

# VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,  
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



FEBRUARY 2021

## VILLAGE LIFE

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### FEBRUARY 2021

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Bibury Parish Council Meeting via Zoom  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> **EARLY DEADLINE FOR VILLAGE LIFE**

### ISSUE 456

7pm  
**MIDDAY**

#### VILLAGE LIFE PANEL

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### **BIBURY VICARAGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GL7 5NT [Tim.hastie-smith@hotmail.com](mailto:Tim.hastie-smith@hotmail.com)**

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. And I would like to invite you to approach, what is a traditionally purple, penitential season, in a rather different way this year. Instead of focussing on denial and self-examination, which, I suspect, most of us have had quite enough of by now, I would like to invite you to look out and look forward.

Look forward with hope. The old saying that the darkest time is just before the dawn may not literally be true, but it contains a grain of truth. Because if we are desperately waiting for something we really can be at the end of our tether, and in the darkest place just as dawn breaks. Lent is derived from the word 'lengthen' because the days are getting longer. It is getting lighter. We have hope. Hope keeps us going. It is the assurance that relief is coming. It is perhaps a joyous coincidence that this year Easter is a time which more people than usual are looking forward to with hope. Not just the easing of Lockdown, the start of a new beginning, but the time of resurrection hope. The new of new relationships. The rediscovery of trust and intimacy.

Lent really is about looking forward. The future hope giving us the strength to carry on now.

Let us try to look outwards, too. The self-examination of Lent, whilst valuable, can easily topple into introversion and self-absorption. Our current predicament has been perceptively described as a Season of Unreasonableness by one commentator, which certainly resonates with me (If the cap fits....) So, let us try to shake off the darkness by looking outwards in love and care. Looking to meet needs where we can. Mindful of those who are struggling even more than we are. The spotlight at present is on the lonely and the vulnerable, but teenagers are an increasing concern as growing numbers become overwhelmed by a sense of hopelessness and loss. The Lost Generation. What can we do to help? Looking outwards is healthy and as we become hope bringers, so we discover hope.

And if this all sounds a bit Pollyannaish, with let's play the 'glad game', I would humbly suggest that we are designed to need one another. We require each other and that has perhaps been one of the greatest lessons of Lockdown. Our fundamental need for relationship. For others. And whilst seeking to help others is good, simply being with them is better. Because people are not problems waiting to be solved. They are God's glorious creation who yearn for companionship. We face hardship far more easily if we have company and friendship. And we flourish when we give of ourselves.

Whilst it is difficult to make any certain plans at present, I am committed to offering at least these things to look forward to in the coming months.....

- **A Summer Village Fete with games, stalls, beer tent and fun for all.**
- **A party and barbecue for the school to thank our wonderful teachers and to celebrate our children.**
- **An Ignite Easter/Christmas/Halloween/Valentine party to celebrate youth!**
- **A Rogation Sunday walk around our three churches with delicious refreshments at each and a barbecue for all at the end. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April • The offer of a shared meal at Easter that will be delivered to the door of all who want it so that we can eat the same together....apart (Details in March Village Life) With every blessing and fond love**  
**Tim**

PS. The Churches of Bibury, Winson and Barnsley remain open, and the new prayer tree at Bibury is ready to receive requests.

There will be a Lenten booklet called *Live Lent* available in all three churches, and you are welcome to take a copy, and Bishop Rachel will be leading a ZOOM gathering on 24<sup>th</sup> February (Ask me for details) to discuss her new book Encounters, which is our Lenten book.

Mothering Sunday is 14<sup>th</sup> March, and even if large scale public worship has not resumed, bunches of flowers will still be available at all churches to collect and to distribute.

<b>Service Schedule</b>	<b>February 2021</b>		
	<b>Bibury</b>	<b>Barnsley</b>	<b>Winson</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> <b>Proverbs 8:22-31</b> <b>Matthew 6:25-end</b>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	10.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sunday next before Lent</b> <b>2 Kings 2:1-12 Mark 9:2-9</b>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion  <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	10:00am BCP Holy Communion  <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion  <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday</b>	5:30pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes		
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Genesis 9:8-17</b> <b>Mark 1:9-15</b>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion  <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	10:00am Common Worship Holy Communion  <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion  <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Genesis 17:1-7,15-16</b> <b>Mark 8:31-end</b>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	10:00am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Exodus 20: 1-17</b> <b>John 2:13-22</b>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	10.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>	9:00am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
<b>Churchwardens</b>  <b>Vicar</b>	<i>Jackie Colburn</i> 01451 860212 <i>Revd Tim Hastie-Smith</i> 01285 740301	Elizabeth Gledhill 01285 740836	Lavinia Sidgwick 01285 720682

It is wonderful to live here at this time with spring around the corner and yet, the conditions under which we live in lockdown remind us that our world is in great turmoil at this time. The pandemic is still growing all around us; the economic uncertainties affecting lives and futures and the frustrations and disappointments of these and other terrible events manifest themselves in protest, violence, death and sadness. It is a troubled time. It's a dangerous time. It's a sorrowful time. It's a scary time.

And so it's not surprising if we ask questions such as, *Where is God in all this?*  
*Why does God cause or permit all this to happen?*

These are challenging questions, and we are not the first to ask them.

We offer some words of hope, words of encouragement, words that will help all of us get through this time. So, in an effort to do that, **let me tell you a true story.**

In 1828 a boy named Horatio Spafford was born, he did well in school and university and joined a law firm in Chicago and quickly rose to senior partner.

In 1861, he married his sweetheart, Anna Larsen, and they had a son and four daughters. A close friend once described Horatio as a "man of unusual intelligence and refinement, deeply spiritual, and a devoted student of the scriptures." It sounds like Horatio had everything going for him. He seemed to enjoy God's blessing and favour. But 1871 proved to be a terrible year for the Spaffords.

In the spring, Horatio invested in real estate on the shore of Lake Michigan north of Chicago, but the Great Chicago Fire that same October wiped out his entire investment.

Shortly after that financial disaster, their four-year old son died of scarlet fever—a disease that was spread by coughing and sneezing for which, in that day, there was no cure nor vaccine.

But Spafford's strong faith in Jesus helped him and the rest of the family weather the two tragedies. Four years later, his friend Dr Moody went to preach in England. He invited the entire Spafford family to join him there to help him with the evangelistic campaign. So the family made plans to sail in November of 1873.

Last-minute business developments forced Horatio to remain in Chicago (planning to take another ship a few days later) as his family departed on a wooden steam-powered ocean liner.

As it neared the Irish coast, their ship entered a thick fog. Suddenly, an iron-clad sailing vessel appeared out of the fog and rammed the wooden ship, which sank in only 12 minutes.

When the survivors were finally on land, Anna cabled her husband just two words, "Saved alone." All four of their daughters had died in the shipwreck.

Horatio boarded another ship and made his way to join his grieving wife in England. Out of sympathy for the bereaved father, the captain of that ship let him know when they were passing over the site of the collision in which his children had died.

After spending some time at the railing, Spafford returned to his cabin and wrote this poem, now a hymn:

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea-billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed his own blood for my soul.*

*My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—My sin—not the part, but the whole—  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

It is a tribute to his faith, and to the faith of Christians everywhere that, even in the face of devastating personal loss and disaster, this man could still proclaim, "It is well with my soul."

And still the story of faith goes on .In 1881, Spafford fulfilled a life-long calling, taking his wife and two daughters to Jerusalem to set up a small American colony that cared for the sick and destitute among the people of Jerusalem, without regard for their religion and without trying to convert them.

Horatio Spafford died in 1888, and was buried in Jerusalem, but his ministry lived on through his daughters and friends. During and after World War One, his American Colony supported the Muslim, Jewish, and Christian communities of Jerusalem by building soup kitchens, hospitals, and orphanages.

Often, one calamity follows upon another, until we cannot see how we can bear it.

At times like those—like these, it is easy to wonder where God is, why these tragedies are happening, and how God can be present in our suffering and loss.

But we can tell you that, Jesus is with us always, even until the end of days.

Horatio Spafford's faith in Jesus' presence in his life was so strong that, standing at the rail of the ship, passing over the sunken wreck containing the bodies of his four daughters, thousands of feet under the water, he was still able to say, "It is well with my soul." And he set the example, the standard, the challenge for you and for me.

I pray that his faith, and the faith of those who went through life with him, will be our inspiration—today, in our time of suffering and turmoil, and in all our days to come. I pray also that we will have the courage and peace to face our trials and to say with faith and trust, "It is well with my soul."

## **NEWS from ABC**

**Festive Fridays** in the lead up to Christmas were a huge success with the community coming together to light up the Football club grounds with Christmas lights and Carols played on the big screen, it was a great atmosphere enjoyed by many. We would like to thank all those who gave time to help stage the event and all those who came, some with chairs to sit in family groups on the field, and eat their delicious fish suppers from The Cotswold chippy, as a bonus we raised £180 to be split between Spurgeons Childrens charities UK and our Community rooms and Kitchen project.

## **Online Family Games and Fun**

We enjoy getting together for zoom games, if anyone would like to join please do [info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk](mailto:info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk) or Facebook for the next scheduled evening meetup, we play Scattergories, Quizes and occasional plays where we all read a part ,dressed in charater, all amusing scripts of course. Everyone welcome.

**ABC Services** We continue to meet as a Church twice a week, on Sundays we join Cirencester online with an ABC chat together afterwards and on a Thursday evening our Connect group where everyone is welcome for a chat and prayer, details for both found on our website or on Facebook @abcbibury where you can also find all sorts, including things for sale in aid of our Community rooms project.

**St. Mary's Parish Church  
Bibury**

Annual  
**Flower and Art Festival 2021**  
will be held on  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Sunday 22nd August 2021**

Save this date to your diary.

For further information

01285 740496 or Wendy 01285 740021

**Village Hall History: How Bibury's forgotten Horse Show helped finance the new village hall**

From the 1890s until 1930 one of the most important fixtures in the Cotswolds farming, hunting and sporting calendar was the annual Bibury Horse Show and Gymkhana. It was held on a Saturday in June on Lady Hill (roughly where the cricket ground is nowadays) on land owned by Leslie Lees, who in 1921 was living in Church House.

Each year the Cheltenham and Gloucester papers ran big reports of the event, usually with many photographs. The 1925 show even attracted a report in *Tatler*.

There were prize classes for heavy horses, hunters, polo ponies, children's ponies, and jumping and driving competitions. Cups were awarded, and the cash prizes totalled £130 (a lot of money at a time when farm labourers earned £1 a week).

It must have been a grand day out. A Gloucester bus company offered return trips to the show for

4s 6d (around 22p, but in the 1920s a day's pay for some people). If anyone needed liquid refreshment during the day, Bibury's Swan Hotel had a special licence to serve alcohol there.

The day ended with a dance in the evening.

There were other attractions to keep the crowds entertained. At the 1926 show a detachment of the 7<sup>th</sup> Queens Own Hussars presented a military tournament featuring bare-back riding and a 'Cossack' display. Music through the afternoon was provided by the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars Band, which also played for the evening dance.

In 1927 the music was provided by the Band of the 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Wellington's regiment. An unusual attraction at the 1923 show was the appearance of the 'Motor car for a shilling' vehicle. This was promoting a fund-raising campaign in aid of Cheltenham Hospital. Tickets cost one shilling, and the top prize was the car itself. What an exciting prize in a world that was still mainly horse-powered.

At the 1923 event, a special attraction was a cricket match played at the Eastern end of the show. Was this the start of a trend that eventually established the Bibury Cricket Club in its present location ?

Lord Sherborne was President of the organising committee in 1925. In 1926 it was Orme B Clark. In 1930, for unknown reasons, the organising committee decided to discontinue the annual event, and this is where Bibury Village Hall enters the story. The committee still had money in the kitty, so they decided to distribute it to three local good causes: Bibury Village Hall (then in the planning stages), Cirencester Memorial Hospital and the Fairford Cottage Hospital.

So that's how the equestrian world's loss became Bibury Village Hall's gain, with a substantial donation that kick-started the fund-raising. The gift of £63 represented more than 10% of the expected cost of converting and expanding Bibury's Reading Room into the Village Hall.

Roger Staton

A trustee of Bibury United Charities

### **BIBURY FRIENDS- Cirencester Foodbank**

On behalf of Cirencester Foodbank I would like to thank you very much for all the food (well over 300kg) and money donations over the past few months, especially members of Bibury, Barnsley and Winson Churches. I can't tell you how much this helps people in need. We were also able to give out much larger parcels over the Christmas period.

The current lockdown is difficult for all but especially so for those who are struggling without basic supplies.

We continue to need the following items: mainly, long life milk, long life juice or squash, tinned meat and tinned pies, tinned soup, sponge pudding and jars of jam. Please also be aware that everything must be well in date as out of date items cannot be given out and have to be thrown away.

There is a local drop off point at Bibury Church and also Tesco and Waitrose.

Once again thank you, it is much appreciated

Jane Johnson - 07794349940

### **THE OLD MAN AT THE PIKE**

Little did I think that a year latter that Corvid 19 would still be the main topic of conversation and being even more dominating. Nearly a 100,000 deaths in this country alone and I do not think any country in the world has escaped its clutches it is very dire. We must, I repeat, we must keep our guard up that bit longer and continue to comply with the rules, even if we do not agree with all of them and we will win over this deadly menace. The one bright light on the scene now is the vaccination programme. Any day now we should start to see the benefits and the lowering of the death toll and by hitting the vulnerable groups first we should get the best results. By the way I do agree with the policy of not giving the second dose until an extended time has passed. At least we are 85% covered and many more people can be vaccinated in the meantime. Please keep the

British Spirit up and abide by the rules for just that little bit longer.

Because of Lockdown I have like so many people watching too much Tele but through it I have seen so many things that I would have never watched. One thing has been the elections in USA. We have been told over the years that American politics are to say they are not as pure as driven snow and boy have they gone to town this time. But in my eyes they have made me thankful of the good old BBC and ITV. We may have too many repeats on and on the whole they give us a even handed reporting of events around the world so that we can make our own judgement but talk about bias of some American broadcasters, it is beyond believe. No wonder there is chaos and near civil unrest there. Let us hope that common sense prevails very, very soon.

Here we are with higher hopes to come with this year 2021 and I hope I can talk about joyous events as we try to get back to normal as soon as possible, till then keep healthy and God Bless. Neil.

### **VILLAGE LIFE ACCOUNTS for 15 months Sept 2019 to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**

<b>Payments</b>	<b>Amounts</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Total</b>
Paper	£ 424,80	Donations	£ 870.00
Envelopes	£ 32.38	Adverts	£ 97.00
Stamps	£ 166.00	Postal	£ 30.00
Hall hire	£ 6.00	Cash in hand	£ 10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 629.18</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1007.00</b>
Balance 1/1 2021	£ 2890.37	Balance 1/9/2019	£ 2512.55

<b>Final Amounts</b>	<b>£3519.55</b>	<b>Final Amounts</b>	<b>£ 3519.55</b>
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The accounts are for a longer period than usual because of Covid. The decision to not charge for adverts during this period not only reduced our income but some of our expenditure as well as we did not produce our normal number of paper issues. The envelopes and stamps are for our postal copies. We hired the village hall on one occasion to hold our Panel meeting in a socially distanced way. Since the increased restrictions we now hold our meetings via Zoom – thanks to the good offices of Karen Gray. We have enough paper, envelopes and stamps for most of the coming year and remain very grateful to the owners of the Trout Farm for continuing to allow us to store our duplicator and some paper in their storeroom to allow us to continue to produce the magazine there.

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 2020 POPPY APPEAL.**

A very different year, no house to house and only two boxes at the Trout farm and post office. But with the few extremely generous donations, the School and memorial services collections and the church we raised £2,134.90. A huge thank you for this remarkable achievement. Warm wishes for a happy and healthy 2021. Sheila Kiggins PAO.

### **BIBURY VILLAGE HALL.**

Needless to say, given the stricter Covid regulations, we were not able to safely hold our committee meeting or AGM in January. Our accounts have been checked and circulated to our committee members. No-one had contacted us indicating that they would like to attend the AGM even by Zoom! Since the AGM should be open to the public, we are hoping we might be able to hold it later in the year – perhaps in May if the Covid situation improves. Until then our committee members have agreed to continue to serve.

Ever hopeful that things will improve and that our normal fund raising & village activities are able to take place, we have provisionally earmarked the following dates:-

- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May Bibury Open Gardens (the weekend before the May Bank Holiday)**
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Bibury Show**
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September Village Harvest Supper**
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Fayre**

Keep well everyone, we look forward to being able to restart our traditional events in May----- fingers crossed !

### **A THANK YOU FROM LILIAN MUIR**

We would like to thank everyone who sent good wishes, cards, flowers or offers of help to us after the death of Ian. We took great comfort from so many kind thoughts and wishes.

Lilian Muir & Family.

### **DID YOU KNOW - FEBRUARY**

The word February is believed to have come from the Roman word Februa which means 'I purify by sacrifice' so come to the feast of Purification. Pagan beliefs say it is the time of the 'Ice moon', Anglo Saxons referred to it as 'Sprout Kale' and believed their kale cabbage was ready to eat!

### **February thoughts**

If we had no winter, the Spring would not appear.

If Candlemas be fair and clear, there'll be two winters in the year! Candlemas this year occurs on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **COVER SKETCH**

The first spring flowers are just appearing so this previously printed cover sketch seemed appropriate.

## **MEMORIES OF A TRUE COTSWOLD COUNTRYMAN - DENNIS WEAVER 1944 – 2020**

Dennis was born and bred on the Cotswolds, living and farming his early years in Eastleach, Rapsgate and Woodmancote, in the latter he met June and they were married in North Cerney Church in 1966. The newly weds went to work on farms at Hawling where daughter Sarah was born then to Newbury for a short time where Stella was born completing the family.

In 1970 Dennis was offered a Farm manager position by Velcourt at Swyre farm, Aldsworth where they spent 10 happy years until the farm was sold, then moving to Ablington, Bibury, for the following 40 years, where Dennis worked for brothers Alex and Andrew Mason and becoming close friends with both families, Dennis continuing to help the next generation with his enormous wealth of knowledge and skill in all aspects of farming and the countryside.

For the residents of Ablington, Dennis was a friend to everyone, he was always happy to chat, listen, and help out if he could, but most of all he never failed to wave and give a cheeky smile to all. Dennis was often the first person new residents got to know and was to be seen out with his dog every morning and evening, before and after work noticing the changes in season and passing on the sightings of the first swallow to arrive in spring or a brood of Pheasant chicks seen from the combine harvester and he always knew where fox cubs were born on the farms.

If a roadside tree was down or the icy road needed grit in the winter or a drain was overflowing Dennis was the go to man, if he wasn't there already.

Girls of all ages in Ablington knew who to ask if they needed help, a lift with a heavy object or a fence mended, nothing was ever a problem and to have the company of Dennis, a good looking, fit man with fabulous hair and suntan a cheeky sense of humour and a winning smile, it goes without saying he was always a popular choice! It was an absolute pleasure knowing Dennis and calling him our friend, he is missed by us all and our love as a community goes out to June and the Girls.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH – a couple for this somewhat dismal Covid times.year**

When you get to the end of your rope – tie a knot in it and hang on!  
Do something everyday that makes you smile!

## **HEAVENS ABOVE**

We start then month with a waning moon and it will be 80% visible, it is in the sign of Libra but only until the 4<sup>th</sup> when Scorpio creeps in for the last quarter. The new moon on the 11<sup>th</sup> is in Aquarius – a good time for new starts and projects. Life will be busy until the 27<sup>th</sup> when the full moon will bring much needed rest and calm to many.

## **THANK YOU**

June, Sarah, Stella and family would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent cards, messages of condolence and support after the sudden death of Dennis in December.

It was very much appreciated by myself and my daughters. We were very touched to know Dennis was liked by so many. Once again a big thank you from June, Sarah and Stella.

## **ROUND AND ABOUT**

It becomes quite difficult these days with the restrictions on our lives imposed by Covid, to hear of all the news about people in the village. So many organisations and business are on hold waiting for things to get back to normal and all the social distancing makes long chats to friends and neighbours more difficult especially when we can only meet outside and the recent weather has

not been kind. The village often feel unnaturally quiet with little of the bustle of tourists we have become used to over recent years.

However, we would like to congratulate Louise and Chris from Aldsworth Road on the birth of their second son in December. The new baby is a brother to George and we send them all our congratulations. Belated Congratulations to John & Harlee on the arrival of Aria Louise Mander. Born at the end of November. Making John & Linda Mander & Alvin & Haylee Scully grandparents. We would also like to welcome Erin, Luke Daisy and Ted also to Aldsworth Road. We hope they will be happy living in our village.

Sorry to hear of the death of Kevin Hunt, ex-The Old Quarry, who moved with his wife Pauline to be closer to family in Lincolnshire. Kevin acted as Treasurer during the provision of the Playground in the Bat field and many will remember them as good neighbours. We have heard of several people who have been unwell of late, some seriously enough to warrant a stay in hospital. We wish every one a speedy return to health.

Work at the Trout farm continues with the rebuilding of wall near the river and we look forward to hearing in more detail about their future plans in due course.

Several of our residents have already had their first Covid vaccines and others are gradually being invited to go to the Hospital to receive them. If there are any who are so invited that find they have no transport to their appointments, Steve from the Coln Valley Cabs in the village, has offered to transport them for the cost of his fuel if that would help them get vaccinated. Thank you Steve.

These times are difficult for everyone, especially for families with parents trying to work from home as well as home schooling the children. More than ever we need to be grateful for all the NHS staff, key workers, the emergency services, others like the shop workers and drivers that keep everything going. **You are all doing a fantastic job. Thank you**

**And finally can we remind you that the deadline next month will be a day earlier on the 19<sup>th</sup> February**

## **THE COTSWOLD CAFE**

Located in the grounds of Bibury FC, The Cotswold Cafe is the perfect destination for your post walk breakfast bap, a mid-cycle coffee stop, or to grab a delicious piece of cake on your way to or from a visit to the beautiful village of Bibury.

With ample parking, and a wide choice of locally sourced and homemade food and drink available, there is no better place to refuel, or just give yourself a treat. We serve sausage and bacon fresh from the farm in Gloucester, bread straight from the oven in Northleach, cakes from the amazing Cotswold Larder and coffee from Rave Coffee in Cirencester.

We also serve fresh homemade pizza every other Friday evening 5pm - 8pm (alternating Fridays with The Cotswold Chippy)! Pop us a call to check our schedule.

Current Opening Hours

Monday...CLOSED

Tuesday - Friday...8am - 2pm

Saturday - Sunday...8am - 3pm

Phone: 07942 717436

Facebook: The Cotswold Cafe

Instagram: thecotswoldcafe

### **ARE YOU FED-UP WITH DOING THE SAME OLD WALKS?**

Walking in Gloucestershire [www.walkinginengland.co.uk/glos](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/glos) is the website for you! With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

Walking in Gloucestershire is part of the Walking in England suite of websites ([www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk)) – one for each county in England. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris [www.walkinginengland.co.uk/glos](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/glos) email: [john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)

*Remember that our own Wendy Challinor has produced several local walk leaflets for walks round the villages. They are sold 50p each in the Bibury church for the Church and in the Post Office for Arlington Baptist Church*

### **BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL - PLANNING & LBC APPEAL DECISION**

We have received the following appeal decision from the Planning Inspectorate:

**Site address:** Glebe House The Square Bibury Cirencester Gloucestershire GL7 5NS

**Proposal:** Erection of fencing, installation of replacement gates (retrospective) and raising of 7m section of existing boundary wall

#### **Decision:**

**Our Ref:** 19/00399/FUL (APPEAL A)

1. The appeal is dismissed insofar as it relates to the fencing.
2. The appeal is allowed insofar as it concerns the installation of replacement gates and raising of 7m section of boundary walling and planning permission is granted for installation of replacement gates and raising of 7m section of boundary walling (subject to condition)

**Our Ref:** 19/00400/LBC (APPEAL B)

1. The appeal is dismissed insofar as it relates to the fencing.
2. The appeal is allowed insofar as it concerns the installation of wall spikes, signage and replacement gates, and the raising of a 7m section of boundary wall and listed building consent is granted for the installation of wall spikes, signage and replacement gates, and the raising of a 7m section of boundary wall (subject to condition)

All documents associated with this appeal can be viewed via our online planning register by following this link:

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-permission/view-planning-applications/>

### **A PERSONAL VIEW**

The two items above are all the information we have been sent via the Parish Clerk on behalf of the Bibury Parish Council.

It is several years since Village Life regularly received a monthly summary of the work & decisions of the Parish Council - or that their monthly reports of their meetings were put up in each of the Parish Noticeboards. It has been repeatedly mentioned to the clerk and to others on the council that using Village Life to keep the village informed is relatively easy as not everyone has the skill or interest in arranging to be invited to observe the council at work via Zoom.

I was shocked to discover that the Parish Council had applied for a Parking TRO from Gloucestershire CC to massively reduce the amount of Parking in the Village and to limit much of what remains to a maximum of 2 hours. The Public meeting the Council called in October 2019 about the parking problem was well attended with several ideas discussed. I left the meeting believing that the council would investigate further – and then put forward a plan which would then be presented for the village to comment upon – i.e. a full consultation. Apparently, the extraordinary meeting held in August 2020 decided to go ahead with the Traffic Order but amending the time allowed for parking from 30 mins to 2 hours. The decision to formally apply for the TRO was finally made in October 2020. And notices asking for comments back to GCC put up in a few places round the village at the the first week of January. **Did you see them?** With the lockdown and the recent poor weather – I was unaware of the need to put in my response to the GCC by the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - too late to raise the idea in Village Life.

I am well aware of the need to do something about the parking in the village - especially the coaches which the major problem but are not in the TRO. I do feel that a limit of 2hr along the **whole** of Church Road, not allowing any waiting along Cemetery Lane, would seriously affect **all** functions in the Village Hall, **many** in the School and Church. It is probably to late to delay the TRO to allow for a fully consultation from the village – **but this is plea for more consultation and information about the work of the Parish Council to be in Village Life where it is accessible to all.**

#### From further afield.

#### **FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES YOUR LOCAL CHARITY**

*Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.(Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital) (Reg. Charity NO: 118005*

**Are looking for a CLINICAL NURSE MANAGER** The post is a key leadership role within the charity and arises due to the retirement of our existing Clinical Nurse Manager. Please refer to our website [www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk) for full details of this post including Job Description and Job Person Specification.

**CHANGES TO ARRANGING VOLUNTARY PATIENT TRANSPORT** If you require transport to and from your hospital/doctor/dental appointments please contact Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities direct either **Telephone: Between 10.00-13.00hrs Monday-Friday: 07540 798226**

**If the line is busy you will be able to leave a message and a member of the patient transport team will call you back** Or Email: [voluntarycarservicelof@gmail.com](mailto:voluntarycarservicelof@gmail.com)

**CHARITY SHOP will remain closed until the Covid restrictions are eased.**

#### **COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORT – REMAINS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS**

Please refer to our website for details of how to apply and the criteria we use to assess applications ([www.friendsoffairford.org.uk](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk)). So far over £55000 has been made to help support local charities families and organisations impacted by Covid.

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#### **WANTED A FRONT COVER DRAWING FOR VILLAGE LIFE**

We would love a cover for the April edition (i.e. Easter) or for any month as we are short of cover drawings from the village since there was no Bibury Show.

Use the square below or on a similar piece of paper for you line drawing and leave it in the Village Life Folder at the Trout Farm.



