realise that the sheer number of documents is daunting, but please make your objections known to the CDC as soon as possible. This is too important to ignore as it will seriously affect everyone living in Ablington, and the surrounding district, for many years. Thankyou.

Jenny A'Bear.

### **NEWS FOM BARNESLEY**

**Village Hall.** Tania Dance fitness classes are every Thursday from 6 pm to 7 pm. She can be contacted by email at [tania.dance.fitness@gmail.com](mailto:tania.dance.fitness@gmail.com) Booking is £5 a session. Pay as you go. Plenty of spaces and good for all ages.

**Barnsley Beeches Cricket Club:** Ross from the club has announced that the club pavilion is in desperate need of repair, they have done a great job so far, but are now in need of extra funding or by way of sponsorship to finish the project. If anyone is interested in funding or sponsoring the club please email Ross @ [rossleadbeater59@gmail.com](mailto:rossleadbeater59@gmail.com)

**Barnsley House;** Emmanuel who is the GM for the Hotel and The Village Pub is leaving as of 1<sup>st</sup> April. His replacement will be announced ASAP.

**Diary Dates; Barnsley Village Festival 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

A village festival is a vibrant celebration of community spirit, culture and tradition. From colourful stalls selling handcrafts to lively performances by artists not to be missed, these festivals are a way for all of us to get together. Join us for a day filled with joy, laughter and the rich tapestry of Barnsley Village 34<sup>th</sup> Festival. Tom Page.

## **HEAVENS ABOVE**

This month's full moon is on April 6 th .It is called the 'Pink Moon' in honour pf the impending spring flowers. It falls under Lira which is all about balance and harmony. The new moon is later in the month on the 20 th and it will be an eclipse moon which will mean a time of Revelations for many.

## **LIFE!**

I settle down for an afternoon's TV  
But get so despondent at what I see  
'Save for your funeral' I see everyday  
Start saving now you've not a long time to stay!  
Prepare your departure, you know what it makes sense  
Your children will bless you saving them the expense.  
Now you've reached 60 your expectancy is low  
Your future looks dim so get ready to go  
Sell us your home – we won't take it all  
Your kids will get some when the grim reaper calls  
Your working days are over but you can't relax  
And don't forget about inheritance Tax!  
Well when I've done all that – there's nowt left for me  
So I will cheer myself up and sell the TV.

## **BIBURY CRICKET CLUB**

The AGM of Bibury CC was held on Monday 18th March at the Catherine Wheel ( with due thanks to Harry ) . The meeting was very well attended.

After around thirteen years as vice chairman and chairman yours truly stepped down from the chairman position. I will continue to support the club as Fixtures Co ordinator and Welfare Officer. Adrian Seakins was elected to the role which he will combine with his current role of Treasurer. Bobby Easterbrook stepped down as secretary. Bobby has made an enormous contribution to the club both on and off the field has been an excellent secretary. Huge thanks are due for his service to the club. Jack Merrylees was elected as club secretary . James Richardson will continue as Saturday captain . Charlie Robinson stepped down as captain of the T20 team and Ali Carman was elected in his stead.

The annual spring clean to prepare the ground for the new season will take place on April 13th at 10.30 am.

We head into the new season in a robust financial position and with optimism on the playing side. New players of any age, gender or ability are always welcome.

Leslie Smith

## **CRAFT CLUB (Bibury Crafters)**

February and March craft club meetings were spent preparing and making Easter trees and table centrepieces. Check out our Facebook page for photos of our creations. We had a fun time and found some new and sometimes slightly unusual ways to decorate eggs, some successful, some not so much. Victoria brought along some wonderful twisted hazel for our trees, which worked really well. Thank you everyone who came along and joined in.

Are you a craft lover with a large craft stash? If there's one thing that's true about us crafters...it's that we all have craft supplies in our stash that we're not using. You know how it goes, you're

walking through the craft shop and beautiful things just jump in your basket. It's so weird how that happens!

I've found that most of the things in my craft stash that I don't use are things that I bought without a project in mind, just because they were beautiful or unique or sparked my joy.

How about an opportunity to get rid of craft supplies and tools that you aren't using, and trading them for something else that's going to inspire you.

With that in mind we've decided to have a craft swap/giveaway, it will take place during our craft club meeting on 1st May at the Village Hall, 2pm. Please bring along any fabrics or crafts you want to swap or giveaway.

In other Craft Club News we have decided that we will change our craft club meeting day to the First Wednesday of each month, this will allow some new members to join us therefore the next Craft Club meeting will be on Wednesday 1st May.

Future craft club dates are  
Wednesday 1st May - Great Bibury Craft Club Swap  
Wednesday 5th June

### **TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK – APRIL 2024**

It has been a difficult Winter for the Residents of Arlington Row, as work has continued on the wall outside Rosemary Cottage on Awkward Hill, and therefore Residents cannot access their Car Park. It was hoped that the wall would be completed & the Hill re-opened by the end of March. Added to this the National Trust have now started to convert No1 Arlington Row into a Holiday Let. With a combination of Contractors from the Wall Builders, Bridge House & the Post Office parking on The Street during the day, let alone recent Traffic Lights, Residents have found it near impossible to park anywhere near their homes in recent weeks.

This has not deterred our Visitors, who continue to walk along the Row and ask questions. 'How old are these Cottages?' About 800 years old I reply. 'And have you always lived here?' is often their next question. I reply 'not quite! Another is; 'Do you see much Wildlife here?' – I have to be careful with my answers to that one, but generally comment that Wildlife along the banks of Rack Isle is becoming increasingly rare because of people, traffic & noise. Replying to frequent comments that 'it must be awful living here with all these people walking by', I simply say, 'well, some of them can be quite nice' – but ! am sometimes tempted to say something else!. There is no doubt that our Village is much admired, and we should recognise that it is indeed unique. I think it is the intrusion of looking into windows, door knocking & entering private gardens that had spoilt it for many of us – and there is no easy way of dealing with people's ignorance!

As Spring arrives, it is good to see trees & bushes coming into bud, and colours changing across both Rack Isle & the Woodland behind the Row. We have had a great deal of Birdlife in our garden throughout the Winter – and some stray Cats! Snowdrops have come & gone, daffodils fast fading & even Tulips coming out from what has been a very early Spring. The Coln has mainly stayed within it's bounds through this Winter, but clearly needs work done to keep it clear & maintain drainage with increasing rainfall and the increasing risk of flooding low lying areas.

Brian Skarda

## **FROM THE PANEL**

Have you ever done something really interesting? Are you considering doing something unusual for a charity. Have you a family tale to recount. We would like to include some interesting anecdotes or stories from our readers to compliment the usual local news if we have space in our forthcoming issues. . Please send any contributions to our email address : [biburyvillagelife@hotmail.com](mailto:biburyvillagelife@hotmail.com).

A finally a reminder to come and join the Panel for coffee and cake at Barnsley Village Hall Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April '10:30am to 12:30pm in our 44<sup>th</sup> year

The event will be free of charge, as a thank you for your continuing support for the magazine – especially our distributors but we would welcome donations and ideas.

## **ROUND AND ABOUT**

Several people have had short spells or trips to hospital of late, including Father Felix for an operation, Chris Blackwell for a broken wrist after a fall and several others for various tests. We wish all those under the weather or recovering from any illness a speedy return to full health.

Those attending the Murder Mystery evening in the village hall last month were well fed and well entertained by the BADS team. Thanks to Sharon Petchey for planning and writing the event and all members of her team for producing such a memorable evening.

April sees the return of BIBlit and May the Barnsley Festival – so plenty of chances to get involved in community endeavours. It will be interesting to hear about the responses to Parish questionnaire concerning the future of the Village and we look forward to hearing about the new Village Plan especially in light of the recent spate of planning applications which would alter the village. And a reminder to comment on the CDC request to protect our Green spaces. (see Parish Council )

And finally congratulations to our own panel member Roger King and his wife Sylvia on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Apparently the whole family went away for a few days to share the celebration.

The Publication Panel invite you to

**Barnsley Village Hall**

for a

**Coffee Morning**

In aid of 'Village Life'

On

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.30am to 12.30pm**

*Come and meet the Panel See the completed bundles ready for distribution*

*Stay to peruse the Village Life archive Give us your views and ideas*

*Have a coffee and a piece of cake*

*Donations welcome*

**See you there!**



## [Bibury Festivals | BibLit 2024](#)

Bibury Festivals - Home of cultural events and festivals taking place in Bibury in the Cotswolds

[www.biburyfestivals.com](http://www.biburyfestivals.com)

**Saturday 13 April at 6pm** - Historian Peter Frankopan, who will be discussing his new book, *The Earth Transformed: An Untold History* Tickets include drinks at 5.30pm.

**Main Events Saturday 20 April and Sunday 21 April** Our writers include Sir Nicholas Coleridge, Provost of Eton from September; Andrew Gimson biographer of Boris Johnson and journalist and writer Robert Hardman, whose latest book gives the inside story of the first months of the reign of Charles III.

**Evening of Saturday 20 April** – discussion on writing memoir and biography with biographer Anne de Courcy, historian Jane Ridley and Lady Henrietta Spencer Churchill, whose new book on Blenheim Palace comes out in the autumn. This event will also include drinks.

**Novelists Sally Page and Caroline Montague** will be discussing their sources of inspiration – in the case of Caroline Montague with her own daughter-in-law, Theo Clarke, MP for Stafford. Who is Bibury born and bred.

**Food writer James Read will be talking about his book *Cabbages and Kimchi***, which focuses on fermented foods such as kimchi, kefir and kombucha, and the benefits they offer. James Fleming, Ian Fleming's nephew, will be discussing the creator of James Bond with Nicholas Shakespeare, biographer of Ian Fleming .

**Ysenda Maxtone Graham (author of *Jobs For The Girls*)** will talk about the e history of working women from 1950 to the present day.

**Victoria Summerley and Abigail Willis** - authors of *Secret Gardens of the Cotswolds* and *Secret Gardens of Somerset*, and they will share the stories of their adventures .

**Two musical elements.** Bibury resident Mark Stanga, and the Arlington wind quintet will be performing a free performance of **Peter and the Wolf** for Bibury's schoolchildren in the church on Friday at 2.30pm. with our own Jackie Colburn as narrator and **Music by Elgar** and his contemporaries ahead of a lecture on Elgar by Arthur Reynolds on the Sunday afternoon.  
The BibLit Committee

**Return of the Kings Men** The concert is at St Mary's Church on Friday 12 April at 7pm, with drinks from 6pm. Tickets are £15, which includes wine and canapes.  
English music, traditional folk songs, contemporary popular music and organ interludes.