# VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON, BARNSLEY AND WINSON



JULY/AUGUST 2021

## VILLAGE LIFE

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY **ISSUE No.461**

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Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ignite BBQ in church yard	4:30pm
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning for Flower Arrangers & helpers for	the August
		Art & Craft Fair at Chestnut Grove, Arlington	11.00 am to 12:30
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Chin wag at the Baptist Church - Tea & chat - all	welcome 2.30pm
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Bibury Parish Council Meeting in Bibury Village Hal	I
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup> ]	Bibury Kids summer Activity at Football Club	9.00 to 12noon
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bibury Kids summer Activity at Football Club	9.00 to 12noon
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Village Fete Bibury Church and Churchyard	2.00 – 4:30pm
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Bibury Kids summer Activity at Football Club	9.00 to 12noon

### **AUGUST**

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Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Chin wag at the Baptist Church -Tea & chat – all welcome Deadline for September's 'Village Life'	e 2:30pm
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>		12noon
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> to	Sund	ay 22 <sup>nd</sup> Bibury Arts & Craft Fair, in Bibury Church	10.00am – 5.00pm

## **SEPTEMBER**

24<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper in Bibury Village Hall Friday 7.00pm for 7:30pm start

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BIBURY, BARNSLEY AND WINSON CHURCHES Bibury Vicarage, Gloucestershire, GL7 5NT Tim.hastie-smith@hotmail.com July 2021

Dear Friends,

I was reading this week a delightful little book called Strong and Weak. Its premise is very simple. We are designed to flourish, and our flourishing is to be found in embracing both vulnerability and authority. Being both strong and weak. Now, the argument is a tad more sophisticated and nuanced than that, but it is summed up by the fascinating academic researcher Brene Brown who in her TED talk about human well being, now viewed by 19 million people, made the this, now famous, admission.

The definition of research is to control and predict – and now my mission to control and predict had turned up the answer that the way to live is with vulnerability, and to stop controlling and predicting. This led to a little breakdown – I call it a breakdown; my therapist calls it a spiritual awakening.

In other words, whilst there is a place for strength, vulnerability is desperately important too. Partly because this enables us to form relationships more effectively. But also because it enables us to

flourish in a world that is outside of our control. It helps us to handle the disappointments and pain that uncertainty and unpredictability so often bring. It is about being honest. However hard I prepare, worry, and fret, I can not control the events of tomorrow. Embracing vulnerability actually helps me to handle this frightening reality. It is part of facing up to the human condition.

If I try to convince myself that I am in control, which is what my personal OCD behaviour is really about, I am simply trying to wrap myself in a flimsy, home spun security blanket. Embracing lack of control and vulnerability is liberating. It is also, from a Christian perspective, the appropriate humble response to the omnipotence and omniscience of God (Long words meaning all powerful and all knowing) I may not be in control. But I know who is. Even if I do not understand. (And that's another BIG question to consider another tine) But alongside that cosmic, and often difficult truth is the more intimate one, that in the person of Jesus, God embraced weakness and vulnerability too, and has entered into our dislocation, uncertainty, powerlessness and brokenness. He is with us.

Which brings me to my heartfelt prayers, and warmest of welcomes to the many glorious families who will be coming to Bibury, Barnsley and Winson this summer to celebrate weddings and baptisms. Many have faced delays, anguish, uncertainty, and heartache in their preparations. And many new parents have faced desperate challenges as they have tried to introduce their new borns to friends and families. (I conscious that I am facing the prospect of baptising some substantial babies this summer, many of whom will be able to answer for themselves.) But the goal of family celebration and thanksgiving in the sight of God is at last within reach. So, welcome! Let's celebrate. And if you are the praying type please pray for these wonderful people, we are thrilled to be welcoming and serving.

With every blessing and prayers Tim

## Weddings

Sat 3rd July 12:00 Bibury Bobby Easterbrook / Riana Evans Sun 4th July 1:30pm Bibury Will Griffiths/ Daniela Tippanera Sat 10th July 2:00pm Barnsley Tom Page/Kristina Mackay Sun 18th July 1:00 Bibury Tim Robinson/ Lindsay Monnery Fri 23rd July Barnsley Bella Nimmo/Henry Toloczko Sun 1st August 1:30 Bibury Luke Guest/Charlotte Hick Sat 14th August Bibury Theo Clarke/Henry Coram-James Sat 21st Aug 1:30 Barnsley Zac Abel/Elizabeth Henstridge Tues 31st Aug 12:30 Bibury Dominic Horton / Rebecca Leech Sat 4th Sept 1:15 Barnsley Lucy Kedge/Lloyd Greenfield Sat 4th Sept 2:45 Bibury Georgina Farmar/Richard Burroughs

## **Baptisms**

Saturday 10th July: 10:30 George (Peter and Florentina Redston ) Bibury Saturday 17th July: 12 noon: George Gabriel (Will and Bea Barter) Barnsley Sunday 18th July: 11:00am Hugh (Rebecca Feltham & Constantin Nutu) Bibury Saturday 31st July: 12:00 noon Jack Sebastian (Kit and Jamie Thewes) Bibury Saturday 31st July: 2:30: Ida Joan (Hannah and Stuart Owen) Bibury Sunday 1st Aug 11:00am: Ava (Bethan and Tom Waters) Bibury Saturday 7th August 11:00am: Florence (Justin and Chelsea Hyde) Barnsley Sunday 8th August 11:00am Maisy Iris (Ali & Robb Saunders) Bibury

Sunday 8th August: 12:15 Aurora Rose Atkins (Emma Clarke) Bibury Sunday 15th August: 11:00am: Bodie (Jeremy and Emma Barker) Bibury

Sunday 29th August: 10:00am Dorothy (Lucie and Josh Williams) Barnsley

Sunday 5th September: 11:00am: Lily Iris Joan (Charlie and Charlie Driver) Bibury

**PS: THE IGNITE BBQ** will take place on Sunday 4th July at 4:30pm in the Churchyard. Parents and siblings welcome. Games and Activities. Please let me know if you want to come by emailing: Biburychurch@gmail.com (For catering and Covid regulation compliance)

PPS: The Village Fete is on Sunday 25th July 2:00pm-4:30pm. Do please let me know if you want to help in anyway, or have items to donate (Bottle stall, Bric a Brac, toys, raffle prizes, etc)

PPS Please note that the service schedule has changed this month as my explore a new sustainable pattern of worship in preparation for the return of congregational singing.

Church Services July and August 2021	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
Sunday 4th July 5th Sunday after Trinity 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	10:30am Youth Lead	9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:30am BCP Holy Communion
Mark 6:1-13	Family Service  Everyone Welcome	(Said) Modern language Holy Communion	Traditional language Holy Communion
Sunday 11th July 6th Sunday after Trinity 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19 Mark 6: 14-29	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion	9:45am BCP Holy Communion	
	Modern language Holy Communion	Traditional language Holy Communion	
Sunday 18th July 7th Sunday after Trinity 1 Samuel 7:1-14a Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion & Holy Baptism		9:30am BCP Holy Communion
	Modern language Holy Communion		Traditional language Holy Communion
Wednesday 21st July		4:00pm BCP Holy Communion (Said) followed by tea	
Sunday 25th July 8th Sunday after Trinity 2 Samuel 11: 1-15 Psalm 14 John 6:1-21	11.00am Morning Prayer	9:45am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 1st August 9th Sunday after Trinity 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a John 6: 24-35	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion & Holy Baptism	9:45am Common Worship Holy Communion (Said)	9:30am BCP Holy Communion
	Modern language Holy Communion	Modern language Holy Communion	Traditional language Holy Communion
Sunday 8th August 10th Sunday after Trinity 2 Samuel 18:,5-9, 15, 31-33 John 6: 35, 41-51	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion & Holy Baptism	9:45am BCP Holy Communion	
55.111 6. 66, 41 61	Modern language Holy Communion	Traditional language Holy Communion	
Sunday 15th August 11th Sunday after Trinity 1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion & Holy		9:30am BCP Holy Communion
John 6: 51-58	Baptism  Modern language Holy  Communion		Traditional language Holy Communion

Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 John 6: 56-69	No Service Arts and Crafts Fair	9:45am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion & Holy Baptism	10:00am Holy Baptism	
	Modern language Holy Communion		
Sunday 5th September	11.00am	9:45am	9:30am
14th Sunday after Trinity	<b>Common Worship Holy</b>	Common Worship Holy	<b>BCP Holy Communion</b>
James 2:1-17	Communion& Holy	Communion	
Mark 7: 24-end	Baptism	(Said)	
			Traditional language
	Modern language Holy Communion	Modern language Holy Communion	Holy Communion
Churchwardens	Jackie Colburn 01451 860212	Dominic Spacie	Lavinia Sidgwick 01285 720682
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	Revd Tim Hastie-Smith 01285 740301		

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH www.arlingtonbaptist.org info@arlingtonbaptist.org Walking through Bibury last week I saw a family enjoying their day, the grandfather figure was wearing a T-Shirt, printed on the front it said

Talk to Old People
they know cool stuff you don`t
In the same family group was a boy with a similar T- Shirt
Talk to Young people
they know cool stuff you don`t

I presumed these two were great mates.

There are lots of ways in which generations are different from one another, however during the past 15 months we have seen a wonderful coming together of generations helping one another in many ways showing one another kindness during the pandemic. Sadly some of us still, even in this busy village, experience loneliness and feel excluded.

Loneliness is an experience not a condition and one we can change

Loneliness is felt by young and old alike

We all feel lonely at times – it's a natural human emotion. We're biologically wired for social contact, and loneliness is our signal that we need more.

We get lonely but we don't all get loneliness

We challenge you over the summer months to have a chat with someone different, someone you may have seen but never spoken to, that lives nearby, maybe someone from a different generation! Be fore-armed with question you could ask to start the conversation, an opportunity may arise at any moment. Whether you are lonely or not a few words of kindness may make someone's day and who knows? It could be the start of a beautiful friendship.

God's people are not exempt from the pain of loneliness. David was well-acquainted with it, and his honest cries to God are recorded in the Bible in the book of Psalms. As you read Psalm 25:16-21 below, you'll see David's longing to be connected to God and his reliance upon that relationship

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Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish. Look on my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. See how numerous are my enemies and how fiercely they hate me! Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in You. May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, Lord, is in You.

Here at ABC we have plenty going on over the Summer, everyone is always welcome to come and join in but if you would prefer a quiet chat please contact us info@arlingtonbaptist.org and we would be happy to meet you.

What's on ......Special Youth Lead Service 4<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30 in St Mary's Church, Bibury Worship service every Sunday @ 10.30am All welcome

15th July 2.30pm Chin wag in the chapel, Tea and chat everyone welcome

**22nd, 23rd &26th July Bibury Kids Summer Activity** Club at the football club 9-12 am info. about joining in the club media@arlingtonbaptist.org

**25th July 10.30am FAMILY SERVICE** led by ABC and CBC YOUTH here at Arlington (ABC) **19th August 2.30pm Chin wag in the chapel**, Tea and chat everyone welcome us. By building a greater awareness and acceptance of loneliness,

## BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL Sharing a passion for excellence!

Acorn Class have been very busy again this month. We have been writing in the present tense using the popular book, Traction Man as our stimulus. The children have really impressed us with their use of complex techniques in their writing such as the use of alliteration, repetition and onomatopoeia. In Maths, we have been getting to grips with how we measure length, height, mass and capacity - despite the frequent rain showers we have made good use of the outdoor learning area to develop these very practical skills.

Early Years have also been busy developing their mathematical and writing skills and they are now well on their way to meeting their end goals for the reception year. This term they have particularly enjoyed playing with our new loose parts obstacle course which allows them to build, climb and work together to make larger structures.

Oaks Class have been working incredibly hard in so many exciting areas. Our English work has been out of this world. Literally! We have been writing non-chronological reports on the planets within our Solar System. This required a lot of careful fact finding, diagram drawing and precise planning before we could put pencil to paper. The final reports were a very exciting and interesting read. Our art lessons have taken us through the worlds of some the greatest artists. From Claude Monet to Jackson Pollock, we have explored painting techniques, colour choices and personal artistic styles. It has been wonderful to hear the children talking so passionately about their own taste in art! The science investigations have continued throughout this month. Last week, we explored and observed the impact of bicarbonate of soda on honeycomb and toffee. This week, we predicted, planned and tested four different types of bread dough to examine the impact of using yeast. Lots of fabulous learning!

In Mighty Oaks Class, the children in years 5 and 6 have been learning how to write non-chronological reports, which culminated in them researching and writing their own pieces of work about creatures during the past week. They have discovered some truly fascinating species and set high expectations for themselves to produce writing of high quality. They have been learning more about the geography of Europe and chose a place to 'visit' virtually, exploring the physical and human features of their chosen destination. In science, we have continued to learn about the classification of different organisms, which included an investigation into the best conditions for

fungi to grow – we produced some excellent (scientifically) mouldy bread over a 2-week period, particularly when damp and kept in dark places.

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## **Bibury Village Fete**

Sunday 25th July 2021 2:00pm-4:30pm

Games – Bric a Brac – Bottle Stall – Cometitions – Raffle – Cake Stall - Teas – Toy Stall – Book Stall – Beer Tent – Ice Creams – Silver Band (Hopefully)

If you would like to run a stall and raise money for your own organisation or charity just let me know



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### **BIBURY CRICKET CLUB**

Bibury CC currently lie in fourth place in the Cotswold and District Cricket Association Division 1 having played eight matches, with three wins, two defeats and three matches lost to the weather.

Notable matches include a big win versus South Cerney . Bibury with 265 for 8, including a wonderful batting display from Charlie Robinson who carried his bat for 176 not out. Batting failures were the major factor in defeats by Ashton Keynes ( all out 96 ) and Minety and Northleach ( all out 105 ) .

The most recent game was dramatic in the extreme. Another poor batting display saw Bibury scuttled for just 100. But an amazing batting and fielding display saw Longborough bowled out for 99 for a one wicket win. Thommo was prominent with 4 wickets and 10 year old Fynn took a great catch to seal the deal.

Langford currently head the standings.

In the midweek T20 league we currently lie in 3rd place in the table and are therefore handily placed to qualify for the knock out stages. We have played five matches, winning 3, one dramatic tied match and just one defeat. Recent results include an entertaining and high scoring game v Barnsley, Bibury 249 for 7, Barnsley falling short at 225 for 6. had a narrow 6 run win against Lechlade, but lost out against Poulton who made 189, Bibury all out 158. We now face a crucial fixture against a strong Cirencester team to clinch our place in the knock out stages. Fairford currently head the table.

The Sunday warriors have also been in action, with a defeat by Ascott under Wychwood on bank holiday Monday. Bibury made 146 with a 70 from Charlie Robinson. We thought we were about 20 runs light at the changeover and so it proved, Ascott winning by 5 wickets. The game against Coventry Ramblers was competitive. The Ramblers scoring 230 and Bibury getting close at one point but eventually all out for 197.

We still struggle to get eleven on the field from time to time so new players are always very welcome.

Leslie Smith 07867 467433

## **HEAVENS ABOVE**

Well, its summer so all should be in great mood and Uranus makes this happen. July 1<sup>st</sup> sees the moon in its last quarter and it is in Aries until the 4<sup>th</sup> and this is a quiet time to reflect until the new moon on the 10<sup>th</sup> kicks in – then it is all go for many rushing here and there busy, busy but by the time the full moon arrives on the 24<sup>th</sup> we will be ready to relax.

## **JULY**

I can swim
As long as the water is dry.
I can wipe tears
As long as I don't cry.
I can help you out
After you give it a try.
I've written this poem
I don't know why.
All this I discovered
Happened in July.

## **BIBURY VILLAGE HALL**

For the second month we have been able to hold our committee meetings in person in the Village Hall and we have been busy making decisions to improve our facilities in the Village Hall for when we open in earnest in September (Covid permitting!).

We have decided to arrange for broadband to be put into the hall together with some extra power points – that will hopefully mean that our users will be able to access their emails, and internet whilst in the hall. This should help the Parish Council to re-establish their council meetings in the

Hall and should make it easier for sales etc. to be able to conduct card payments. Hopefully, this will translate into more bookings and wider use of the hall.

We are also planning to upgrade the projection and sound system This will include a new projector, DVD sound system and screen and it should make illustrated talks easier to hold. We are hoping to replace the Village Hall crockery with a matching set – again to improve the facilities of the Hall.

Hopefully, we will be able to hold our Annual Harvest Supper in September on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September - again covid regulations. This may mean that the numbers will have to be reduced from our normal 60 but that decision will be taken once the summer is over and we all have a better feeling as to how the pandemic is developing. More details in the September issue. We shall at all times be guided by the government regulations re: covid security. Let's keep our fingers crossed that things will get back to normal and the Village Hall will once again be a focus for village activities.

And finally, we are hoping that the Rural Cinema will start again in September. We are part of the Gloucestershire scheme but now that we no longer use their equipment and we buy the DVD of the film they select, we COULD change the day we hold the Rural Cinema. Let us know your views!

## **RURALCINEMA – POSSIBLE CHANGE OF DAY!**

What do you think about changing the day of the Rural Cinema from the last Tuesday of each month to the second Thursday of each month?

Is there another day of week you would prefer?

Is 7pm for a 7:30pm start a good time for you to come?

Please let us know your views by emailing either <a href="wendy.challinor@gmail.com">wendy.challinor@gmail.com</a>
Or by telephoning Wendy on 740021 or Angela Staton on 740078

## **BIBURY FOOTBALL CLUB**

Not much to report on the football front a low key end of season presentation was held at the end of May which resulted in Kasey Davies winning the player of the season award. Pre-season training will commence on Thursday 1st of July and 6-30pm all players old and new most welcome we hope to arrange a couple of friendlies towards the end of July before the new season kicks off in earnest at the start of August. The Bar is currently open every Friday from 5pm and Saturday night from 7pm and Sunday midday to 4pm

## THE OLD MAN OF THE PIKE.

We were told it was going to be a long road to recovery but didn't we think it was going to be this long. It seems that we think that the end is just around the corner there is another corner. We will get there in the long run. As for vaccination we must praise the NHS for getting so many people

done so quickly. When we hear that the Government is going to make everyone in the Care Sector to be vaccinated to safeguard the vulnerable is that so bad. If you want to drive a car on the road you must pass your driving test, if you want to be doctor, lawyer, accountant and many, many jobs you must pass the tests before you can do them. What is the difference? We are winning the battle so let us not relax our resolve now so we can have a better future.

I hope that was not our summer we had a few days ago? Looking around there was some good silage and hay made before the rains, but we were lucky that we missed most of the thunder and lightning. This year I planted some new types of peas for the first time, these are of the Sugar Snap and Mangetout type, the sort where you eat pod and all and they have grown very well. We had the first picking for Father's Day and they were very nice. One of the bonuses of growing the Mangetout variety is that the flowers are beautiful purple colour just like sweet-peas so I could have planted them in a flower bed. Is that what they call dual purpose?

Hope to be with you after the summer break and we talk of COVID 19 in a smaller way. Good luck to you all.

## **BIBURY ART AND CRAFT FAIR**

**Coffee Morning for Flower Arrangers** 

Αt

**Chestnut Grove, Arlington** 

On

Wednesday 6th July

11am to 12:30pm

Potential flower arrangers or those willing to have ago at doing a Flower Arrangement for the Art & Craft Fair in August, are invited to come and exchange ideas on the theme - Happiness is ...

New arrivals to the village or potential exhibitors or helpers are most welcome to come for a coffee and a chat after 11:45am and to have a wander around the garden looking for inspiration!

## BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 25th May 2021

This was predominantly a procedural meeting as it was first one following an election to fill the 3 vacancies; there were three members of the public present and our District Councillor, Ray Theodoulou, apologies were received from our new County Councillor Lisa Spivey.

The Councillors voted Richard Williams in as Chairman, Neil Clegg as Vice-Chairman, Simon Brownless as Internal Financial Checker, Highways Issues Craig Chapman. To represent us on

outside bodies Simon Brownless and Richard Williams were appointed to Bibury United Charities and John Phillips appointed to represent us on the Bibury Village Hall Committee.

## The following planning was considered:

21/01425/FUL **1 & 2 Hinton Farm Cottages**, Ablington – Erection of single-storey rear-side extensions. The Council agreed to support this.

21/00913/LBC **William Morris Tea Rooms, 11 The Street, Bibury** – Alterations to the rear garden (including construction of a pergola and pavilions), replacement of roof materials, rooflights on north-east elevation and internal alterations. The Council agreed 'no comment' for this.

21/00912/FUL William Morris Tea Rooms, 11 The Street, Bibury – Alterations to the rear garden (including construction of a pergola and pavilions), replacement of roof materials, rooflights on north-east elevation and internal alterations. The Council agreed to object to this application as there is possible sewage/flooding issues, if the proposed Traffic Regulation Order is approved, there will be 'no parking including uploading permitted outside the property', there will be an increase in clientele which will detrimentally affect the neighbouring residential properties and the Council is concerned that no information has been provided with regards to the proposed opening hours.

21/00887/FUL **Quarry Hill Farmhouse**, **Bibury** – Erection of a stable block. The Council agreed to support this.

21/0-1598/FUL **Kilkenny Fields, 3 Kilkenny** Cottages – Erection of 2-storey side-extension and single storey rear extension. The Council agreed to support this.

21/01594/FUL **1 The Bibury Stud**, Bibury – Single storey link extension between house and garage. The Council agreed to support this.

21/01729/FUL **Sherborne Cottage, Church Road** – Erection of greenhouse. The Council agreed to support this.

21/01751/TCONR **Arlington Lodge**, **Arlington** – Tree Works – Council agreed to support this.

21/01850/TCONR Hinton House, Ablington - Tree Works - Council agreed to support this.

21/01819/FUL **Four Winds Barn, Ablington** – Change of use to equestrian, erection of 2 stables, hard standing, horse walker and horse training ring. Council agreed to support this.

Date of Next Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in Bibury Village Hall.

## **COVER SKETCH**

This months Sketch is a lovely sketch of Morning Glory flowers drawn by Maggie Catlin of Hawkers Hill.

## <u>THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH</u> – a couple of examples of Chinese wisdom A Chinese proverb

To be happy for an hour – get drunk.

To be happy for a year – fall in love

To be happy for a life time – take up gardening!

## A quote from John F Kennedy

When written in Chinese the word CRISIS is composed of two characters one represents danger and the other one represents opportunity.

## **VILLAGE HALL HISTORY:** Indoor poor, outdoor poor, and the dreaded workhouse

Researching my previous article about Bibury charities, I spotted that in the rules for the Jesus Almshouse of Hugh Westwood there was a stipulation that people who were receiving Parish Relief were not eligible to live there. Of course, that got me digging into what Parish Relief was, and how it applied in Bibury. This is what I found.

From the mid-1500s onwards, the Government enacted various 'poor laws' tasking local Parishes with the responsibility for assisting the poor, the elderly and the inform, and for dealing with issues such as vagrancy. This was 'Parish Relief'. It was funded by a local levy on property owners.

I turned to the 1891 census data, mainly because it identifies anyone in the village who was receiving Parish Relief. (I access census data via www.Ancestry.com and www.findmypast.co.uk).Looking at the 1891 data for the Jesus Almshouse, sure enough the four residents were all employed, and not receiving Parish Relief. When I looked at the three residential units under the same roof as the Reading Room (completed in 1878), two of them were occupied by people on Parish Relief. Looking through the entire 1891 census data for Bibury and Arlington, there were six households receiving Parish Relief, out of the 100 or so properties in the village.

As I read more widely around the subject, I came across terms that are no longer in common use, so needed a bit of research. If someone was classed as 'outdoor poor' it meant they at least had a place to live, but still needed financial support. This was sometimes referred to as 'out relief'. 'Indoor poor' meant someone who needed a place to live as well.

And what about the infamous workhouses? Was there one in Bibury? It seems not. The explanation is that between roughly 1830 and 1930 the village was one of 30 local Parishes in the Northleach Registration District. So when the massive Northleach Union Workhouse was built in 1836, Bibury and the other 29 Parishes in the district were able to make use of it.

Despite being an impressive, architect-designed place for up to 200 'inmates', it was very much a last-resort place to live. The conditions were dismal, with many of the residents having severe physical or mental conditions. Today, these would be better understood, and often treatable. At least there were regular, if basic, meals. Shockingly by today's standards, families with children were also sometimes housed there. As far as I can see, in 1891 there was nobody from Bibury living there. But in 1881 there had been nine inmates from Bibury, including a man with four children between the ages of 5 and 11.

It ceased - being a workhouse around 1930, but the impressive building is still there, about 400m east of the village centre. Nowadays (2021) it is being used as a care home for the elderly. Thanks to Peter Higginbotham's fascinating website www.workhouses.org.uk for historical information on the Northleach Institution.

By Roger Staton. A trustee of Bibury United Charities
Thank you Roger for your series of informative and interesting insights into the history of the
Village Hall. We are always on the look out for interesting articles. The Panel:

#### Advert

### **Jack Russell Puppies**

Last two Jack Russell bitch pups from local litter, both parents local, available now for info message 07974785437 POA

## Bibury Arts and Craft Fair

(Previously Bibury Flower and Arts Festival)

We will be holding our annual Arts and Crafts Fair

At

St Mary's Parish Church Bibury

on

Friday 20th. Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd August 2021 Daily
From 10.30am until 5.00pm

Please support your local flower arrangers, crafts people and artists.

We would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to exhibit either their art or crafts, have a stall or offer help with cakes or stewarding across the weekend.

Please look out for Wendy's invitation to coffee. Please contact Wendy Challinor: 01285 740021 Jill Skarda: 01285 740496

## **BARNSLEY 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

## **FROM THE PANEL**

Can anyone help temporarily to deliver 'Village Life' to Aldsworth Road? Helen Miles our normal distributor is likely to be incapacitated for some time with a leg and ankle injury that has prevented her delivering last months issue. Please contact any of the Panel if you can help.

## **ROUND AND ABOUT**

We were saddened to report on the death of Malcom Stansfield, husband to former resident Berenice. Malcom died peacefully in his sleep in June after a prolonged illness and he was well

known in the area for his quiet manner and support for several organisations in the Cirencester area. We send our sincere condolences to Berenice and their families.

Some may have seen two of our residents being interviews on BBC Breakfast TV, Rhiana and Bobby Easterbrook about the effects of the covid restrictions on their wedding plans.

The early heat of June has been replaced at the time of writing with a spell of colder wetter weather. Our weather continues to surprise us and our wildlife. The wild flowers this year have been lovely with many of us spending more time at home and enjoying the delights of the English Countryside. Reliable sources from the Pike have reported seeing a young broods of Spotted Woodpeckers and chaffinches in their gardens. But these birds are small in comparison to the colourful Woodpecker seen at the Trout Farm. The latter is part of the Kingfisher Trail 2021. The trail comprises 21 individual sculptures around the Cotswolds and details can be downloaded from <a href="https://www.kingfishertrail.org">www.kingfishertrail.org</a> or by downloading the app. So if you are looking for something to do during the Staycation this summer ...

## PAINTING – DECORATING- GENERAL MAINTENANCE CALL J J DECORATORS

I am a qualified decorator with over 35 years' experience. I have worked on numerous properties in the local area and will be happy to provide references.

I am willing to consider any projects, offering free advice and competitive rates.

- · Painting and decorating
- · General maintenance
- · Anything I may not have thought of!

If you have a job you've put off that needs doing or haven't found the right person to help – give me a call.

**JOHN JOHNSON 01285 740549** 

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## FROM FURTHER AFIELD

Save the Date: Four Hands One Piano Northleach Church Sat 9th October

Enjoy an evening of world-class music, from Schubert to Gershwin, in Northleach Church at 7.00 pm on Saturday 9 October. Given by critically acclaimed, identical twin pianists Claire and Antoinette Cann, in support of the fund-raising Friends of Northleach Church. Their concert, *Four Hands One Piano*, will also feature Northleach Choir and an interval bar.

Tickets available online from 1 August. Save the Date!

## FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES(Reg. Charity No: 1180059)

YOUR LOCAL CHARITY Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages.

The Friends report that they have appointed Kelly Smith from Southrop to the post of General manager of the Community Friends.

A cycle challenge is being undertaken by David Nash of Fairford during June to August where he is hoping to visit the local 50 villages and hamlets. If you would like to donate please do so via David's Virgin Money Giving site: https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DavidNash32/1

**VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED URGENTLY** Our team of volunteer drivers provide a lifeline to many in our community who need to get to their medical appointments at the GPs and hospitals. With appointments opening up again we urgently need more drivers to help with this vital community service. We ask our volunteers to complete a DBS check as this service provides much needed support and assistance to many vulnerable people in the community. Car running costs are paid for. If you think you can help please contact Val Harvey on 07540 798226 or email Val at valharvey56@gmail.com