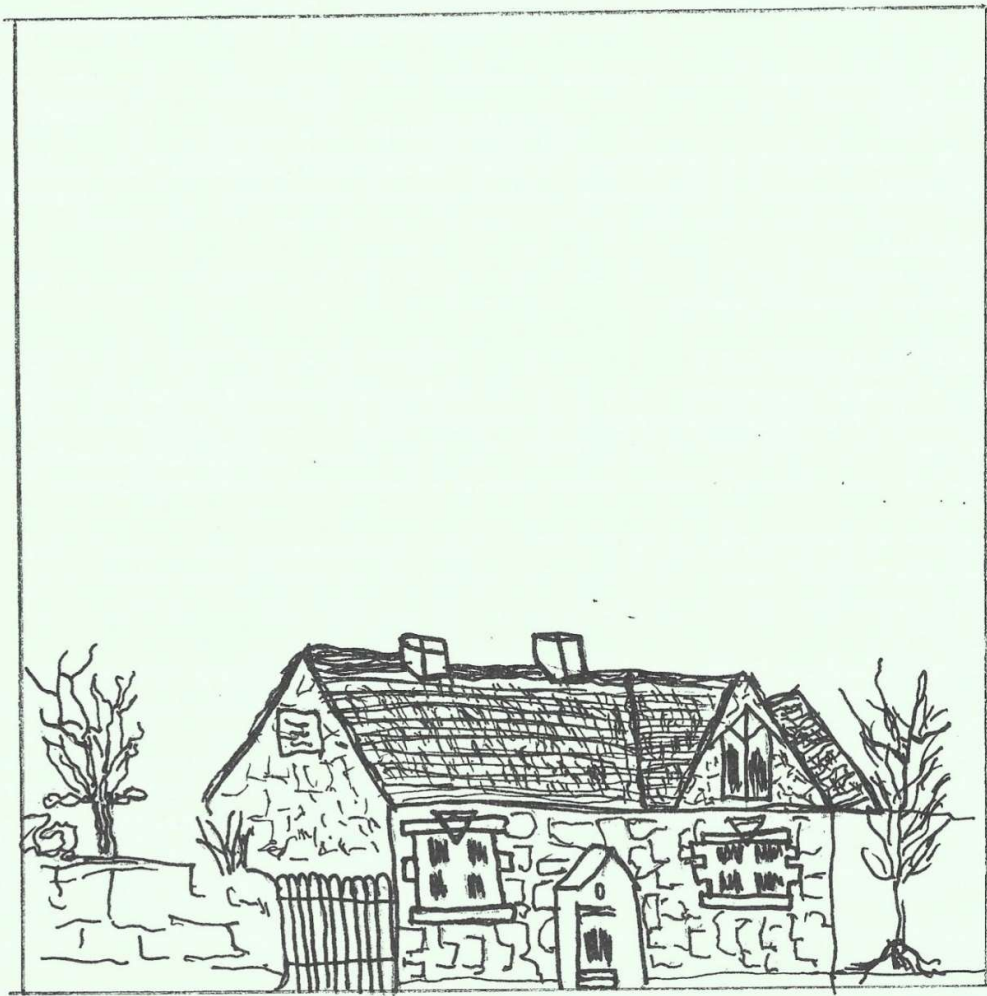


# VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,  
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



JUNE 2024

## 'VILLAGE LIFE'

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

### ISSUE

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#### JUNE

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Craft Fair in Bibury Village Hall	9:30 to 4pm
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Bibury Craft Club Demonstration 'Making padded hangers'	2-4pm
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Talk by Lord Soames on Sir Winston Churchill in Bibury Church	6pm
June	7-9 <sup>th</sup>	Art exhibition in Bibury church	
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Open Farm Day at Church Farm, Barnsley	11am to 2pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bibury Gardens Festival</b>	12 till 4.30pm
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Bibury Parish Council meeting, Bibury Village Hall	7pm
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Community Lunch in Baptist Schoolroom	12:30pm
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Indian Block Printing Workshop, Barnsley Village Hall	6.45 till 8.45pm
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rural Cinema</b> 'Wicked Little Letters'	7 for 7.30pm

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Deadline for July /August Village Life 12 noon.**

#### JULY

Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Craft Club,	2-4pm
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Fair in Bibury Village Hall	9:30 to 4pm
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bibury &amp; District Village Show in Bibury Village Hall</b>	
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Community Lunch in Baptist Schoolroom	12:30pm
Friday to Sat	19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>	'Art from The Kitchen Table' Art Exhibition, Village Hall	
		3 - 6 pm Fri	10 - 4 pm Sat/Sun

### **BIBURY & DISTRICT VILLAGE SHOW**

**Saturday 13th July, Bibury Village Hall.**

There is still plenty of time to plan your entries for this year's Village Show. There are so many ways to show off your creativity from: photography to cake baking and from flower arranging to craft making...

The schedules for the show have now been printed and are being distributed around the villages to all residents. If you would like further copies, then please contact Maggie Catling on 740728.

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.

### **BIBURY VILLAGE LIFE PANEL**

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Mrs Jenny A'Bear (Ablington correspondent) Stonebank, Ablington	01285 740412

Please note: if you wish to put an article or advert in "Village Life" magazine, it should be sent to **[biburyvillagelife@hotmail.com](mailto:biburyvillagelife@hotmail.com)** or handed to any member of the panel by 12 noon on our deadline date (normally 20<sup>th</sup> 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)

**THE FIRST BIBURY RESIDENT TO SEE HALLEY’S COMET IN 1910**

I’ve written about Boswell Belcher (1851-1913) before. The Belchers were a prominent Baptist family in Arlington.

Boswell was evidently not in robust health, only able to undertake light duties in his brother’s butchery business. Perhaps because of his poor physical shape, he developed an interest in researching and writing about academic subjects. He became something of an expert on local history, archeology and general science, appearing regularly in local newspapers.

His interests also included astronomy, which is why he got out of bed very early one morning in early May 1910. He knew that Halley’s Comet would be passing overhead at around 3.30am and be visible to the naked eye.

The Cheltenham Chronicle of 7th May christened him ‘the first Biburian to see Halley’s Comet’, encouraging other local residents to follow Boswell’s example with ‘Get up ye sluggards and gaze’.

PS1: The Belcher butchery shop was in the premises now occupied by The Twig.

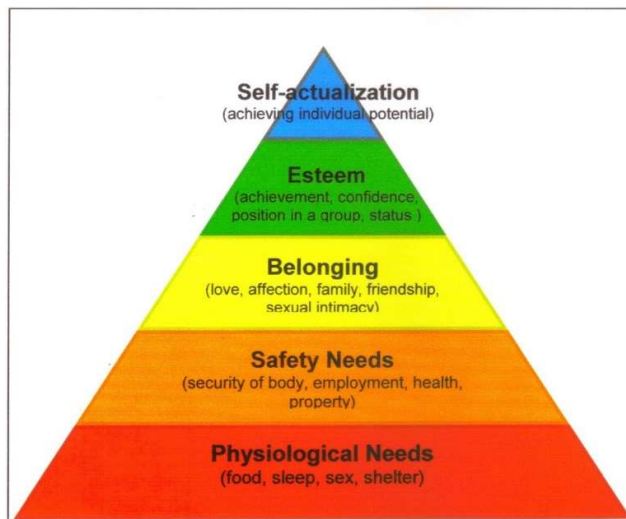
PS2: The next time Biburians will be able to see Halley’s Comet will be 2061.

**Roger Staton**

**BIBURY WITH BARNSELY AND WINSON CHURCHES Bibury Vicarage, Gloucestershire, GL7  
5NT [Tim.hastie-smith@hotmail.com](mailto:Tim.hastie-smith@hotmail.com) *June 2024***

Dear Friends,

This month I want to reflect on the theme of community, one element of the Parish Plan which is currently being written on behalf of the whole village. Many of you will be familiar with Abraham Maslow’s hierarchy of needs, an idea that he proposed in a paper called A Theory of Human Motivation published in 1943. The idea is that we have an ascending list of needs which build upon each other. So at the bottom you have basic needs like food and sleep, working upwards you have health and security, next you have social needs, and the need to belong, next you have status, and finally, at the top, self-actualisation, by which Maslow meant, What a man can be, he must be. A highly attractive mantra for an individualistic age, and one of the reasons that Maslow is so popular in the world of marketing, PR and business management, not to mention any number of self help books that fill the shelves of station newsagents.



But the thing is that’s not the whole story. First off, Maslow revised his pyramid to place transcendence at the top. In other words, the spiritual. That is more important than selfishness (A pejorative description of

self-actualisation! And second Maslow came to see self-actualisation as being rooted in community. In most management manuals Maslow is portrayed as insisting that we are at our happiest when we are trying to be the best that we can be. But Maslow had a bit of an epiphany in his studies when some colleagues took him off to spend six weeks with the Blackfoot Indians where he found a society quite unlike what he had experienced before. At its simplest he found embedded in Blackfoot society and cultural wisdom that individual achievements mean nothing on their own, and that individual fulfilment is found in contributing to our wider community. As a member of the Gitxan tribe put it: *First Nations people often consider their actions in terms of the impacts of the 'seven generations'. This means that one's actions are informed by the experience of the past seven generations and by considering the consequences for the seven generations to follow.* We are connected, and our greatest fulfilment comes in embracing the simple truth that we are happiest when using our gifts to benefit the whole community. Self-actualisation is about service and giving. That's what the management books don't say. Instead, they emphasise greed and looking after number one, preying on barren individualism.

It really is time to rediscover the better story. The story of community, and interdependence. Alex Evans, in his new book, *The Myth Gap*, speaking into the climate change debate, writes eloquently about the need for telling the better story. As he puts it, evidence and arguments are not enough. The Eco activist, born again Catholic, Paul Kingsnorth puts it even more strongly. Following a life of atheism and battling to save the planet, his baptism in the River Shannon, was part of his personal reawakening to humanity's need to be part of a bigger story. We are connected to one another, to creation, and to generations yet to come as well as generations past.

St Paul spoke of the body of Christ in his famous letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:12-26) poetically describing both our interdependence, whilst at the same time stressing our need to be different. The beauty of his image is that each part of the body not only has a part to play, but that part requires them NOT to be any other part (If the nose decided to be a foot, problems would follow. The image is intended to elicit wry smiles)

I honestly believe this to be one of the most important messages for our times. The selfish individualism of the baby boomer generation, that demanded ever more rights whilst unwilling to shoulder any responsibilities is being shown to be sterile, inadequate and self-destructive. We belong to one another. We need one another. It is a better and more compelling story because it is true.

With every blessing, **TIM**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, former MP, Lord (Nicholas) Soames** will be here to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> 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.  
Everybody welcome

**PS: 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June** we play host to a wonderful **Art Exhibition** laid on by Lynn Edward and friends. It has been arranged to coincide with the **Village Garden Festival**. There will be a BBQ in the Churchyard on Sunday.

**Village Prayer Meeting** takes place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00pm** at The Vicarage.

**Pop up tea: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** No service at any of our three churches as we all go to Gloucester Cathedral for a 10:15 service where our Church warden, **Jackie Colburn, will be ordained.**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July: 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.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August:** A service of thanksgiving where all who are married are invited to **reaffirm their wedding vows.**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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**.

Dame Fiona is our first distinguished guest, and all are welcome to drinks at 6:00pm, followed by a lecture. **Entry FREE**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6:00pm** Election special with broadcaster, author and political commentator, **Iain Dale**. **Entry FREE**

<b>Church Services June 2024</b>	<b>Bibury</b>	<b>Barnsley</b>	<b>Winson</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <i>Trinity 1</i> 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Trinity 2</i> 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-end	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Trinity 3</i> 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Mark 4:26-34	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion		9:30am BCP Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> <i>Trinity 4</i> 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Psalm 133 Mark 4:35-end	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:30am Morning Prayer	
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>Trinity 5</i>	10:30am to Gloucester Cathedral for Jackie Colburn's Ordination as Deacon		No service in the benefice
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Trinity 6</i> 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Trinity 7</i> Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> <i>Trinity 8</i> Ephesians 2:11-end Mark 6:30-34, 53-end	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion		9:30am BCP Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>Trinity 9</i> Ephesians 3:14-end Psalm 14 John 6:1-21	11.00am Morning Prayer and Holy Baptism Albie Saunders	9:30am Morning Prayer	
<b>Churchwardens</b>  <b>Vicar</b>	Jackie Colburn 01451 860212 Revd Tim Hastie-Smith 01285 740301	Dominic Spacie	Lavinia Sidgwick 01285 720682

**ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH**

info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

Guide to surviving the Tourist onslaught.

This spring, my family and I decided to take a break we travelled to St Davids in Pembrokeshire . Many of the visitors in St Davids spoke a different language than the residents in Pembrokeshire, this may sound most of the visitors spoke English and the locals converse in Welsh.

We favour the traditional cottage when we are away soaking up the ambience in areas new to us, and it seems most of the cottages in the surrounding hamlet are full of visitors!  
Is this starting to sound familiar?

St Davids or Dewi Sant (in Welsh) was a leading figure and monk in the early Welsh Church who lived in this area in the sixth century. He founded a monastic community living a simple, austere life in the Celtic monastic tradition which connected the people of Wales with Ireland, Cornwall, France and the Scottish Isles. After his death his remains were kept at St Davids and encased within the now Cathedral. Pope Calixtus II declared it a place of pilgrimage. Catholic Christians believed the closer they could get to a saint, the closer they would be to God. St Davids became a popular place of pilgrimage. Again is this sounding familiar ?  
Blaming Pope Calixtus for all the pilgrim tourists in St Davids and in Bibury we blame the Emperor of Japan! Both for recommending each place to visit, although not in the latter case to be closer to God.... or is it? Can you be closer to God in some places more than others?

I visited the Cathedral at Pentecost and enjoyed the choral Eucharist, Pentecost being the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles with all the power of a mighty tornado, but without destruction, in order to dwell forever in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Apostles went forth to teach, preach, and baptise, while the disciples and women also went forth to bear witness to Jesus as the Son of God and our Saviour. It was the day God came to dwell in us here on earth.

The Bishop spoke at the service of tolerance in this busy manic world we live in, he spoke of being generous in all ways, generous in our forgiveness even to those who don't want to receive our forgiveness, be generous to ourselves in prayer it will heal us even if our forgiveness isn't accepted by others.

If you go to a place that makes you feel at peace whether that be at Dewi Sant, Bibury or any place you choose, and sincerely invite the Holy Spirit to become part of your life then you will be closer to God, if you spend quiet time in prayer and contemplation then you will certainly be closer to God and his Holy Spirit will remain with you helping you with tolerance and forgiveness.

I found St Davids Cathedral a calm and peaceful place to sit and talk to our Father God, until that is I opened the great wooden door and let myself back out into the fray although the words of the Bishop came back to me of tolerance in this busy manic world, words that I brought back to Bibury with me and remember as I am sat waiting for a number of coaches to move or park and let me drive through and get home for a cup of tea.

Peace be with you or as they say in Welsh Tannefedd (pronounced Tang- nev- eth )

### **Services and Events @ Arlington Baptist Church**

Services Every Sunday 10.30pm (please email as above to confirm as service venue changes)

**Community Lunches** in the Old Schoolrooms 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in the month next 19<sup>th</sup> June and 17<sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm 2 course lunch with residents and rural community, delivery service available call Debbie 740366 or Sharon 07074785437 All Welcome

Thankyou to all who supported the Christian Aid bring and buy sale at the May community lunch.

Art Journaling workshop (mixed media all materials supplied) a few places remaining 12<sup>th</sup> June in the Old Schoolrooms£30 all day (bring lunch) but please come for just half a day if you prefer email or call Sharon

#### **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

## **BIBURY CRAFTERS**

Our meeting last month was a stash swap – people brought along their unwanted fabrics and haberdashery and anything left over went to charity. It was a great session, with an exchange of ideas as well as fabric, so a lot of people went home fired with enthusiasm for something they came along thinking they would chuck out.

Next month's meeting will be a demonstration by Gillian Day on making padded hangers. We will provide the hangers and the padding and Gillian will provide the pattern.

Any soft, smooth material such as cotton lawn or poplin is ideal: most commercial padded hangers are made of satin, which is not only difficult to sew, but too impractical for any garment made of delicate fabrics which will simply slide off.

You don't need to use a machine to make these hangers – hand-sewing is absolutely fine. We'll be taking a break during July and August, and we're back in September when we are embarking on bunting for the Baptist Church hall.

Please do feel free to come along and have a look at what we're up to.

## **Dates for your diary**

**June craft club: Wednesday 5th**

**September craft club: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

All our meetings take place in Bibury Village Hall at 2.15pm. There is a £3 fee to cover the cost of the hall and tea and biscuits.

Did you know there is now a Bibury Craft club Facebook page? For those of you on Facebook, please search Bibury Craft club to find us.

We also have a new email address which is [Biburycraftclub@gmail.com](mailto:Biburycraftclub@gmail.com) Beverley Morgan-Davies

## **BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Notes from a meeting on 14th May 2024

Our Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held followed by the Annual Parish Meeting; there were 7 members of the public present for most of the meetings along with 3 dogs (who did not participate).

In the public session at the start of the meeting a letter expressing concern about the bonfires at the Trout Farm, their failure to engage with the community and disappointment that the safe walkway from car parks was not yet in place..The Parish Council had received a letter from the Trout Farm proposing we work together to control coaches but it came too late for the meeting as not all councillors had seen its content. There was also real anger expressed about the conduct and outcome of the recent planning committee discussion regarding the Trout Farm and it was felt that the bio-diversity reports were ignored

During these discussions it was clear that the planning procedure was not fully understood by residents and the Parish Council agreed to organise a visit from CDC to explain the system to those members of the public who are interested. In the meantime, if you are interested about planning submissions and would like to comment on plans as they arise, please go on-line and register with CDC's **planning portal**

**<http://publicaccesscotswold.gov.uk/online-applications/>:**

Click on 'register' Complete the form & select 'next' to update each subsequent page



By doing this it also helps the Parish Council who can see if local objections or support apply to each plan and you will be notified as plans come out for comment..

Cllr Craig Chapman was re-appointed to the role of Chairman and the full list of roles filled by the councillors is included in the Chairman's Report in the Minutes of the meeting placed on the Bibury Parish Council website with a new role of 'Planning Lead' which has been taken by Cllr Michelle Holt. As a result of Cllr Holt's new Role, the Council would like to appoint another person to join BUC (Bibury United Charities). If you wish to join this interesting part of Bibury's Heritage, please contact the Clerk, via the Bibury Parish Council Website.

RoSPA – The annual inspection of the playground raised some minor repairs which the Parish Council agreed to attend to. Planning: There were 3 tree work applications which, two were supported and one no comment. The Council also agreed to support an application for replacement windows for 35 The Square.

**NEXT MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL:** Tuesday 11th June 2024.

The Annual Parish Meeting followed and a very inclusive Chairman's Report can be read on the Bibury Parish Council website as can the reports of both our District & County Councillors who ere present for this meeting.

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

### **BIBURY OPEN GARDENS FESTIVAL**

Open Gardens is back, it's different and it's going to be really exciting. It's been two years since the last Open Gardens event – lots of time in which to assess whether or how things can be improved. So the Village Hall team has been mulling things over, tweaking things here and there, and coming up with a programme that offers something for everyone, not just garden-lovers.

First, the timing. The garden owners have requested an earlier start and finish (boy, do we need that G&T at the end of the day), so we are kicking off at 12 noon and finishing at 4.30pm.

Second, pricing and advance booking. A garden passport which allows entry to all seven gardens will cost £10, which includes free parking. If you book in advance online, you get a discount – it's £8.50 including parking. Advance booking is on the same website as tickets for BibLit – [www.biburyfestivals.com](http://www.biburyfestivals.com).

If you want to pay on the day, payment hubs will be available at the car park, the village hall or at Awkward Hill Cottage. Payment by card will be available.

Parking will be in the field opposite Bibury Court and huge thanks go to Marc and Charlotte Newson, and their estate manager Sophie Russell Marsh, for allowing us the use of their land.



As well as the gardens, there will also be an art exhibition, organised by Lynn Edward and featuring local artists. This will be in the church, which is also running a second-hand bookstall in the churchyard.

Four of the gardens – Saltway House, Awkward Hill Cottage, Church House and Pudding Hill Barn – will have additional activities.

The Macaroons, who played for our Coronation party last year, will be performing at Church House.

Florist Beth Bruce-Gardner will be at Saltway House, foraging for flowers and foliage and demonstrating how to arrange them.

Pudding Hill Barn will have demonstrations by champion hedgelaye Phil Hart, and on fly fishing – the garden slopes down to the river Coln.

Awkward Hill Cottage will have two plant stalls, run by Bibury Gardening Club and nurseryman Malcolm Allison.

Three of the gardens – Garden Cottage, Dove Cottage and Long Cottage – are smaller, so they won't be hosting any extra attractions, but since all three are all stunningly beautiful, they are well worth a visit. Refreshments on sale will include a BBQ in St Mary's churchyard, tea and homemade cakes (of course) in the village hall and soft drinks and snacks at Pudding Hill Barn.

### **COVER SKETCH**

The lovely drawing of Bibury village Hall was drawn by Raul Szabo for last years Bibury and District show and won first prize in the 8 to 11 year category for the Village Life section.

### **TWO THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH**

Ash before oak we're in for a soak, Oak before ash, we're in for a splash!

"Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June" – Al Bernstein

### **Bibury Church of England Primary School.**

An exceptional village school & Preschool, serving Bibury and the surrounding villages

Acorns Class: Acorn Class have been busy writing their own myths this month. We began with looking at the myth, The Crow's Tale and each day we practised writing each section of the story in the same style. We looked at how repetition can be used to create an effect, as well as practising how to use similes to compare. During the week 3 of term, the children were challenged to create their own myth and this produced some fantastic pieces of writing.

In Computing, Years 1 and 2 have been learning how to code using software from Espresso Coding. Year 1 have been learning how to create a start event and how to make objects move across a screen. Year 2 have been learning how to program multiple click events to make objects move, stop, hide and set off in order.

In Design and Technology, the children have been researching different sorts of homes in order to generate ideas for their own structures.

Oaks & Mighty Oaks: In mathematics, both year groups have been working on their understanding of the properties of angles and shapes over the past few weeks. We have been using protractors to measure angles and applying our knowledge of the properties of angles and shapes to calculate unknown angles and identify 2D and 3D shapes.

Our English writing this term has begun with a unit of fiction writing based on the opening of the wonderful book, 'The Nowhere Emporium'. This has given us opportunities to develop our creative writing skills using more advanced techniques such as metaphor and personification in order to create an image of settings and circumstances in the readers' minds.

In science, we have now concluded our work on circulation and good health. We all measured our lung capacity to see whether this was related to our height – our results showed that there was potentially some truth in our idea as some of the taller children in the class did have the greatest lung capacity. We also learned about the work of John Boyd Orr, whose proof of a link between diet and healthy growth in the late 1930s led to the introduction of free school milk.

Many of the children wrote to the government in role as John, explaining the results of the investigation and asking for them to take action.

Little Acorns: Children aged 3 and 4 years are able to attend, learning and developing their skills through play, ready to begin their school life.

Sessions are: Morning 9am – 12 noon or All Day 9am – 3pm. Monday to Friday, term time only. Please email the school office for more information.

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)

### **BIBURY TROUT FARM**

We are introducing a new scheme to provide free entrance to those who live in Bibury and Ablington. This will be for residents only, therefore a driving license or proof of address will be necessary. For any questions or enquiries please don't hesitate to contact us.

Emily Trustrum-Thomas, Bibury Trout Farm 01285 740215 [www.biburytroutfarm.co.uk](http://www.biburytroutfarm.co.uk)

Bibury Trout Farm, Bibury, Cirencester, GL7 5NL

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

As many may know, we have suffered 7 months of being unable to access the Row by vehicle, via Awkward Hill, because the Wall was being re-built outside Rosemary Cottage. We were all devastated when the Highways Manager, upon inspecting the repaired Wall at the end of April, in order to re-open the road, decided that the other side of the Lane was 'unsafe', and closed it again! So we now await tree felling & repair of the wall by the Landowner, for which work has already started. We hope this won't take too long!

Added to this, Residents are having increasing difficulty finding anywhere to park on the Street, because of the large number of Visitors, and Vans used by Contractors working on

Awkward Hill, No 1 Arlington Row & the Post Office & Tearooms. We all hope that work will be completed soon on all fronts, so the Residents of Arlington Row can return to some sort of 'normal'

Meanwhile, as the result of inaccessibility to get a car near the house, I have been using a wheelbarrow to move heavy items across the Pedestrian Bridge by the Row to my Car parked anywhere I can find on The Street, or Church Rd. This has caused a whole new interest for the Tourists, who want to know why I am trundling a wheelbarrow backwards & forwards – and can they take a 'photo? Well, that was all right, until a coachload of 50 Tourists not only wanted to take my picture, but themselves, one by one, all outside the Row. – I drew the line at 6 !.

As Summer arrives, it has been lovely to see nature emerge, in the form of some Voles, and (currently) 5 Signets accompanying their Parents up and down the stream by the Row, and along the River. The male ducks are still guarding their females on Water Lane & elsewhere, and no-doubt Ducklings will emerge soon.

Morning & evening along the Row are quite magical in Summer -after the Tourists have gone, with Rack Isle being overtaken with flowers & undergrowth & the woods behind coming into full leaf. – I see the electric fence has been erected to keep in the Banded Galloways who arrived on Tuesday 21 st May, so I hope we won't have to round them up as we did last year when they escaped & I early ended up trying to be a Toreador !. **Brian Skarda. STOP PRESS; Awkward Hill due to open 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

### **NOT**

You are not your age  
Nor the size clothes you wear  
You are not your weight  
or the colour of your hair  
You are not your name  
or the dimple in your cheeks  
You are all the books you read  
And all the words you speak  
You are your croaky morning voice  
And the smiles you try to hide  
You're the sweetness in your laughter  
And every tear you've cried.

You're the songs you sing loudly  
When you know you are alone!  
And the places you have been to  
And the one you call Home  
You're the thigs that you believe in  
And the people that you love  
And the photo's in your bedroom  
And the future you dream of  
You're made of so much beauty  
But it seems that you forgot  
When you decided you were defined  
By all the things you're not!



## RURAL CINEMA

Bibury Village Hall – Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> June

### Wicked Little Letters

Genre: Comedy Crime Drama

Cert: R

Run time: 1hr 40 min.

**Starring:** Olivia Colman, Jessie Buckley, Anjana Vasan, Joanna Scanlan, Gemma

Rural Cinema: Thursday, 13th June, Bibury Village Hall

And the film is... Wicked Little letters

Wicked Little Letters is inspired by the real-life foul-mouthed poison pen scandal that rocked the sleepy town of Littlehampton, Sussex, in the 1920s.

Directed by Thea Sharrock, this black-comedy mystery stars Olivia Colman, Jessie Buckley, Anjan Vasal, Eileen Atkins, and Timothy Spall.

What the critics said:

- There's nothing like two of the finest actresses of their generation waging war against each other. The Sunday Times
- Swearing can be comic, but it might also be the way that a highly pressurised, repressive and patriarchal postwar society lets off a bit of steam. The Observer
- The camera looks up to Colman and Buckley in adulation, often allowing their features to seize the entire frame. Here's a film that understands perfectly well that the two of them are all we need to enjoy ourselves. The Independent
- A cosy bumbling farce.

### HEAVENS ABOVE

We start with a New Moon on June 6<sup>th</sup>, and with a Full Moon on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is called the Strawberry Moon and marks the start of the Strawberry picking season. In Pagan times it was called the Lover's Moon, as it was the time to work romantic thoughts, and then became the Honeymoon. The Moon in June is in Gemini from the 6<sup>th</sup> and ends with the Full Moon in Capricorn.

## **News from Barnsley**

### **A Look Back at the 34th Barnsley Village Festival**

The Barnsley Village Garden Festival, an annual spring celebration held this year on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May was a resounding success seeing a record number of visitors and raising a total of over £20,000 for charitable good causes and village projects. The festival, founded by one of Britain's greatest gardeners the late Rosemary Verey, is a testament to the enduring charm and vitality of the village, showcasing the best of local gardens, crafts and camaraderie.

#### **A Garden Lover's Paradise**

The festival opened its doors to some of the most enchanting private gardens, offering a rare glimpse into the horticultural wonders of this area. Special mention goes to the Barnsley Park Estate, where Thomas Henderson and Lycyna Pazdro graciously welcomed visitors, sharing insights into the estate's history and botanical treasure

The Barnsley House Hotel, under the stewardship of The Pig group, presented the legendary gardening work of Rosemary Verey, leaving visitors in awe of the four acre spectacle. The garden tour with Head Gardener Jen Danbury captivated the 100 strong crowd. Not to be outdone, the Barnsley Arboretum with 45 acres of 1600 furniture trees and national bamboo collection was a experience not to be missed and to top that off Oxwold House offered their own unique botanical experience, contributing to a day of exploration and discovery.

#### **Community and Craftsmanship**

The festival was a bustling hub of activity starting from 10am and lasting until 5pm in the glorious sunshine. Entertainment ranged from the quintessential sound of bell ringing, stunning face painting by Neraida, organ recitals to the vision of Morris Dancers in the afternoon sunshine. With over 20 craft, food and charity stalls enjoying a successful day the event was a resounding success. The sense of community was palpable, with many visitors already looking forward to next year's event.

The culinary highlights were undoubtedly the BBQ and Bar hosted by The Pig Group, which received rave reviews for its delicious offerings and our own Village Hall which served tea, coffee, and cold drinks with a huge array of locally homemade cakes and savories all day long.

Entertainment was in no short supply with outstanding performances in the Hotel grounds by Oxford's internationally acclaimed a cappella group, Out of the Blue and the gorgeous vocals of local Cirencester band Ethemias, in addition the 32-strong ladies' choir Splash Of Red gave outstanding performances inside the church.

#### **Acknowledgments and Appreciations**

The success of the festival could not have been achieved without the tireless efforts of many individuals. Eloise Dey and Emma Neilson were instrumental in the Village Hall's success, offering homemade delights that were a hit with all that ventured through

Halls' doors. The annual Tombola which raises money for Cirencester Food Bank is fast becoming a festival favorite thanks to the generous support of the community and the hard work Sally Stubberfield and my own daughter Rosie giving out fabulous prizes.

Thank you to Kirstine Page for letting us use her two minibuses all day. Thank you to The Austin Family for letting us see the baby calves and for the last-minute rescue on Friday night rolling the carpark. Newcomers to the festival who stood out with their support and help on the day were Michael Stubberfield and Mellissa and Stuart from 21 Barnsley who played key roles in bringing the festival to life.

A huge thankyou must be given to all involved making the flower display in the church flowers look heavenly using local flowers mixed with roses and peonies.

Mike Daly once again led the small team of committee members with enthusiasm and energy ensuring the success of the day, supported by Mark Neilson and myself. It was lovely to see the village community come together to support each other on such a sunny day, without the spirit of village life we wouldn't have a festival.

A huge thanks to all fifteen of the Barnsley Village residents who showcased their gardens without which the garden festival could not take place. The overall winner this year was **The Dower House** Garden. Congratulations!

Finally to all the residents I have not mentioned. All your hard work and contributions for the day were much appreciated.

### **A Record-Breaking Year**

This year's festival was not only a celebration of community and beauty but also a triumph in fundraising, with an overall total of over £20k raised for charities, good causes and village projects. This achievement sets a new record for the festival, surpassing last year's total and promising much-needed support for local initiatives.

### **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.

### **OPEN FARM SUNDAY** **9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 11AM TO 2PM**

Come to **Church Farm, Barnsley**. This Open Farm Sunday and find out all about we they look after and milk their pedigree cows and grow and feed them as well as other crops. As usual, The Open Farm Sunday will be packed with full of loads of exciting things to do, see and learn about. Visit the little calves, sit on a farm quad bike, help them build scarecrows, play nature games on the fam walk, face painting and have a trailer ride with farmer Austin!

[www.openfarmsunday.org](http://www.openfarmsunday.org) or email [Eloise.dey@gmail.com](mailto:Eloise.dey@gmail.com) for more details.

## T-Barn

Hidden away in Barnsley T – Barn have created off grid camping and glamping experiences giving guests the time to relax away from the rush of normal life and existence to immerse yourselves into nature with some having Swedish Hot tubs.

I can personally say I have stayed in the Shepard Huts and it was exactly the holiday I needed for just a couple of nights, leaving all my technology behind I was able to relax and unwind with a nice book, while knowing I was cooking a steak on a fire pit for dinner and having a cold beer of an evening.

Relaxing in a Swedish hot tub that I had lit earlier that afternoon, was more rewarding because I had done it all myself. No jet lag from this holiday!

For more information please visit [www.tbarn.co.uk](http://www.tbarn.co.uk)

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## ROUND & ABOUT

The leaves on the trees are nearly all in their summer finery – only the Ash leaves on some trees to be fully out – perhaps it is due to the Ash die back delaying leave bud or perhaps something to do with the weather changers or perhaps as in one of our Thoughts for the month a harbinger of a dry summer!

Several people have had spells in hospital but we are pleased to report most are now back at home recuperating well and making good progress – fingers crossed for all those who have been under the weather of late continue to return to full health.

The Belted Galloways are back on Rack Isle for their summer grazing. This year we have five ladies! So the local cattle checkers and the National Trust Rangers and herd managers will be keeping a watchful eye on the ‘belties’ and the important conservation work they do in improving the wildlife and vegetation on Rack Isle.

## FROM THE PANEL

Many thanks to all those readers and distributors who came to our coffee morning in the refurbished Barnsley village hall just before the end of last month. Our newest Panel member did sterling work collating the whole issue complete with colourful front cover. The distributions bundles for the whole issue were on the table ready for collection and the Village Life archive beside it, for information. An impressive sight it made. The Panel loved meeting our readers new and old and it was lovely to be once again in Barnsley. All enjoyed a chance to eat cake, drink coffee and just chat to those who came. We made over £160 in donations. So a huge thank you to everyone who came – see you at our 500 issue celebration!

**Reminder – next month is a double issue for July and August so include all relevant dates in your contributions**



**BIBURY OPEN GARDEN FESTIVAL**  
**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE**  
**12 noon TO 4:30pm**

7 beautiful and diverse gardens open to visit  
Art Exhibition in St Mary's Church Bibury

**Demonstrations :-**

Hedge laying and Fly fishing at Pudding Hill Barn,  
Floresty at Saltway House  
Music at Church House  
Plant stalls at Awkward Hill Cottage  
Book stall in churchyard

Teas in Village Hall, BBQ in churchyard, Snacks and  
drinks at Pudding Hill

Garden Passport £10 for all gardens and events.

Advance booking via the Bibury Festival website at  
[www.biburyfestival.com](http://www.biburyfestival.com)