

VILLAGE LIFE

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BARNESLEY AND WINSON

VISIT THE 34TH

BARNESLEY VILLAGE FESTIVAL

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MAY 2024
SPECIAL BARNESLEY FESTIVAL EDITION

TIMETABLE

- 09.00 Celebrated Gardener, Author and Judge - Abigail Willis arrives.
- 09.30 Cricket Club car park opens.
- 10.00 Festival officially opened to the public. All display gardens open.
- 10.00 All stall retailers open in Village Hall & Pub car park.
- 10.00 Church bell ringing approx 1 hour.
- 10.30 Village Hall opens for tea, coffee and refreshments.
- 11.00 Free minibus tours start to Barnsley Park & Oxwold House from Bus Stop (all day).
- 11.00 Barnsley Pig Hotel cinema playing film of Barnsley House Gardens.
- 11.00 Free face-painting at farm barn Kids Corner (sponsored by Savills).
- 11.00 Four local artist display paintings for sale, in hotel grounds.
- 11.00 Organ recital in the church by Chris Cannock (approx 45 minute session).
- 12.00 Bar & BBQ opens in The Pig Village Pub (all day beer garden).
- 12.00 Ethemia acoustic duo perform in hotel gardens (approx 45 minute session).
- 12.00 Abigail Willis presents the Open Garden Winner & Certificates in the Village Hall Car Park.
- 12.00 Barnsley Pig Hotel cinema playing film of Barnsley House Gardens.
- 12.00 Splash of Red, Ladies choir performing in the church (approx 45 minutes).
- 13.00 Garden tour of Barnsley House Hotel with Head Gardener Jen Danbury (1 hour).
- 13.30 Out Of The Blue performing in hotel grounds (approx 45 min).
- 13.30 Barnsley Beeches vs Longborough & Sezincote cricket match X1 (area by the car park).
- 14.30 Splash of Red, Ladies choir performing in the church (approx 45 minutes).
- 14.30 Ethemia acoustic duo perform in the hotel grounds (approx 45 minute session).
- 15.00 Morris Men start dancing in the centre of the village. (approx 1 hour).
- 15.00 Barnsley Pig Hotel cinema playing film of Barnsley House Gardens.
- 16.00 The Pig Village Pub BBQ closes.
- 16.00 Last minibus tour leaves.
- 17.00 All stall retailers close and festival ends.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING - PROFITS GO TO LOCAL
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SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEARS BARNESLEY FESTIVAL -
SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2025

MAY

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| Wednesday | 1 st | Craft Club – Great Bibury Craft Club Swap, Bibury Village Hall | 2-4pm |
| Thursday | 7 th | Rural Cinema 'The Miracle Club', Bibury Village Hall | 7pm for 7:30pm start |
| Saturday | 18th | Barnsley Village Festival | |
| Tuesday | 14 th | Bibury Annual Parish Meeting in Bibury Villager Hall | 7.30pm |
| Wednesday | 15 th | Community Lunch in Baptist Schoolroom with bring and buy | 12:30pm |
| Saturday | 18th | School fete in churchyard | from 11am, |
| Saturday | 18th | Public Meeting with local MP - Bibury Village Hall - 9.30am to 12.30 noon | |
| Monday | 20 th | final Bingo session at Bibury Football Club491 | |

JUNE

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| Saturday | 1 st | Craft Fair in Bibury Village Hall | 9:30 to 4pm |
| Wednesday | 5 th | Bibury Craft Club | 2-4pm |
| June | 7-9 th | Art exhibition in Bibury church | |
| Sunday | 9th | Bibury Gardens Festival | |
| Wednesday | 19 th | Community Lunch in Baptist Schoolroom | 12:30pm |
| Wednesday | 12 th | Art Journaling Day, Baptist Church | 9.30 till 4pm |
| Thursday | 13 th | Indian Block Printing Workshop, Barnsley Village Hall | 6.45 till 8.45pm |

JULY

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|-----------------|------------------------|--|-------------|
| Wednesday | 3 rd | Craft Club, | 2-4pm |
| Saturday | 6 th | Craft Fair in Bibury Village Hall | 9:30 to 4pm |
| Saturday | 13th | Bibury & District Village Show in Bibury Village Hall | |

BIBURY VILLAGE LIFE PANEL

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Please note: if you wish to put an article or advert in "Village Life" magazine, it should be sent to **biburyvillagelife@hotmail.com** or handed to any member of the panel by 12 noon on our deadline date (normally 20th of the month for the following month's issue).

Online copies of Village Life can be found on the Parish Council website by using the link below:
[https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/village life](https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/village%20life)

CALLING ALL ELECTORS

14TH MAY 2024

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 7.30 PM,

IN BIBURY VILLAGE HALL.

FRONT COVER

This full colour front cover is only the second time we have had a coloured front cover. Our machine can only reproduce in blank and white - so we are very grateful for the Barnsley Festival Committee for providing the colour printing of our front cover to help promote their festival.

If your organisation would sponsor a full colour cover for 'Village Life' to promote your event for a particular month, then we can supply the details of who printed the Barnsley cover and an idea of the cost. Please let us know if you are interested in doing so as we will need the front cover fully printed by the time of our Publication Meeting – normally around the 20th to 22nd of each month unless we have an earlier deadline.

BIBURY WITH BARNSELY AND WINSON CHURCHES

Bibury Vicarage, Gloucestershire, GL7 5NT Tim.hastie-smith@hotmail.com May 2024

Dear Friends,

BibLit 24 has now been and gone, and I want to express heartfelt thanks to the speakers, to our brilliant Committee and to the superb volunteers who ran the weekend event. But if you missed it there are still some great speakers still to come this year.

On Friday 7th June, former MP, Lord (Nicholas) Soames will be here to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day with a talk about his grandfather, Sir Winston Churchill. Drinks at 6:00pm followed by the talk at 6:30pm. Entrance free.

On Saturday 6th July we welcome Lord (Charles) Moore, former Editor of The Times, who, with Kate Ehrman, reflects on The Fall of Mrs Thatcher. Moore wrote the authorised three volume biography of the Iron Lady. Tickets are £10 and can be booked on the Bibury Festivals website or bought at the door. Again, 6:00pm drinks followed by a 6:30pm talk.

On Friday 6th September Dame Fiona Reynolds formerly Director General of the National Trust, and Master of Emmanuel College Cambridge, and currently Chair of the Royal Agricultural University, as well as Chair of the national Audit Office, joins us to give the Inaugural Sir Crispin Tickell Memorial Lecture. Diplomat, environmentalist and world class academic, Crispin was one of Bibury's most distinguished residents, as well as being a wonderful man. He died in 2022 and it was agreed that his life should be marked by an annual lecture at the church that invites a speaker with environmental wisdom to share, to come to Bibury.

Dame Fiona is our first distinguished guest, and all are welcome to drinks at 6:00pm, followed by a lecture. Both Isabella Tree, of the Knepps Castle estate, and author of Wilding, and writer and academic, Katherine Rundell have expressed a willingness to come and join us in future years.

And on Saturday 28th September at 6:00pm we have our own Election special with broadcaster, author and political commentator, Iain Dale. Named broadcaster of the year in both 2013 and 2016, Iain currently cohosts a weekly political and current affairs podcast, For the Many alongside former Home Secretary, Jacqui Smith

Other things to look forward to in the next few weeks include:

Beating the Bounds on 12th May. Instead of a normal church service we will walk from Bibury to Barnsley on to Winson and then back to Bibury for a barbecue. Along the way we will delight in and give thanks for God's creation whilst praying for a good harvest. Do join us at any stop along the route and do feel free to bring canine friends.

Art Exhibition The weekend of 7th-9th June we play host to a wonderful Art Exhibition laid on by Lynne Edward and friends. It has been arranged to coincide with the Village Garden Festival. There will a BBQ in the Churchyard on Sunday.

Pop up teas return in May. Starting at 3:00pm they will take place in either the church or the church yard (Depending on weather conditions) on Friday 3rd May, Monday 27th May, Friday 28th June. If you want to help in any way, bake a cake or help in hosting do let me know. It is a great way to both serve the school and to make our village visitors welcome.

Israel trip reunion On Tuesday 14th May we host our Israel trip reunion. And the next Village Prayer Meeting takes place on Wednesday 19th June at 6:00pm at The Vicarage.

And, looking further ahead do put Sunday 11th August in your diaries for a service of thanksgiving where all who have been married are invited to reaffirm their wedding vows.

And on Sunday 30th June there will be no service at any of our three churches as we all go to Gloucester Cathedral for a 10:30 service where our extraordinary and wonderful church warden, Jackie Colburn will be ordained. This a very special moment, not just for Jackie, but for all of us, as Jackie offers herself in service to the whole village community. As the Rev Jackie takes up her role as associate priest of Bibury with Winson and Barnsley she is assured of the love, thoughts and prayers of all of us.

As an aside, we believe that Jackie is the first ordinand put forward by our parishes in over 100 years. The first of many we hope!

And as a further aside, Jackie's ordination is in no way connected to the Hastie-Smith move to Barnsley in September, which some of you may have heard about. This is simply a practical decision that enables my increasingly frail 92-year-old mother to come a live with us, whilst at the same time allowing the diocese to address the challenge of an increasingly crumbling Vicarage. It also secures our future in serving these wonderful villages as long as you are willing to put up with us and I remain Vicar of Bibury with Winson and Barnsley. We will simply have a different address. And Barnsley will have a resident priest for the first time for a few decades. But there will be no change to the pattern of services and events. However, it does create one new problem (for me) How to deal with an estimated 600 boxes of books. So, change and decay in all around I see. But summer is coming.

with every blessing, Tim

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope." – Emily Bronte

| Church Services May 2024 | Bibury | Barnsley | Winson |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sunday 5th May <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 |
| Thursday 9th May <i>Ascension Day</i> <i>Acts 1:1-11</i> <i>Luke 24:44-end</i> | 8:00am Holy Communion and Breakfast | | |
| Sunday 12th May <i>Sunday after Ascension</i> | Beating the Bounds (Parish Walk) Starts at Bibury at 9:30 | Reaches Barnsley at 10:55 | Reaches Winson at 12:30 BBQ Bibury at 1:45 |
| Sunday 19th May <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 |
| Sunday 26th May <i>Trinity Sunday</i> <i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i> <i>Psalm 29</i> <i>John 3:1-17</i> | 11.00am Morning Prayer | 9:30am Morning Prayer | |
| Sunday 2nd June <i>Trinity 1</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4:5-12</i> <i>Mark 2:23-3:6</i> | 11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion | 9:30am Common Worship Holy Communion | 9:30am BCP Holy Communion |
| Sunday 9th June <i>Trinity 2</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1</i> <i>Mark 3:20-end</i> | 11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion | 9:30am BCP Holy Communion | |
| Sunday 16th June <i>Trinity 3</i> <i>1 Samuel 16:1-13</i> <i>Mark 4:26-34</i> | 11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion | | 9:30am BCP Holy Communion |
| Sunday 23rd June <i>Trinity 4</i> <i>2 Corinthians 6:1-13</i> <i>Psalm 133</i> <i>Mark 4:35-end</i> | 11.00am Morning Prayer | 9:30am Morning Prayer | |
| Sunday 30th June <i>Trinity 5</i> | 10:30am to Gloucester Cathedral for Jackie Colburn's Ordination as Deacon | | No service in the benefice |
| Churchwardens Vicar | <i>Jackie Colburn</i> <i>01451 860212</i> <i>Revd Tim Hastie-Smith</i> <i>01285 740301</i> | <i>Dominic Spacie</i> | <i>Lavinia Sidgwick</i> <i>01285 720682</i> |

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH Info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

Finally we can get in our gardens!

As the lawn mowers of Bibury and surrounding villages are humming and glimpses of villagers weilding garden tools, knocking soil into shape for vegetable production are now commonplace.

A popular topic of conversation over recent weeks has been the fragility of food chains, we all saw what happened in the pandaemic with the toilet roll fiasco, can we imagine what would happen if computers fail and food deliveries stop!

So a bit of toil in the vegetable patch this summer, and preserving excess for a winters day, suddenly sounds like a sensible idea and not just for those of a certain age with time on their hands. I do hope if we did ever find ourselves in a world with no food supplies, as a community, we would help one another and not just grab all we can for ourselves, we have lived without computers before and I seem to remember life was ok.

The Bible teaches us; A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Gal.6 7-9)

Services and Events

Every Sunday 10.30am Contemporary worship All welcome

Parish Prayer @ Vicarage Tuesday May 14th 7-8pm

Community Lunches May 15th and June 19th

At the May lunch for Christian aid there will be a bring and buy table

Lunch is open to all at 12.30pm and is a two course meal with coffee for a suggested donation of £7 also there is a raffle draw

ART JOURNALLING with Jenna Burne Jennaburne.com

All materials supplied workshop 10am-4pm £30

Wednesday 12th June Arlington Baptist Church , Old Schoolrooms, Arlington Green,
Bibury.GL7 5NE

Please bring a packed lunch

No experience or artistic ability needed you will be guided through the process creating your own pieces

Jenna says about herself;

I am a passionate follower of Jesus and I have discovered I can use mixed media art journaling as a way of having a conversation with God. I love to share my process in the hope of inspiring others to have a go and experience this too.

Open to all, Christian or not you will be made very welcome Info@Arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL *Notes from a meeting on 9th April 2024*

There were 16 members of the public present who raised concerns regarding:

- Lights by the new wall on Awkward Hill and a very bright light at The Trout Farm
- Whether there is a need for additional housing for sale to downsizers within the village
- Trout Farm lack of engagement with the village and future development plans. Wildlife police need to be contacted to ensure it's natural areas are not being damaged
- As stewards of this area we need the ability to manage the tourism it attracts. The Bathurst Estate sell tickets for £10 for local people and more for tourists
- Parish Council should resubmit for TPO in the 'Orchard' by Cemetery Lane

Highways Matters:

Crossroads on the way to Fosse Cross have been resurfaced.

Parking Enforcement: Concern as their visits seem to have gone down and this needs to be improved. Enforcement cameras have shown 61 over-weight vehicles going over the bridge at The Swan and over 2 weeks 40,000 vehicles.

District Councillor: David Fowles reported on CDC's decision on 2nd homes that remain unoccupied for more than a year should pay 100% council tax, empty homes up to 5 years should pay 200%. Most of the money goes to the County Council.

Finance: It was agreed to pay the Clerk for extra hours accrued this year, in view of the increased workload particularly relating to planning / green space matters. It was also agreed to pay £50 towards the Village Hall Management Committee's Annual show.

Planning:

- **Cobblers, Church Road:** No objections raised
- **Barn House, Hawker's Hill:** No objections raised
- **Ablington Manor:** Still concerns regarding removal of soil. There was a query raised regarding electrical aspects of the project to ensure the village's electricity supply is not prejudiced by the development. Also, concern regarding the impact of the underground carpark with regards to the water table and run-off to the River Coln.

Football Club: There is a need to raise funds for improvements to the building.

BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

A special village school & Preschool, serving Bibury and the surrounding villages

Little Acorns: We opened our Little Acorns preschool on Monday 8th 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

Acorns Class: Have been orienteering! They took part in lots of team building games and used maps to help them solve a variety of puzzles. The children worked well together and showed lots of initiative and team working skills. This activity was followed up with an explorer's campfire where we tasted a variety of explorer foods and made s'mores over the fire.

More cooking followed the next week with a visit from Kitchen Club. The Easter theme was a particular favourite with the creation of egg sandwiches, chocolate nests and hot cross buns. Yum!

We have been busy in Science learning about Polar habitats and how the weather conditions mean that polar animals have to cope with the harsh conditions. This has tied in well with our History topic on explorers where we have also looked at the quest to reach the South Pole by Roald Amundsen and Captain Scott. The children were surprised to learn about quite how hard it was to reach the South Pole over 100 years ago.

Oaks & Mighty Oaks: This term, Oaks and Mighty Oaks have been learning all about the Stone Age. They have explored how life has changed for people during different periods of the Stone Age, including the Early, Middle and New Stone Ages (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic) and thought about why the period was called the Stone Age. In recent lessons, Oaks and Mighty Oaks have looked at what archaeological evidence there is from the period, particularly in the form of artefacts and monuments, for example, the Neolithic settlement at Skara Brae. To further engage them in this unit, Oaks and Mighty Oaks had the chance to experience a wonderful trip to Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre where they got the chance to dive further into this time period.

Suki Pascoe, Head Teacher

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www.bibury.gloucs.sch.uk or come and visit us.

Bibury PTA can be contacted directly on ptabibury@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk

A THANK YOU FROM BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

A big thank you to those who baked cakes and helped serve refreshments in the Village Hall on Saturday 20th April. Your efforts helped raise just over £600 for Village Hall funds. The homemade cakes, coffee, tea and soft drinks on offer were enjoyed by Bib Lit supporters and visitors to the village. And, for the first time, as well as being able to sit and enjoy a relaxing break there was a takeaway option available

BIBURY CRICKET CLUB

Weather permitting, the new season opens on Saturday April 27th with a home friendly against Ashton Keynes. The first league game in Division 1 of the CDCA league (having achieved promotion last season) is on Saturday 4th May versus Poulton away. The mid week T20 league starts on Wed 15th May with an away fixture at Fairford.

We have an attractive list of Sunday fixtures too including home and away prestige fixtures v Blenheim Palace.

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

Leslie Smith 07775387813

HEAVENS ABOVE

May's full moon is known as the flower moon because it comes with spring flowers and new garden life bursting out. This will be at its peak on May 23rd but you should see it by the 21st. Early May Pluto begins its retrograde and will be in charge and can make big changes to some people's lives. Jupiter will enter after the full moon to make a smooth transition into June.

BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

Rural Cinema: Thursday, 9th May, Bibury Village Hall

And the film is... *The Miracle Club*

This golden-hued heart warmer stars Kathy Bates, Maggie Smith, Laura Linney and Stephen Rea.

Set in a seaside town near Dublin in 1967, it follows a group of women who win a trip to Lourdes in a parish talent competition. They have two main reasons for going: to get away from their dreary, reliant menfolk and to secure a miracle for a boy who has never spoken.

Directed by Irish film-maker Thaddeus O'Sullivan, this mild-mannered comedy explores grief and grievances, and a gentle message about forgiveness that's delivered skillfully by an adept cast.

What the critics said:

- At 88, Smith's comic timing is as beautifully crisp as ever, but she also gets some fierce scenes of suppressed grief and one lovely scene of reconciliation that is blindingly good. *Sunday Times*
- Grab your hot water bottle, butter some toast and ease into this bland-but-sweet big screen blanket. *The Sun*
- Lushly scored, *The Miracle Club* is gently humorous, mildly sentimental, but, thanks to its excellent cast, contains moments of real dramatic tension. *Irish Independent*
- The great treat is to have another chance to spend some time with Smith, beyond Downton or Alan Bennett. She is, in her quasi-paralytic way, transfixingly wonderful, the smallest twitches and downturns conveying so much experience and contempt. *New Statesman*



RURAL CINEMA

Bibury Village Hall – Thursday, 9th May

The Miracle Club

Genre: Comedy Drama Cert: PG-12 Run time: 1hr 30 min.

Starring: Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates, Agnes O'Casey, Laura Linney and Stephen Rea

Directed by Thaddeus O'Sullivan

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 and District Village Show

Saturday, 13th July, Bibury Village Hall

There is plenty of opportunity to showcase your creative talents in this year's Photography and Craft sections. So, start planning your entries now.

Photography - cameras to the ready, this year's classes are:

- Farm equipment
- A field of crops
- A plate of cooked food
- Still life of fruit and/or vegetables
- Colour
- An insect

***Remember:** Prints no bigger than A5 and **no** Photoshopping please (you don't want to be found out like the Duchess of Cambridge!). It's all about the subject matter, camera angle, lighting, and composition.*

Craft Section

This year's craft section is designed to encourage everyone, including children, to have fun being creative.

- A pasta picture (12cm square)
- A painting in any medium (max 45cm longest edge)
- A painted stone (max 10cm)
- A friendship bracelet
- A colourful bag – any style
- A cushion
- Three lavender bags
- An item using pressed flowers
- A get well card
- An embroidered item

Remember - The show is open to all recipients of Village Life including any visiting grandchildren. We also welcome entries from all Garden Club members, and the pupils of Bibury School and their families.

BARNSELY WOLD S.S.S.I.

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

BIBURY CRAFT CLUB

There was no craft club meeting in April as we are transitioning to holding craft club on the first Wednesday of the month.

The next craft club meeting will be our craft swap/giveaway which 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.

Craft Club dates for your diary

Wednesday 1st May - Great Bibury Craft Club Swap

Wednesday 5th June

Wednesday 3rd July

BIBURY AFC

A tough run of fixtures has seen us slip down the table a bit injuries to key players have not helped. With two away games left as I write this we will finish the league in the top six a very credible position and the highest Bibury have ever finished in the Football pyramid.

The Two remaining fixtures are

27/4/24 Bredon away kick off 3pm

1/5/24 Chalford away kick off 6-30pm

Next season we hope to see a return of a reserve team in the Cheltenham League

It is hoped the popular Bibury bike meets will recommence in May

Cotswold chippy nights are May 10th and 24th serving delicious food from 5-30 to 8pm

Congratulations to the Men's Skittles team on winning their league and also in the semi final of the cups

The Ladies Skittles team also have also made a cup final

The final bingo before the summer break takes place on Monday 20th of May

The social club is still in a very precarious position with more volunteers needed if it is to carry on

Please contact biburyafcsec@gmail.com if you would like to help even if it is a few hours a month

BibLit 2024

I never expected to hear the word "Kohlfahrt"* at a BibLit event. It was used by James Read, whose book, *Of Cabbages and Kimchi*, deals with the practicalities, the history and the science of fermented food. It is nominated for Fortnum & Mason's Food Book of the Year 2024, and James's talk was just one example of the many events which comprised this year's BibLit.

There was the King's Men concert; Peter Frankopan's lecture; the talk with novelist Sally Page, from which emerged an eerie ghost story; Sir Nicholas Coleridge, who packed the house; Ysenda Maxtone Graham, who is now writing a piece for *The Spectator* on tourism in Bibury (yes, really!); Andrew Gimson on Boris Johnson; Nicholas Shakespeare talking with James Fleming about Ian Fleming.

Then there was the discussion on memoir-writing, with Anne de Courcy, Professor Jane Ridley and Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill; Robert Hardman on the inside story of Charles III's accession; Abigail Willis on the gorgeous Secret Gardens of Somerset; the Arlington Wind Quintet concert; Arthur

Reynolds on composer Edward Elgar, who owed so much of his success to the music-loving Edward VII and finally novelist Caroline Montague talking to Theo Clarke about the Potteries.

Everyone will have their own favourite moments, but one of mine was seeing the Bibury schoolchildren talking to the Arlington Wind Quintet who had come all the way across the Atlantic to perform Peter and the Wolf for them. “Does anyone know what this instrument is called?” asked bassoonist Kathy. “Yes,” said one little boy. “A bazooka!”

I think guest of honour Prue Leith, who officially opened the festival, put it really well when she said it was extraordinary to think that a small village like Bibury could have organised an event of this scale, and that local people could go and hear writers of such calibre talking for only £7.50 a ticket.

It IS extraordinary, and it is down to a lot of hard work from a lot of people. The BibLit committee – Tim Hastie-Smith, Jackie Colburn, Anne de Courcy, Sara Gorst, Mike Pini, Lavinia Sidgwick and myself – owe a debt of gratitude to all our volunteers who sold tickets, manned car parks, served drinks and made canapes.

We would also like to thank the village hall team headed by Angela Staton, who provided tea and wonderful cake.

Not everyone in the village might know Mark Stanga, but French horn player Mark and his wife Jane, who live in Arlington, Virginia, also have a cottage here in Bibury. It was Mark’s determination and energy that brought the wind quintet here from America and helped establish a musical dimension to BibLit which I hope will continue in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the audience, for supporting us. Jackie Colburn said at one point during BibLit: “People keep coming up and thanking me for organising it and I feel I should thank them for coming.” I completely agree. Look forward to seeing you all again at BibLit 2026.

*Kohlfahrt means a cabbage tour. I haven’t got room to explain here – look it up!

Public Meeting - Bibury Village Hall - Saturday 18th May - 9.30am to 12.30 noon
With Geoffrey Clifton Brown MP
To discuss the issues affecting Bibury both now and in the future

It is proposed that the format for the meeting will be to listen and respond to the concerns of residents, representing Bibury, Arlington and Ablington, under 5 broad headings with the timings indicated and an open session at the end of the meeting:

- Introduction (5 mins)
- Topics (each 25 mins)
 - Impact of tourism on parking and traffic
 - The Trout Farm
 - Green space designation
 - Ablington Manor
 - The environment, flooding and river management
- Open discussion (25 mins)
- Conclusions and next actions (25 mins)

If you wish to attend, please:

- Confirm by email to cliftonbrowng@parliament.uk with the reference ' I would like to attend the Bibury Public Meeting with our MP'
- Indicate any question you would like to ask.

REFLECTION

My garden complete, looks quite neat!
With Red Robin hedges & roses in bloom
Lilac & honeysuckle give out their perfume
Bedding plants hang from baskets galore
Beautiful bushes and a whole lot more
This time of year makes my heart sing
To have created a haven where nature is king

Bibury Gardening Club

Joff Elphick's talk in March promised us "Crayfish on the Lawn", a title which was intriguing enough, you might think. However, while we did indeed get crayfish on the lawn (of which more later), we also got the truth about Tomorrow's World presenter Judith Hann's bunny being eaten by Rick Stein's Jack Russell Chalky: a recording of Pam Ayres reciting her heartbreaking poem, The Last Hedgehog, and a host of images of gardens, plants and creatures.

Joff's commentary on all of these things was both amusing and informed and for those of us who were feeling a bit jaded garden-wise, thanks to incessant rain, soggy ground and gloomy skies, it made us all want to get back out in our gardens.

The crayfish in the question was found on the lawn of Thyme, in Southerop, 300 yards from the nearest water course. How did it get there? Was it dropped by a predator such as a heron? Or an otter? We'll never know.

April's talk was on the subject of cherry blossom and how Collingwood "Cherry" Ingram, an English plant collector, helped restore Japan's native cherry tree species which had dwindled owing to the popularity of a fast-growing reliable hybrid cultivar.

I love the story of "Cherry" Ingram sitting at a formal Japanese tea ceremony in the 1920s, and being shown an antique painting of a particular wild cherry tree which was thought to be extinct in Japan. "Oh yes," he told his astonished hosts, "I recognise that tree, I have one in my back garden."

This month's meeting, on Wednesday 8 May, will be a visit to Vanessa Berridge's garden in Winchcombe. Please note the earlier time of 6-8pm.

June's meeting will be on Wednesday 12 June, at the same time, at Charlton Farm, Charlton, nr Malmesbury.

Victoria Summerley

BIBURY OPEN GARDENS FESTIVAL

Bibury Open Gardens is a long-standing event in the village calendar and a personal favourite. What is not to like about wandering round an idyllic English village looking at lovely gardens?

This year, Open Gardens will be held on Sunday 9 June. It raises funds for the village hall, and this year the village hall committee have decided to tweak the arrangements a bit and take advantage of card readers and online booking.

We also want to turn it into more of a festival, with additional events such as a live band, an art exhibition and BBQ at the church, and country living-style demonstrations such as hedgelaying and flower arranging. Advance online booking will be via the website that BibLit uses at www.biburyfestivals.com.

We are very excited about it and we hope you will be too. However, we will need volunteers. We will need people to help on the gates of the gardens, to serve tea and cake in the village hall, to man the car park, or simply be around to give visitors directions.

We would particularly like to hear from people who are new to the village because this is a great way to get to know your neighbours (and for them to get to know you). The more people we have, the less work it is for everyone.

If you would like to get involved, email village hall chairman Angela Staton (angela.staton@btopenworld.com) or village hall secretary Maggie Catling (maggiecatling@gmail.com).

NEWS FROM BARNLSLEY

Mike Daly our hard-working festival chairman has just commissioned Colin Feltham the local builder to re-install four old replica water pumps in the walls around the village (one outside 21 one outside Mark Biddle's by the Pub, one outside 40/41 (the three connected cottages) and one outside 43/44 (the newly restored two cottages). He was born in the village so remembers back when there was no running water in the houses, and he was sent down every morning to fill a bucket (think he called it a pitcher) with water from one of these pumps. When mains water was installed, these were all taken away but the "holes in the wall" were left so out of last year's festival funds we purchased four replica's which are now in place!

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 Booking is £5 a session. Pay as you go. Plenty of spaces and good for all ages.

34th Barnsley Village Festival

Support Cirencester Food Bank at the Barnsley Village Festival!

Saturday 18th May 2024

Join us in making a difference!

We are seeking high-quality Tombola gifts for the upcoming Barnsley Village Festival Tombola stand. Your generous donations will help raise vital funds for the Cirencester Food Bank, part of The Trussell Trust network, providing essential support to local families in need.

We Need Your Gifts!

What to Donate: New items that will delight our Tombola players. Think gift sets, gadgets, vouchers, toys & any treasures that could become someone's lucky win!

Drop-Off Details: Available every weekend until the 12th of May.

Location: Barnsley Village

Contact: For any queries or to arrange a drop-off, call 07785 462000.

We can make a difference for our community and together make this Tombola a resounding success!

ROUND AND ABOUT

At the time of writing the hedgerows are full of blossom from the crab apples and newly opening hawthorn blossom and in the verges and woodlands, we have bluebells and cowslips to lift our spirits. At last, flowers to remind us that summer is just around the corner and the beginning of the busy season in Bibury. Last month saw Biblit, this month it is Barnsley's turn for a festival and next month it will be the garden festival in Bibury. So many people who attend these festivals are impressed that such small villages can put on such interesting events. Those that organise these events put in such a lot of hard work and they have to rely on help from many villagers so do read and respond to the requests for help (such as prizes for the tombola for Barnsley Festival, help with running the Football social club, or playing cricket for the Bibury Cricket club). If we do not support such events and clubs by helping at events or offering to take part, we shall lose our supportive community in our villages.

We have some news from The Pike. Firstly we welcome Cyril home and wish him a speedy recovery after his stay in hospital. We say goodbye to Judy as she leaves No.4 to make a new home and life away from Arlington. In her place at No 4 we welcome newcomers, Nick and Nicky, to whom we send a warm welcome and hope they will enjoy their new home and living as part of our community.

We have been a little remiss in welcoming new people to our village. Often their arrival is delayed by building works and we are not always fully aware of when new residents have finally been able to take up residence. If you have moved into the village recently, or have a story to tell – please let us know. We do like to welcome people by name if at all possible. And as always we welcome snippets of news about you and yours – as our founder Stan would say – the 'hatches, matches and dispatches' of village life. So let us know by either emailing us at biburyvillagelife@hotmail.com or contact any of our panel members – details on the first page.

From the Publication panel.

Firstly, we must apologise to those of you last month who received copies with some blank sides. Hopefully you all had a complete copy but our printer had some problems with the damp conditions last month and failed to print both sides but of course it could have been the deputy printers fault!

And secondly we are grateful to Barnsley Festival for printing our coloured cover!

From further afield

Northleach

Friday May 24th, Music in Country Churches present La Serenissima, the world-renowned string ensemble, with Italian mandolin virtuoso Raffaele La Ragione. 6.00pm at Northleach Church. Tickets £30 / £20 / £15 at northleachevents.co.uk and Northleach Post Office.

Fairford Friends of Fairford and Lechlade Communities

With your help we provide much needed services in our local community. If you are able to volunteer in our charity shop, at the Lunch Club, as a driver, or at any event, please get in touch and let us know. Call 07938244335 or email us at admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk. Forthcoming events:

Monday Lunch club at Fairford hospital – starts 13th May..Hot meal transport social for £10 book via 07713607106

Quiz night Friday 17th May Fairford Community centre. ~Max 6 members per team book place 01285 707300

House to House collection 13th to 26th May. Contact **Kelly, General Manager** GM@friendsoffairford.org.uk

Lechlade charity Shop – Pop by to pick up a bargain! Open Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm.

Pop-up Charity shop in Fairford Community Centre Wednesday 17th May Barker Room

Bereavement café first Friday of every month, Drop in between 10:00 and 12:00, Fairford Community Centre, Barker Room

Patient Transport Drivers for medical appointments. our Transport Coordinator, Val Harvey. Telephone: [07540798226](tel:07540798226) or Email: transport@friendsoffairford.org.uk

Volunteer minibus drivers needed. Training given please contact contact Agneta, admin@friendsoffairford.org.uk or Katie edlc@friendsoffairford.org.uk if you can help