

VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



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A Happy New Year to you all !

VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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January

Monday	13 th	Bibury Village Hall A.G.M. in Village Hall	2pm
Thursday	9 th	Rural cinema in Bibury Village Hall 'Thelma'	7pm for 7.30pm start
Wednesday	15 th	Community Lunch in Arlington Baptist Schoolroom	12.30pm
Monday	27 th	Bingo at Bibury Football Club	from 7.30 pm

February

Saturday	1 st	Bibury Wine tasting in Bibury Village Hall	
Wednesday	5 th	Craft Club in Bibury Village Hall – workshop on fused glass	
Friday	7 th	Women's World Day of Prayer in Arlington Baptist church	2.00 pm
Tuesday	11 th	Bibury Parish Council meeting	7.00 pm
Wednesday	19 th	Community Lunch in Arlington Baptist schoolroom	12.30pm

March

Wednesday 12th Bibury Gardening Club restarts

May

Saturday 17th May Barnsley Village Festival

BIBURY VILLAGE LIFE PANEL

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B.A.D.S.

Is anyone locally interested in taking part or helping with a lighthearted evening production of entertainment in Bibury?

In the spring the infamous Bibury Amateur Dramatic Society (BADS) are undertaking another evening of amusement and self ridicule, we would love more like minded participants , whether you are artistic, good at making costumes, bad at acting, good at singing, know about lighting and tech, enjoy catering, enjoy writing sketches etc

In the new year a very friendly group will meet and discuss a new production to be staged possibly mid March.

If you would like to come and see what we are about or just offer help on the night please phone or WhatsApp Sharon 07974785437

COVER SKETCH

In amongst the entries for last year's Bibury show was this lovely wintery scene drawn by Jessica Miles. We haven't had much snow this winter – yet we might and if not then this can remind us of what we are missing.

BIBURY WITH BARNSELEY AND WINSON CHURCHES

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January 2025

Dear Friends,

As 2024 draws to a close and 2025 beckons, we are offered a precious opportunity to reflect on the past and plan for the future, based on what is most of value in life. We can, of course, do this at any time, but the turning of the year does offer a unique opportunity. But it is when life is drawing to a close, and when we are conscious that our days are numbered, that we are most urgently invited to reflect on what is most precious about life.

That is what makes Simon Boas's delightful little book, *A Beginners Guide to Dying*, so wonderful. It began life as a couple of articles in the Jersey Evening Post, the second of which, entitled, My Cancer Situation Has Developed Not Necessarily To My Advantage, subsequently went viral. Simon was 46 when he was diagnosed with advanced throat cancer and had a few months to prepare for his death, and in doing so he found himself ever more grateful for the gift of life, and, perhaps strangely, the gift of death, which is both integral to life, but also, is part of what helps to make life so valuable.

It is a book full of joy and hope, and observations that whilst not necessarily new, become bright and fresh, as Simon discovers them to be personally true. It is also mischievously witty, such as his comment: The prognosis is not quite Don't buy any green bananas, but its pretty close to don't start War and Peace. Simon urges us to live our lives to the full. As he writes: Benjamin Franklin observed that most people die at 25 but are not buried until they're 75. 'Now is the time, however old you are, to take stock and realise that life is precious and finite, and if you're prioritising status or wealth, or feeling stuck and loveless, or putting things off, or waiting until retirement (and the heart attack that will fell you before you do get to trek through Bhutan), you are not making the most of it. *Aaaaaalways remember* (said Peter Cook cruelly) *if your life seems dull and dreary.....it is..... carpe that diem and keep it carped!*'

Interestingly Simon also moves from a position of what he would describe as 'arrogant atheism' to curious theism. Concluding that the existence of suffering and bad things in the world is about being human and free and is not an argument about God.

Simon's book was a highlight of my reading in 2024 and whilst perhaps lacking the depth of Marion Milner's *A Life of One's Own*, and Viktor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning*, both of which are glorious books, he makes up for it with the vigour and urgency of his writing.

May 2025 be a wonderful year for you whatever it may hold and don't forget that the things that matter, like love and kindness are absolutely free, and available to all to both give and receive.

As Baroness Rabbi Julia Neuberger played for us on her visit to Bibury earlier in 2024, using the Aaaronic blessing (in Hebrew): *May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you. And be gracious to You. May the Lord lift up His countenance to you and grant you peace.*

Tim

Village Prayer Meeting takes place Monday 13th January at 6:00pm at The Dower House

Church Services January 2025	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
Sunday 5th January <i>Epiphany</i> <i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i> <i>Matthew 2:1-12</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 12th January <i>Baptism of Christ</i> <i>Isaiah 43:1-7</i> <i>Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion	
Sunday 19th January <i>Epiphany 2</i> <i>Isaiah 62:1-5</i> <i>John 2:1-11</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion		9:30am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 26th January <i>Epiphany 3</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12:12-31</i> <i>Psalms 19</i> <i>Luke 4:14-21</i>	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:30am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 2nd February <i>Candlemas</i> <i>Malachi 3:1-5</i> <i>Luke 2:22-40</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 9th February <i>4th Sunday before Lent</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:1-11</i> <i>Luke 5:1-11</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion	
Sunday 16th February <i>3rd Sunday before Lent</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:12-20</i> <i>Luke 6:17-26</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion		9:30am BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd February <i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i> <i>Revelation 4</i> <i>Psalms 65</i> <i>Luke 8:22-25</i>	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:30am Morning Prayer	
Churchwardens <i>Vicar</i> <i>Curate</i>	 <i>Revd Tim Hastie-Smith</i> <i>01285 740301</i> <i>Revd Jackie Colburn</i> <i>01451 860212</i>	 <i>Dominic Spacie</i>	 <i>Lavinia Sidgwick</i> <i>01285 720682</i>

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM US

“There’s a reason a car’s windscreen is much bigger than its rearview mirror.”

That’s one way to make the point that we ought to spend much more time looking forward than backward.

The Apostle Paul shared the same wisdom centuries earlier in Philippians 3:13-14: “Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

It sounds so easy when we read it in the Bible, but it’s way more difficult to think that way in real life, Political tensions, economic devastation and increased poverty, social injustice, increasing rates of suicide and murder—all have combined to instil fear, confusion, panic, and anxiety in people all around the world.

But God is still working. He is still on His throne. He is still calling people to Himself, still loving, still saving. God doesn't want people to get stuck in the past, but instead to look forward and make plans to become the person God wants us to be.

And He invites us as His people to a deeper relationship with Him in 2025.

While the issues, fears, emotions and tensions we feel are real, the answer isn't to worship the past. In fact, God doesn't want us stuck in the past, looking back over our shoulders, wishing for the "good old days." He doesn't want us looking in the rearview mirror, which gives us a skewed look at what has been. Instead, He wants us to look through the windscreen of life—spending more time looking forward.

While the world looks more out-of-control than I've ever seen it, I know that I can rest in God's sovereignty because He is still in control. I can love and serve others as He has called me to do. I can join in His work.

What about you? How about joining me in pursuit of the great new days that God has promised will far surpass even the "good old days"? "There's a reason a car's windshield is way bigger than its rearview mirror."

Services and Events

Sunday services are often held in local houses please email for up-to-date info. All welcome 10.30am

First Sunday in the month always in the Chapel building with Rev. Geoff Price speaking 10.30am

Friday March 7th World Day of Prayer A gathering for ALL denominations in Arlington Chapel We look forward to welcoming everyone to this internationally recognised day celebrating and praying this year for "The Cook Islands" Please make note of the date in your diaries. There will also be craft and refreshments as we learn about this part of the world.

Community Lunch Dates Wednesday 15th January and Wednesday 19th February All are welcome Two course hot lunch at The Old Schoolrooms Arlington Baptist Church suggested donation £7

CRAFT CLUB

2024 has been a great year for Bibury Craft Club, we've enjoyed various crafts this year.

We kicked off 2024 with a 'Dolls House' show and tell. Jenny Lawrencen and Victoria Summerley brought along their own dolls houses to show us, we got to have a look at them in detail and learn about some of the techniques used for making furniture and designing interiors as well as hints and tips on where to source everything dolls house.

February and March we worked on designing and assembling Easter trees, between us we created some beautiful trees that we could proudly display at home.

We sprung into spring with a 'Great Big Craft swap' we all brought along items/fabrics we had no use for and swapped them for things we did. The left over items were taken to the Helen Douglas house charity shop in Cirencester.

In June, Gillian Day showed us how to make padded coat hangers, Gillian had made some beautiful hangers with vintage silk fabric, which she brought along. We all went away with a completed hanger and an enthusiasm for making more which we have all been doing as they make the perfect Christmas gifts.

We had a little break over the summer and during the later part of 2024 Sasha Keir came to talk to us about basketmaking and showed us how to make a very simple Christmas decoration – a willow star. We made some bunting for the Baptist church, we hope it's looking wonderful for the festive season and we finished off the year by creating some Christmas table centrepieces along with the willow stars.

All in all a great year learning and enjoying some wonderful crafts.

Thank you to all those who came along, all our bakers and tea makers, plus an extra special thank you to Victoria Summerley for looking after meetings when I couldn't be there and for all her inspiration and help during the year.

Craft Club 2025

We will kick off Craft Club 2025 on Wednesday 5th February with a very special guest Rachel Durkan, Rachel is leading a workshop on fused glass. You will have the opportunity to make something to your own design or Rachel can suggest designs for you. The workshop is £25. Please email Biburycraftclub@gmail.com to book, places are very limited so please book early. You can find Rachel on www.theglasscabin.co.uk

See you all at the village hall.

Thank you crafters, it's been a great year and I'm looking forward to what 2025 will bring!

Beverley Morgan-Davies

FROM THE OLD MAN OF THE PIKE

It has been some time since I have penned an article and being the start of a New Year I thought it was a good time to catch up with what has been going on. But first may I wish All "Village Life" readers "A Happy and Prosperous and Healthy New Year".

Would you believe it I last did an article for "VL" a way back in December 2022, my how time flies. Well as you see we are still about, not quite as fit and active as I would like to be but still getting around doing things I wanted to do but not as often. I often think back to those early days of "VL" with the old typewriters and duplicators. The old stencils and the correction liquid to where we are now and we are still behind with the latest technology. Perhaps just as well, I do not think we are ready for too much AI yet.

On the nature front I have trying to keep my eyes peeled to watch out for new sightings as well as the normal ones and I have been lucky with a few. I saw a Merlin when going up towards Old walls in the autumn and we had a Peregrine Falcon crash into our sitting-room window while catching a pigeon, leaving a feathered imprint on the glass for all to see. The Peregrine then devoured its prey on the lawn in double quick time. At our bird feeders I think I saw a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, it was much smaller than the normal Greater Spotted Woodpecker that are around all the time but it did not stay for very long for me to check it out. Other than that we have had the normal range of wild life visiting us but I do not think in quite as large numbers.

It has been great to put this article together and I hope that you enjoy it as well.

*(From the panel We are Delighted to have another article from TOMoTP! - **we have missed your contributions!**)*

BIBURY A.F.C.

Despite all the recent bad weather only one match was cancelled the first teams away trip to Bredon. The First team have had a mixed set of results lately. In a draw against Broadwell of the county league in the county cup, unfortunately we lost the penalty shootout.

A big 4-0 home win against Smiles Barometric was followed by a 3-1 defeat against league Leaders Tewkesbury Town.

The Reserves are currently third in the league still in the league cup and the quarter finals of the county cup so things progressing nicely there and they finish the year of with a home game against the league leaders AFC Cheltenham.

January home fixtures are

4th of January Reserves V Cheltenham Tigers 2pm

11th of Jan Reserves v Cheltenham Tigers 2pm County Cup

18th of Jan First team v Lydney Town 2pm

25th of Jan First team v Longlevens 2pm

The skittles season is progressing well with all three of our teams nearly half way through the season

Off the field the Cotswold Chippy will be at the Club on 3rd 17th and 31st serving the delicious fish and chips from 5-30 to 7-30

Bingo will be held on Monday 27th from 7-30 pm

A polite reminder that all dogs must be kept on leads whilst on football club land and please clean up after your dogs and take the bags home with you. Do not put in the football club rubbish bins

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL Notes from a Meeting held on 10th December 2024

There were 6 members of the public present amongst whom was a representative from the Trout Farm. There were no District or County Councillors present and apologies from one Parish Councillor. Our Flood Wardens presented a report which stated that on the night of 23/24th November the river rose to within 1 cm of the top of the normal range. The main problem being surface water because of the poor conditions of road drains. Highways would appear to have no maps of road drains in the parish, where they run and where they discharge although they are in the process of establishing and the Parish Council will support this.

HIGHWAYS:

-The chairman reported how positive the reduction of speeding cars coming into the village has been since the installation of the ANPR camera and subsequent signage went up, whilst it is anticipated that this improvement will continue. Some statistics are as follows:

	June	July	August	September	October	November
Total Vehicles	31,714	30,542	29,569	22,443	14,380	7,571
Speeding Incidents (40mph+)	1,145	925	724	402	239	95
% Total Vehicles Speeding	3.6%	3.0%	2.4%	1.8%	1.7%	1.3%
Total % Reduction		16.1%	32.2%	50.4%	54.0%	65.2%

Signage installed 19 November

There is an external meeting on overtourism and the impact of coaches early in January.

PLANNING: The following planning applications were discussed and agreed:

-Cotteswold House – variation on permitted planning for garage to holiday let.

-Bibury Farm Barns – new outbuilding.

-Land North of Bibury Farm Barns - lean-to extension.

-Bank Cottage, Potlicker’s Lane -self-seeded tree removal.

-There were lengthy discussions regarding the application for construction of agricultural access at Bibury Trout Farm from the field adjacent to Shoecroft Barn. It was agreed to object based on concerns for the safety of drivers using the Ablington Road and exiting from the site . There was a query as to why additional access is required to that already existing,

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 11th February 2025.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

“Celebrate endings—for they precede new beginnings.” —*Jonathan Lockwood Huie, author*

DID YOU KNOW....

The puzzle of the tiny burial ground on Arlington hill

If you go for walks that start in Arlington Farm Lane and head across the fields towards Ablington, you might have noticed a tiny walled graveyard next to Arlington Farm. Its origins are shrouded in mystery.

Local man John T Holland wrote about the little graveyard in his posthumously-published 2002 book *'History as seen from Bibury'*. In a short footnote to his chapter on Bibury's Baptist community, John had this to say: "It is still possible to read some of the names on gravestones, and the names Hignall and Wilson can be deciphered. Two Hignalls appear in the [*'Secret diaries of Sarah Thomas, 1860-1865'*] as members of the Maysey Hampton Baptist community. This seems to give some support to the general assumption that this graveyard was used by the earliest Baptists or their forerunners".

Forerunners ? Who could that refer to ?

A clue is that some villagers refer to the little graveyard as the Dissenters graveyard. Dissenters ? Once again our Vicar Tim Hastie Smith came to my rescue. To him, references to 'dissenters' tend to set the information to the 1700s.

What was happening on Arlington hilltop in the 1700s ? Before the controversial enclosures of the Cotswolds downland in the late 1700s, Arlington Farm, with all its barns and other buildings, didn't exist. There were no cottages beyond The Green, Arlington's beating heart where bakers, cobblers and other tradespeople plied their trade. And no dwellings along the Cirencester road between Arlington and the Pike.

Back then, the area where the graveyard is located was just open downland. Very exposed. Very windy. Just beyond the edge of Arlington village. What better place for the dissenters/nonconformists to bury their dead ?

More clues come from our old friend Boswell Belcher (1851-1913), Bibury's unofficial historian in the late 1800s and early 1900s. A reader of the *Cheltenham Chronicle* asked in June 1912 why the Arlington Baptist Chapel was not included in a 1798 list of Baptist chapels in Gloucestershire. Boswell's published answer was that in 1798 the chapel was not Baptist. He explained: "The earliest deed describes the members as a family of independent Protestant Dissenters". Boswell also noted a reference to "Nonconformist preaching at Bibury in the 17th century, probably by Presbyterians."

So, all these clues point to the likelihood that the little graveyard on Arlington hill is the only surviving bit of a burial ground that could have been in continuous use since the 1700s and quite possibly since the 1600s, serving as a burial ground for Nonconformists from a wide area, not just Bibury and Arlington.

Why only this little walled section survived is for the moment unknown.

Thanks to Maggie Catling, Rev. Tim Hastie-Smith and Findmypast.

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VACANCY ON BIBURY UNITED CHARITY (BUC) COMMITTEE

The BUC are looking for a new Trustee to join them. The Committee meets quarterly, and manages the Charitable Funds & Property associated with the Village Hall. This is an interesting position, as it involves managing a vital part of the Village Community, the external aspects of Village Hall..

If you can help, please contact Sue Arnold, Secretary suearnold400@gmail.com Thank you.

ADVERTISERS: Please check your entry in the Trade Directory and send us any alterations by the January deadline, Monday 20th January. Costs are £5 per line per year for the 11 issues and payment is due January 2025.

PROSPECTIVE VILLAGE COACH TRIP TO BIBURY CUP RACE DAY

I am exploring the possibility of organising a coach trip from the village to the Bibury Cup Race Day at the lovely Salisbury Racecourse in June.

As many of you will recall from the excellently researched articles in Village Life by Roger Staton, at the beginning of the 19th Century, Bibury Races organised by the Bibury Club were among the most prestigious in the land. The actual racecourse was in Aldsworth, financed and developed by the 1st Lord Sherborne who entertained at Bibury Court and the Swan Hotel. Members of the Bibury Club included Lord Sherborne (Member No 1) with HRH the Prince of Wales (later to become King George IV) who was regularly accompanied by his mistress Nell Gwynne. The heyday of Bibury Racecourse was short lived, ending in 1825 following the death of the 1st Lord Sherborne.

However, the Bibury Club (and the Bibury Cup) lived on, moving first to Cheltenham, then to Stocksbridge and finally to Salisbury in 1898, where the race is still run every year.

The cost will depend upon the number of travellers, but based on 50 people, the cost of executive coach travel with pick ups in Quenington and Bibury plus entrance to the Bibury Enclosure (with access to the parade ring) will be around £ 40 per person.

At this stage, I need expressions of interest for what will be an amazing day out. If you are interested in coming please let me know by text / whats app 07753 87813 or e mail leslie.smith.smith351@gmail.com or in person, before the end of February please.

Leslie Smith

BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

After a hugely successful Christmas Fair in November, December has been a relatively quiet month for the Village Hall management committee. A time to draw breath as we gear up for a busy 2005.

Thursday 9th January will see the return of our popular monthly Rural Cinema. We don't yet know what film we will be showing but we are hoping for something a little less challenging than the last one.

Then on Monday 13th January the committee is holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 2pm in the Village Hall. Come along to meet the hard-working team, find out what is in store for 2025 and see how you might get involved

And finally, on Saturday 1st February, Jack Merrylees, a Master of Wine student and Bibury local, will be leading a tutored Wine Tasting in the Village Hall from 5pm to 7pm. With only 50 places available, tickets have been selling fast. As of 13 December (the deadline for *Village Life*), there were only 4 tickets left.

BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL An exceptional village school & Preschool, serving Bibury and the surrounding villages.

Acorns Class: Acorn Class have been busy learning about the Great Fire of London this month. We have looked at the causes of the fire, why it spread so quickly and the consequences (positive

and negative) for London. The children have really enjoyed this topic, and we are looking forward to building our own Tudor houses next week to finish off our work.

In Science, we have been looking at different materials. We have used our senses to look at the properties of different materials as well as learning new scientific vocabulary such as waterproof, absorbent, rigid and flexible.

In Forest School, we have been looking at the seasonal changes in the wood. The children have enjoyed looking at frost as well as observing the changing colours of the trees.

Oaks: This month we have started our new science topic all about Earth Rocks. So far this term, we have looked at experimenting with different rocks, how we use rocks to make food and the three main types of rock. We have also introduced the Scientist of the Week where a selected child is able to wear our lab coat and glasses for the lesson.

Our geography topic this term is all about what makes the Earth shake, rattle and roll! So far this term, we have looked at what causes earthquakes and volcanoes. We are about to start looking into the reasons for their locations as well as the impact this can have on the environment and people living there.

Mighty Oaks: In English this term, we have been building complex sentences with subordinate clauses and using these in our writing of scary stories. We have also explored other techniques for building suspense such as short sentences, onomatopoeia, powerful verbs, personification and simile.

In science, we have begun our learning about the Solar System; we have found out some factual information about the planets, explored how ideas have changed over time (noting key astronomers in history) and made a 'scale' model to represent the distances between planets in the playground. We will now turn our attention to why we have night and day, seasons and moon phases.

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

From the Children & Staff at Bibury C of E School.

Suki Pascoe, Executive Head Teacher

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or come and visit us.

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HEAVENS ABOVE

We start the year off still with December's moon until Jan 13th when the full moon, the first one of the New Year, appears in Cancer when home safety comes to mind for many people and for some depression, which with the 2 faced moon often happens. Don't dwell on the past, concentrate on this New Year. By the time the New moon arrives on the 29th in Aquarius you should find the freedom you want

New Year

Welcome the New Year

Let the bells ring

Lift your voices

Everyone sing

This New year's beginning

Start it off right

Bid it good fortune

And welcome the night

The Old Year is passing

But that's nothing to mourn

We are all rejoicing

A New Year is born.

Bibury, Arlington and Ablington need you !

The Parish Council need the community's help. All parishes, towns and cities in the UK have been asked by the Government to draw up "Community Emergency Plans" to deal with any sort of sudden crisis such as a major road accident, flooding, loss of electrical power, closure of roads due to exceptional storms, a major fire, loss of water supply, snow storms etc. These issues will become more important with the increased impact of climate change at the same time as the resources of local councils are under greater pressure. Smaller communities such as ours will inevitably be a lower priority for local authority resources. It is clear that our community must be prepared to help itself.

The Community Emergency Plan will enable a crisis hub (staffed by volunteers) to be established at the Village Hall immediately an incident occurs. Each type of emergency will need different skills and resources, but we urgently need volunteers to come forward who are prepared to help if such an emergency occurs. We need as many of the following skills and resources as possible but only to be called on in exceptional circumstances:

1. First aiders – anyone with any medical/First Aid experience – precise qualifications are not always important as sometimes all that will be needed is for example to help comforting older citizens who could be temporarily unable to access their homes, but a more serious crisis might need medically qualified volunteers until the emergency services arrive.

2. Electricians

3. Plumbers

4. Anyone with a local excavator.

5. A tractor and trailer for example to carry away cut up fallen trees

6. People with chainsaws

7. Water pumps for flooding situations

8. Emergency generators

9. Four-wheel drive vehicles and drivers prepared to deliver emergency supplies e.g. drinking water, prescriptions.

We also need representatives from local communities who would keep in touch with the more vulnerable and older members of their community to liaise with the Hub to enable fast and efficient support to be provided e.g. sources of emergency power for medical equipment, sourcing prescriptions in the event of someone unable to return to their home etc. The communities from which we still need such volunteers are:

1. Ablington

2. Aldsworth Road

3. The Pike

We would like to establish and maintain a record of the skills and resources available in advance of an emergency so that we are immediately able to react and can identify any areas requiring coverage.

Please respond to either of the following persons at the email addresses or phone numbers below:

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We are proud to introduce our new white wine...

Awkward Hill 2023

Poulton Hill Estate's Awkward Hill white wine is pale straw in appearance with a delicious nose of apple blossom and subtle herbaceous undertones. The palate is dry, crisp and wonderfully balanced, bursting with peach, pear and creamy apple, which leads to a long, clean and satisfying finish. This wine is perfect to drink on its own or with pasta dishes, Thai cuisine, seafood and cheese. 11% 85% Phoenix, 15% Bacchus.



ROUND AND ABOUT

We start the New year with some good news about some of our older residents coming home from various hospitals stays, including Jean Stringer, Enid Baldwin and Sylvia King. We wish all of them, and anyone else who has 'under the weather of late, continued progress on their return to full health.

The stormy weather around the end of last month, caused some local flooding with the intensity of the rain on already sodden ground contributing to the severe run off. Several properties were impacted and the road to Cirencester closed for several days with four cars unable to cope with the depth of water having to be abandoned. The Pike at Arlington and Barnsley both suffered several hours without electricity and those householders who had woodburning/or solid fuel stoves were still able to cook and keep warm. e or It does perhaps remind us of the importance of having a local community plan to help us cope with such emergencies – so please read the note asking for volunteers who can offer skills or equipment to help us deal with similar emergencies in the future. If you have the skill or equipment needed – please volunteer to join the list of people prepared to help.

On a more positive note Barry Brandon celebrated his 80th birthday earlier last month. December seemed to have spate of residents birthdays though not all reached such a significant milestone but we send our best wishes to them all.

And finally-

A happy and Prosperous New Year to all our readers

Bibury Wine Tasting

1st February, 2025, 5pm - 7pm.

Join us at Bibury Village Hall for an evening of wine, nibbles, and laughter to celebrate the end of Dry January, with a tutored tasting of wines from across the world.

Whether you're new to wine or a seasoned enthusiast, Jack Merrylees will be on hand to answer your questions, drawing on over a decade of experience. Enjoy

A decorative illustration at the bottom of the page features several wine bottles. On the left is a tall, dark bottle with a light-colored label featuring a circular logo. In the center is a dark bottle with a light-colored label featuring a detailed floral or crest-like design. On the right are two smaller bottles, one light-colored and one dark, both with light-colored labels. The bottles are arranged behind a horizontal line that spans the width of the page.

£10 per person,
with all proceeds supporting
Bibury Village Hall.

Call or text Angela on
07778783009 to book; only
50 spaces available

Rural Cinema, Thursday 9th January, Bibury Village Hall

And the film is *Thelma*

We are kicking off our 2025 Rural Cinema season with an action-packed feel-good movie.

Thelma Post is a 93 year-old grandmother who loses \$10,000 to a con artist on the phone. With help from a friend and his motorised scooter, she embarks on a treacherous journey across Los Angeles to reclaim what was taken from her.

Inspired by a real-life experience of director Josh Margolin's own grandmother, *Thelma* puts a clever spin on movies like *Mission Impossible*.

What the critics said:

- *Guardian*: Oscar nominee June Squibb plays her first lead, at 94, in a tender and well-observed story of a grandmother refusing to accept the limitations of age.
- *Independent*: Wholesome comedy at its best.
- *Financial Times*: A spry new comedy starring 93 year-old June Squibb who gives a firework performance as *Thelma Post*, a vengeful angel in comfortable shoes.
- *Mark Kermode*: Life affirming. Packed with jokes about *Mission Impossible*, it is very funny, very very charming and with great performances from June Squibb and Richard Roundtree.
- *The Times*: Exquisite hug of a film about a grandma on a mission
- *Empire Magazine*: On paper, *Thelma* sounds unbearably twee, but the film is buoyed by a consistently funny script, real pathos and stellar comic performances.



RURAL CINEMA

Bibury Village Hall – Thursday, 9th January

Thelma

Genre: Action, Comedy, Drama Cert: 12A, Run time 1hr 40min.

Written and directed by Josh Margolin

Starring: June Squibb, Fred Hechinger, Richard Roundtree

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

Come early for a pre-film drink ... meet old friends ... make new