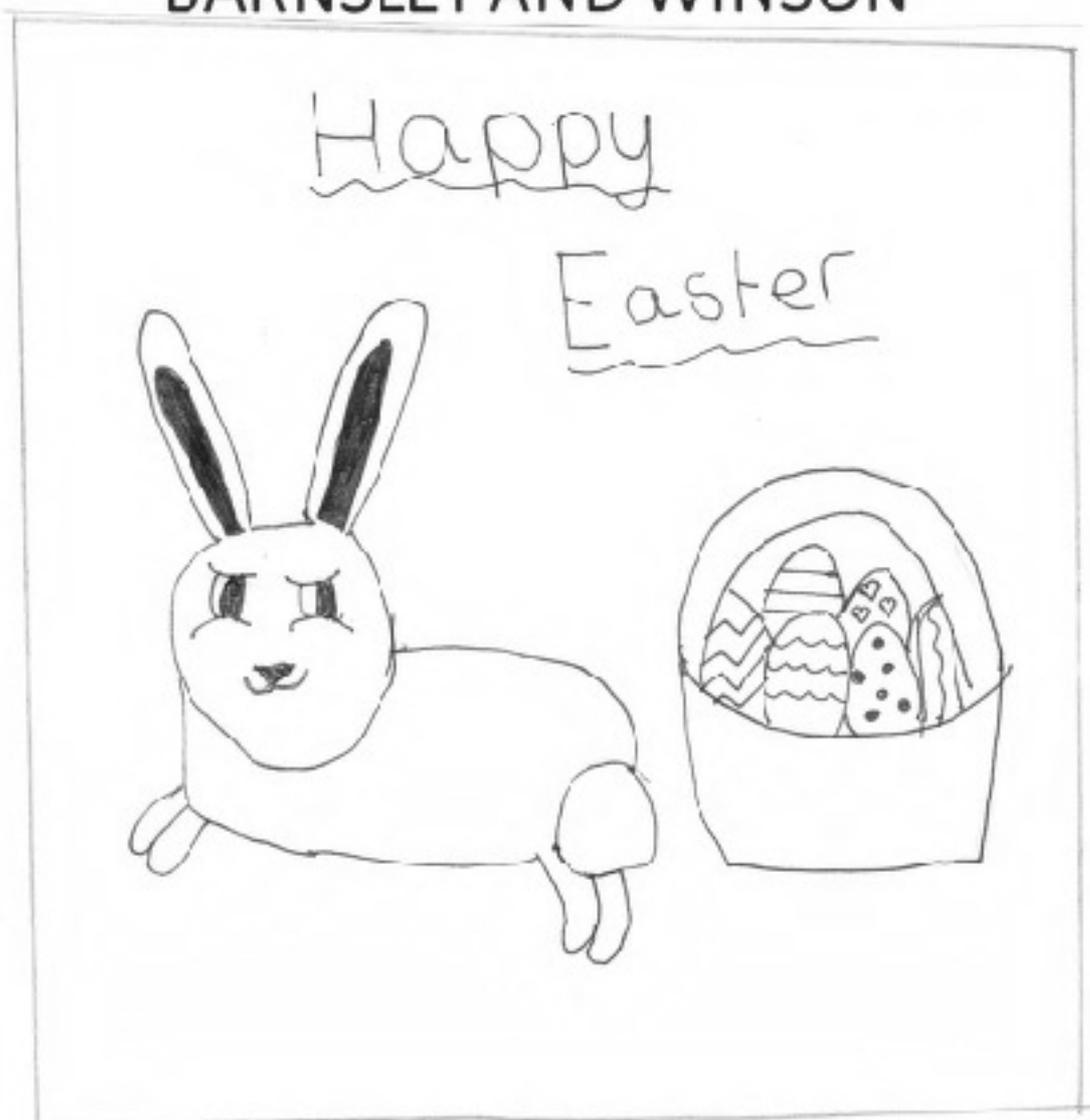


VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,
BARNSELY AND WINSON



APRIL 2021

HAPPY EASTER

VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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April 2021

Sunday	4 th	Easter Day	
		The Great Easter Egg Hunt - Bibury Churchyard	12 noon
		Easter Bunny Hunt -start at the Swan Bridge	2-4 pm
Mon	5 th	Easter Bunny Hunt -start at the Swan Bridge	2-4 pm
Tues	6 th	Get Sported Multi Sports and Games Sessions Bibury Football	9 am-12 nn
Wed	7 th	Get Sported Multi Sports and Games Sessions Bibury Football	9 am-12 nn
Tues	13 th	Bibury Annual Parish Meeting- to be held 'remotely'	8pm
Tues	20 th	Copy Deadline for Village Life	
Sunday	25 th	Rogation Sunday Beating the Bounds- see St Mary's diary	

MAY

Mon	3 rd	Pop up teas restart - Bibury Churchyard	
Fri	21 st	Music in Country Churches - Bibury Church	5 pm and 7 pm
Saturday	22 nd	Music in Country Churches - Bibury Church	5 pm and 7 pm
Thurs	24 th June	BibLit Extra Earl Spencer speaks about The White Ship - Bibury Church	
Sunday	25 th July	Village Fete	Bibury Church and Churchyard

COVER SKETCH

This lovely sketch of a happy Easter bunny and his basket of eggs was drawn by Isla Angel From Arlington Row in response to our request for front cover drawings. We thought it perfect for tis April's issue as we wish you all a Happy Easter.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Like so many of us I was sent this via social media:-

"No matter how educated, talented , rich or cool you are, how you treat people ultimately tells all."

FROM THE PANEL.

Sadly our panel member Claire McDermott has felt it necessary to resign. The panel would like to thank Claire for years of sterling service, both as a panel member and as distributor for Aldsworth Road. We are hoping that Helen Miles will take on these deliveries, but would welcome help with this as it is a fairly large 'round'. If you can help please contact Wendy Challinor or biburyvillagelife@hotmail.com

BIBURY, BARNSELEY AND WINSON CHURCHES

Dear Friends,

Ian Dale's *Why can't we all just get along* proved to be a surprisingly stimulating book. I confess that I have always enjoyed Dale as a broadcaster. He is one of those incredibly rare (certainly these days) interviewers who is able to disagree well, and to host debates that are both provocative and informative. The subtitle of his book, *Shout less. Listen more*, sums up his winning, but sadly unusual, approach. He holds strong views that he articulates but he is gracious, and he listens.

And that, I suppose is the key. A willingness to listen. I attended a ZOOM Youth forum earlier this week, convened by the Bishop of Gloucester, to reflect on lessons from COVID. There were over 80 of us present, including peers, MPs, leaders in health and education and over 40 teenagers, all from Gloucestershire. The overwhelming message from the young was 'Why don't those 'in power' listen to us as they continue to make decisions that effect our lives whilst we remain powerless. We are always having things done to us, and for us without consultation, or even the slightest attempt to listen'. This complaint echoes the cry of the powerless and the weak down the centuries. I shan't even begin to address the issue here, but note it for reference. Listen. Listening, of itself, as an end in itself matters. And it may even change our minds! But don't hold your breath. As Iain Dale points out, we don't want to change our minds. Homo Sapiens is a rationalising not a rational creature. All of us could obtain doctorates in self justification. But many seriously believe that they have reached their decided position by rational thought. Nonsense says Jonathan Haidt in his seminal *The Righteous Mind*. Emotions, gut instinct and a whole of host of irrational ideas, get us to a position, which we then spend inordinate amounts of time justifying.

In learning to listen, we learn to value. To give time and attention, is to give the most precious thing we have. And we thereby give honour to others and validate them. They become valued. Even if we disagree. And in honouring those we disagree with, we come to understand them. And why they hold different views.

Easter is a time for celebrating the fact that God listens, and God values us. He gave us His time. He gave us his very self in the form of his son. And he gave us hope. God listens. God cares. God loves. He does not shout. He listens. Come and celebrate that truth and experience God's love this Easter

On Friday 23rd April our Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place at St Mary's Barnsley, following our St George's Day Evening Prayer service. There, we will be giving thanks for the faithful service of three amazing people who are standing down from their current roles. Elizabeth Gledhill, Church Warden at St Mary's Barnsley, and Chris Cannock and Tim Arnold our joint Treasurers. A heartfelt thank you to all three of you. A proper farewell, with lavish refreshments, will take place later in the year in Barnsley Village Hall

With every blessing and fond love

Tim

PS The Easter Garden in Bibury Churchyard will be set up on Thursday 1st April by the children of Bibury School. Do drop by and plant a flower.

Church Services: April 2021

	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
Maundy Thursday 1st April <i>Exodus 12:1-14</i> <i>John 13:1-17,31b-35</i>	6:00pm Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>		
Good Friday 2nd April		2:00pm An hour at the Foot of the Cross	
Sunday 4th April Easter Day <i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>John 20:1-18</i>	11.00am Common Worship Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	10.00am Common Worship Holy Communion With Rev Geoff Hope <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9:30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 11th April Easter 2 <i>Acts 4: 32-35</i> <i>John 20:19-end</i>	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>
Sunday 18th April Easter 3 <i>Acts 3: 12-19</i> <i>Luke 24: 36b-48</i>	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>
Friday 23rd April St George		5:45pm Evening Prayer <i>followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting</i>	
Sunday 25th April Easter 4 Rogation Sunday	<i>Rogation Sunday walk. 11:30. Winson at 1:00 prayers at all churches and crops and as we</i>	<i>Starts at Bibury at 10 Back at Bibury by 2:30 as we pray for our 'beat the bounds'</i>	<i>Reaches Barnsley at Refreshments and villages, for farming</i>
Sunday 2nd May Easter 5 <i>Acts 8:26-end</i> <i>John 15:1-8</i>	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>
Churchwardens	<i>Jackie Colburn</i> 01451 860212	<i>Elizabeth Gledhill</i> 01285 740836	<i>Lavinia Sidgwick</i> 01285 720882
Vicar	<i>Revd Tim Hastie-Smith</i> 01285 740301		

Dates for the Diary: A new Day Dawns

When?	What?	Where?
Sunday 4 th April Easter Day 12 noon (after the morning service)	The Great Easter Egg Hunt For children of all ages. Crème eggs and chocolate bunnies galore	Bibury Churchyard
Tuesday 6 th and Wednesday 7 th April 9:00am-12 noon	Get Sported Multi Sports and Games Sessions for years 1-8, to which years 9-13 are welcome as helpers Led by Richard Witham (rwitham@glosdioc.org.uk) Limited places so book now on https://psalms.uk.net/bookings/ Refreshments and lunch provided. Absolutely Free	Bibury Football Club
Sunday 25 th April Easter 4 Rogation Sunday	Beating the Bounds Walking our three parish churches starting at Bibury Church at 10, reaching Barnsley at 11:30, Winson at 1:00 and back to Bibury at 2:30. Refreshments at all three churches.	Bibury Barnsley Winson
From 3 rd May	Pop up teas restart Home made cakes, tea and chat	Bibury Churchyard
Sunday 16 th May 5:00pm	Ignite Party For years 1-9 Christmas – Halloween – Valentine – Easter!	Bibury Churchyard
Friday 21 st and Saturday 22 nd May 5:00pm and 7:00pm	Music in Country Churches To include: Members of the English chamber orchestra playing Mendelssohn E-flat octet, Coleridge-Taylor's Four Novellets and some Percy Grainger	Bibury Church
Saturday 5 th June 9:30-12:30	End of Lockdown Spring Clean With tea and home made cakes	Bibury Church
Thursday 24 th June	BibLit Extra Earl Spencer speaks about his latest book The White Ship	Bibury Church
Sunday 27 th June 12 noon	End of Lockdown Party	The Square
Sunday 25 th July	Village Fete at Bibury Church	Bibury Church and Churchyard
Sunday 29 th August 12 noon	Vicarage Garden Party	The Vicarage

All Activities will take place in compliance with appropriate regulations

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH www.arlingtonbaptist.org.uk Charity 1192458

Do you or someone you know own a 4x4 vehicle?

The possibility is high, living where we do, with the winter weather we experience in the Cotswolds and rural activity, if we can afford this option it makes sense. Recently ABC joined Cirencester Baptist Church online for Sunday worship, we watched an inspirational young speaker Arianna Walker talk about a 4x4, we would like to share her story with you.

Arianna lived at the end of a Cul-de-sac at the bottom of a hill, one night they had a 2ft snowfall and in the morning while eating breakfast she watched as her neighbours dug cars out trying to drive up out of the Cul-de-sac to go to work, wheels spinning on the snow compacted it to ice, and they all lost traction and slid back down to the bottom.

Arianna started her vehicle pressed a button labelled 4WD and drove up the hill and out of the Cul-de-sac that had everybody else trapped, she had freedom.

Everyone has problems, it snows on everyone, in the Bible it says it "rains on the righteous and the unrighteous" but its how we get through problems that singles us out, if you press the correct

button something happens, you stop spinning and sliding, gain traction and power out into freedom.

Are you trapped in a Cul-de-sac ? Mentally, Financially, Spiritually?

God has not abandoned us to wheel spin in that Cul-de-sac, in the Bible book 2 Peter Chapter 1 verse 3 it says "God has given us absolutely everything we need" but the trouble is many of us don't know which button to press. Something to give us a power we didn't know we had in us.

What are these buttons? Forgiveness releases your mind, Renewing your mind changes patterns, resetting generational ways, freeing ourselves from bad relationships whether they be personal or financial etc, re-setting them and knowing your authority in Christ "the Masterkey".

Jesus didn't come to give us freedom, He IS freedom. (Google or read Bible 2 Corinthians 3:17) Freedom is not going to Church on a Sunday or Reading the Bible, listening to a Christian podcast or singing worship hymns but all these are good things that will help you. Jesus is only to you what you say he is, it matters who you say he is.

If you don't believe this Google or read Mathew 8 verse 12 and onto verse 30 if you need further persuasion. We get Freedom and Power through Jesus, a personal connection with Christ, its free for you to have, why would you not press this button?

Try reading Jeremiah 17 7-8. Whatever you are facing today, Who do you say Jesus is? This will determine your power and ability to navigate your way out of any Cul-de-sac?

If you would like to hear Arianna's talk the link for this is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cE0iV8Z_-Us&t=3493s from 32 minutes in if you are short of time.

SERVICES are resuming in the Church building gov. guidelines in place

Palm Sunday 28th March 10.30am

Good Friday 2nd April 2pm

Easter Sunday 4th April Celebration service 10.30am

Sundays April 11th, 18th and 25th we will be starting a new preaching series joining on screen with CBC at 10.30pm Everyone is most welcome to join us in the Church building on Arlington Green.

Arlington Community Rooms and Kitchen Project

Fundraising is going well with grants for £20,000 pledged this month ten each from Cotswold District Council and Garfield Weston Foundation so we are now over halfway to target, please support us where possible especially for the Easter Bunny Hunt, start by the Swan bridge Arlington side between 2-4pm on Easter Sunday and Monday, follow a map to find the Bunnies only £5 per group of 4 and 50p for extra people with a small prize for everyone. Or buy a FUNNY BUNNY from the Trout farm shop in aid of the Project. Purchase your cute knitted Bunny holding a chocolate for suggested donation of £1.50 expertly knitted by local ladies. A perfect post-able gift for Grand children, a treat for mum or a friend.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Free an upright electric organ that needs a home, currently in the Baptist Church community rooms if anyone local is interested please email info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Bibury Annual Parish Meeting to be held 'remotely' on Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 8pm. Everybody is welcome - full sign in details can be found online at <https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Elections for Three Parish Councillors - nomination papers must be received at Cotswold District Council by 4pm on the 8th April 2021. If you would like more

information on becoming a Parish Councillor, please feel free to contact The Clerk, Irena by emailing clerk@biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

STANDING FOR ELECTION - Elections for Councillors

Village Life has already received a pen-portrait from one prospective candidate for the BPC elections. If there is anyone else considering standing who would like to introduce themselves through our pages please send us a short resume. We will publish those that we receive before the election date in our next edition.

BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL's Notes re the Traffic Regulation Order

What the BPC say about the TRO:

What is a TRO and why is Bibury Parish Council applying for one?

A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is a legal agreement which restricts or prohibits the use of the highway network, in line with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. They help to manage the highway network for all road users, including pedestrians, and they aim to improve road safety and access to facilities. What about all the ideas put forward at the public meeting in October 2019? We met with Gloucestershire County Council highways department in February 2020 to discuss these ideas but although the meeting was very positive, many of the suggestions proved to be difficult to implement either because they were too costly or not viable.

Such as? For example, we have no power to ban coaches from the village. All we can do is to ensure that as far as possible, they don't disrupt the traffic or block the road. We plan to do this with kerb markings on the existing double yellow lines that will prohibit loading and unloading of passengers. Pay-and-display and residents' parking permits were also rejected by Highways.

I hear the parking TRO is a "done deal". No, this is not the case. We are still at the consultative stage and there will be further updates. We are always happy to hear comments from residents and provide you with the correct information.

Didn't the council vote the TRO through at an extraordinary council meeting last summer that was not minuted? No. The outline TRO proposals were put before the council at the meeting of August 2020. It was agreed that members should look at these and discuss them at the September 2020 meeting. The September meeting was inquorate following the resignation at the beginning of the meeting of three councillors (on an issue that was nothing to do with the TRO) so it did not go ahead, and there are therefore no minutes.

But I thought the parish council had approved it? Following a meeting with GCC highways department and Councillor Shaun Parsons, various amendments requested by GCC to the PROPOSED TRO were put before the parish council at the October 2020 meeting. These were unanimously approved, since they dealt mainly with safety issues, and it was agreed that the PROPOSED TRO should be submitted. **What has the Parish Council done to publicise the proposals?** In the November 2020 edition of Village Life, it was reported that full details of the proposed TRO had been posted online at the parish council website, <https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/> This was done on 14 October 2020 and again on 14 January 2021. Minutes of all the council meetings which have taken place are also available on the parish council website. **W**

hy is the Parish Council banning parking around the church? Won't this make life difficult for church-goers who have limited mobility? Parking in front of the church gates, the school gates and The Old Rectory gates will remain unregulated, as it is currently.

What about Cemetery Lane? GCC highways department have advised the parish council that – as we suspected – Cemetery Lane is too narrow to allow access for emergency vehicles when cars are parked there, even if their wheels are on the pavement. We are still in discussion about whether parking can be provided at the bottom where the road is wider. GCC highways have commissioned an independent road safety audit.

Can't you dig up the pavement or make it narrower? Highways have told us that digging up the pavement is definitely not an option. It was widened some years ago at the request of the church to allow coffins to be carried from the church to the cemetery.

But you've got people using the village hall, the school and the church. Don't they need somewhere to park? The village hall, the school and the church are indeed used regularly by lots of people and are the focus for many village activities. However, this is also the reason why it is important for emergency vehicles to have unrestricted access. In all conscience, we could not

allow a safety consideration such as this to be ignored. We await the report from the independent road safety audit.

What about the parking regulations proposed for Church Road? The Parish Council felt that parking restrictions in The Street might result in more visitors parking in Church Road, so our view was that time restrictions might be necessary there as well. However, the feedback from the consultation is that this idea is very unpopular, so the Council will no longer be proceeding with this part of the proposal.

Why can't the Parish Council create a car park? The Parish Council does not have the money to buy land for a car park. The Trout Farm has purchased land adjacent to its own car park and was using this last summer as a temporary overflow on busy weekends. We understand they intend to do the same this year.

Cllrs. Richard Williams, Neil Clegg, Simon Brownless and Victoria Summerley

BIBURY VILLAGE HALL

The Hall remains closed for the moment but with the restrictions gradually being lifted during March and April, we are working towards getting the Hall ready for when we can welcome all the organisations and events back to using the Hall. It is likely to be some months before most people will be comfortable attending larger public events as any will feel that their focus will be on renewing links and longer visits with family and close friends as the restriction on numbers meeting are gradually eased.

EASTER BUNNY HUNT

SUNDAY 4TH APRIL and MONDAY 5TH APRIL 2-4PM

£5 up to four people, 50p per extra person.

You will be given a map to follow around the village to find the Bunnies and collect their names. Prizes for Everyone.

Start BETWEEN 2-4 pm by the Swan Bridge, Arlington side.



Fund raising for The Arlington Community rooms and Kitchen project

Arlington Baptist Church Charity number 1192458

A note from a resident about TRAFFIC REGULATION

The following article is a response to 'BPC's Parking TRO – questions and answers' based on views expressed by residents and submitted by a local reader.

What is a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order).

A TRO can be applied for by any individual or individuals (eg **Bibury Parish Council**). It costs between £10,000 - £15,000 to implement. If there is an external financial contribution, other services may be reduced. Applicants have a statutory duty to make all residents aware of the TRO proposal (usually by letter drop), to consult and obtain reliable feedback at every stage of the process, to ensure that the proposal has the support of the community and has assessed its impact on the community.

Actions taken by BPC Request - Residents of Bibury asked BPC to address the problem of tourist cars and coaches in particular, speeding through, randomly parking in and causing congestion. Result – A Parking restriction TRO that addresses safety in isolation of other issues and in fact restricts the activities of Bibury residents and those who use its facilities. Some residents would be left with nowhere to park

Problem 1 – Effect of tourist traffic on free access through Cemetery Lane and Church Road and parking to attend events at the Church, School and Village Hall. Suggestions. 1. It has been said that the extra wide pavement (constructed in the recent past) in Cemetery Lane to carry coffins to the graveyard (but never is) cannot be removed. Who says so and why not? Cars parked along the wall would not impede emergency vehicles. There are no residential properties on Cemetery Lane, those leaving their cars walk in the middle of the road and do not use the pavement. 2. Why cannot a single sign be placed at the top of Cemetery Lane – Access only for School, Church, Village Hall and Residents. Without tourist cars there would be plenty of parking space for most events on Church Road without bothering the residents. 3. Why could not an 'access for emergency vehicles only' sign be sited at the end of Church Road alongside the 'no entry' sign.

Problem 2 – Parking on The Street. If parking is limited (to 2hr) who is to police it and at what cost. What are residents who have no parking supposed to do. Suggestions 1. If there is to be a time limit, why, cannot the parking area be marked out into car spaces, with a central parking meter. 2. Why, if required because of imposed parking time limitations, can't residents have parking permits, provided by BPC at minimal cost to put in their cars and in cars of their visitors (family, friends and carers). This need not involve GCC Highways.

Problem 3 - Coaches. Drivers whose remit is to drop their passengers in Bibury for ca three quarters of an hour will do so, wherever they can, irrespective of lines drawn on the road. Under the proposed TRO they might even decide to do drop and collect on Cemetery Lane / Church Road Suggestion - There are 2 coach Bays outside the Trout Farm. To limit the numbers of coaches stopping in the village to 2 at any time, why cannot an on-line booking system for these bays be put in place. This would require BPC to contact the coach companies to inform them of this system (and that they are required to pay a fee?).

Problem 4 – Disabled Parking. 2 spaces are to be created in the space outside the Mill. This space is traditionally used by residents, disabled and otherwise, to briefly call in the Trout Farm. In the proposed TRO that area can be blocked permanently by tourists with disability badges. Suggestion – The 2 disabled parking spaces be located on the Street, opposite the toilet block

Problem 5 – Excessive tourist car parking Suggestion - Accepted that BPC cannot afford to buy land for parking, hopefully the Trout Farm will continue to provide temporary overflow car parking. Last year the Trout Farm applied for planning permission to extend its current official car park. Perhaps BPC could encourage them to proceed with this.

Problem 6 – Speeding through the Village. Suggestion – In the brainstorming session held in Oct 2019, BPC showed a picture of the new ‘gates’ at each end of the Village on which the displayed speed limit was 30mph. Why is this not so in reality? Having lampposts may have been an archaic way of indicating a 30mph speed limit but it surely shouldn’t apply to Villages. At the Arlington end residential housing has been added where it is still 40mph. Accidents have occurred at the 4-way junction at The Pike (also part of the village). The bus stop is at that junction and on that side of the road there is no pavement. 2. The succession of 40mph signs between the Pike and the Rozzer’s house should be removed. 3. 20mph is commonplace in Cirencester. Why not 20mph from the Catherine Wheel through the Street?

BPC has claimed that its Parking TRO is not a done deal “We are always happy to hear comments from residents and provide you with the correct information”. Howso? BPC submitted its approved Parking TRO to GCC Highway in Oct 2020. The GCC Highway consultation period, posted on Jan 8 2021 ended on Jan 29 2021. A requested extension to give time to residents to get to know about it through Village Life was denied.

Since then the Assistant Head of GCC Legal Services (Head of GCC Infrastructure Hub) has been asked to withdraw this TRO application on the basis that BPC failed in its statutory duty to consult with residents. To date, she has failed to respond. A petition specifically concerned with the consequences of the proposed parking restrictions in Cemetery Lane and Church Road has over 230 signatories. Only one person approached seemed fully aware of what the TRO entailed and was in favour of it. The vast majority had no knowledge whatsoever of it, let alone what it entailed.

CIRENCESTER HOUSING - ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Cirencester Housing manage a group of 11 houses on the outskirts of Bibury and are currently looking to recruit non-executive members for the board and audit committee. They say

Join us as a Board Member

All non-executive board members need to demonstrate a passion for our social purpose and niche as a small housing association as well as commitment to be responsible for the governance of Cirencester Housing.

We welcome those who may not have experience of being a board or committee member to apply as we offer training, mentoring and other support to assist you in fulfilling your roles. We encourage people from all backgrounds and experiences to apply and welcome a diverse range of attributes and endeavour to be a flexible as

Board Members

We are looking for individuals who may have:

- Lived experience similar to our customers
- Strong connection & commitment to the local community
- Asset management, particularly on regeneration and sustainability

The annual commitment is 6 evening board meetings a year and a half day focusing on strategy decisions.

Audit Committee Members

We are looking for individuals who may have:

- Health & safety experience
- GDPR / IT security experience
- Risk management or audit experience

The annual commitment is 4 audit meetings a year and volunteering to perform at least one desktop audit of internal controls and processes.

If you are interested in applying, or have further questions, please contact Suzanne Hale, Governance and Executive Administrator, contact@cirencesterhousing.org.uk or 01286 897424.

The closing date for applications is 26th April and they expect to have recruited by September. They also have a website: www.cirencesterhousing.org.uk

BIBURY FOOTBALL CLUB

For the second season the league has been cancelled however football will be back in April with a re-arranged Reg Davies memorial cup competition. Unfortunately with COVID restrictions still in place the government and Football Association have stated that no spectators will be permitted at our first home game fixtures for April

Saturday 3rd April home v Charlton Rovers 3pm
Sat 10th April away v Falcons 3pm
We'd 14th April away v Upton St Leonard's 6-30 pm
Sat 17th April Away v Andoversford 3pm
Wed 21st April away v Brockworth 6-30 pm
Sat 24th April Home v Frampton Rovers 3pm
We'd 28th April away v Smith FC 6-30 pm

The Bar will commence serving outdoor drinks on Friday 16th April at 5-30pm plus Sunday lunchtimes from noon and home football matches.

We will start opening on Saturday night on May 7th; however Saturday nights will depend on footfall.

Everybody needs good weather like it was 12 months ago.

ROUND AND ABOUT

It is with sadness that we have had news that Fred CLARK, son of Jack Clark and formerly of Aldsworth Road, who moved to Cheltenham some time ago has died. Sympathies to Enid, Barry Trevor and family.

Sympathies also to Jane Miles on the loss of her mother Betty.

Nick & Hilary Andrews, son and daughter in law of George Andrews, longstanding owner of Owl Cottage, Arlington, have sent the following after the death of George at the great age of 92.

"George and his wife Brenda bought Owl cottage in 1981, having previously rented it from the original owner, with the intention of moving to Bibury when George retired from banking in the City. They were living in Kent but had many connections with Gloucestershire; he being ex Glosters. He and Brenda threw themselves into Bibury life; Brenda joined the Bibury WI and they were both regular attenders at Bibury Church, the village fete and flower shows, as well as regular imbibers at the Catherine Wheel and The Swan – amongst others! Some may remember their border collie dogs who often sat on the wall outside Owl. Sadly, Brenda died in her mid fifties and George couldn't quite make the move from Kent to Gloucestershire without her. We intend to keep the cottage in the family as he would have wanted - lawyers and HMRC permitting. He loved the village and village life. He equally loved seeing his grandchildren grow up enjoying Bibury as he had done. He was last able to visit in the summer of 2019 and made it to the pub for a pint and also to keep an eye on the restoration work that was being done in the cottage at that time.

With many thanks and best wishes, Nick & Hilary Andrews."

We understand that Maureen Keeping has moved to Cirencester and that Blenheim Cottage has new residents. If you would like to introduce yourselves to the village at large please drop us a line at VLL.

Memory Walk 2021

On 21st March Jenny A'Bear completed a 7 mile walk from Ablington to Winson, Coln Rogers, Coln St Dennis, Calcot and back to Ablington to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society in memory of her mum, who lived with Alzheimer's for 9 years, and who would have had her 100th birthday this year. If anyone would like to support this and donate, please

see www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mw583529 or ring Jenny on 01285 740412 for further information. To date she has raised £447 for the Alzheimer's Society and would like to thank all those who have supported her so far in this challenge. Well done Jenny.

RURAL CINEMA

We have been advised that the Corinium Museum, who organise the films for the Rural Cinema are working towards restarting the scheme in September which is something for us to work towards resuming our monthly Cinema nights. By then we locals should be willing to get together larger numbers of neighbours and friend indoors for couple of hours.

HEAVENS ABOVE

Mercury tries to change Pluto one the 2nd, painting a rosy picture for many but leaving many indecisive, but by the time we get to the 9th Mars and Neptune clash, but this meeting means a treat for many! This mood ties in with the New Moon on the 12th, Venus and Saturn meet up. In fact this month is a very positive month for everyone.

POEM OF THE MONTH

Monday's diet is full of woe,
Tuesday's diet has far to go,
Wednesday diet is full of fat,
Thursday's diet is double that
Friday's diet is full of candy
Saturday's diet is wine and brandy
But the diet that starts on the Sabbath day
Can start the week with a box of Milk Tray.

THE OLD MAN OF THE PIKE

I was going to give this month a miss but after this week-end I changed my mind. With the present policies getting on top of Corvid I ask everybody to stick it out a little longer, Please do not break the lockdown rules, you know it makes sense. I know being restricted now for over a year is hard but if we can last that little bit longer I am sure that in the long term We Will be better off! To all the youngsters please, please be patient, you will reap the benefit.

Now on a happier note we are setting off into spring, the equinox has passed and the clocks will have jumped forward, the birds are singing their heads of, the weather has been fairly dry so it will be full steam ahead in the garden. Now that is something to keep us at home and busy over Easter. Keep well and Happy.

VILLAGE HALL HISTORY: More improvements in 1966

After the Village Hall was opened in 1931 it became a popular venue for dances and other events. Many were organised for charity fund-raising purposes.

The size of the hall attracted interest from a very wide area, not just from Bibury itself. Whist drives and dances seem to have been a popular format.

In March 1932 for example a Whist Drive and dance was organized by a Miss Pritchard of Fossebridge, with proceeds going to the Coln Valley Nursing Fund. In November there was another Whist Drive and dance, this time in aid of the National Institute for the Blind.

In December the same year there was a Whist Drive in aid of lamps for Barnsley Church. Arranged by Mrs Glead of Bibury, it drew enough players for 27 tables. Music was provided by the M.C. Keen orchestra.

There was shocking news after a dance in August of that year. When the dance finished at 11.45pm, two people who had cycled there found that their bicycles had been taken. The culprits were quickly identified. It was two local youths aged 15 and 16 who had borrowed them to ride home. (It probably wasn't a good idea to have thrown the borrowed cycles into a hedge near their homes). The pair appeared at Fairford Juvenile Court in September and were each fined £3 and bound over in £10 to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

In April 1948 the hall hosted a political event at which the formation of a Bibury branch of the Labour party was announced by Maynard Bennett, prospective Labour candidate for Cirencester and Tewkesbury.

In 1966 the trustees decided that more space was needed, so the last remaining tenement was turned into a catering kitchen, with a serving hatch into the committee room. It was probably at this time that toilets were installed in the former changing room.

The opportunity of this internal work was also taken to expand the cottage on the right of the hall. The cost of all the work was £890 (according to John Holland, writing in 1992). It was financed initially from the sale of a cottage and shop next to the Jesus Almshouse, across the other side of the main road. (Probably the one occupied by grocer Mr Arkell in 1923).

Various improvements have been made to the hall since then, including modernizing the kitchen and toilets, and adding a video and sound system for films and music.

Roger Staton: a trustee of Bibury United Charities

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HOUSE-TO-HOUSE FUND RAISING EVENT 2021

This is the second year this important fund raiser for Community Friends has been cancelled due to Covid-19. The event normally raises between £17,000 and £20,000 p.a. If you would like to donate please do so via our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk or by sending a cheque made out to 'Friends of Fairford' and posting to Ms Andrena Miles, AMM Bookkeeping and Accountancy, 2nd Floor, 11 High Street, Fairford, Gloucestershire GL7 4AD

We thank you in anticipation of your support.

CHARITY SHOP

We are looking forward to reopening on 13 April subject to the Government not having to change its current plans.

CHANGES TO ARRANGING VOLUNTARY PATIENT TRANSPORT

The process for requesting a driver for transport to and from appointments has changed. Bookings should now be done directly through Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities. You will no longer need to request a driver through either Hilary Cottage or Lechlade Medical Centre receptionists.

If you require transport to and from your hospital/doctor/dental appointments please contact Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities direct through the following methods:

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 team will call you back

Email: voluntarycarservicelof@gmail.com

If you want to make a donation to Community Friends you can do so online through our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk or by sending cheques made out to 'Friends of Fairford' and posting to Ms Andrena Miles, AMM Bookkeeping and Accountancy, 2nd Floor, 11 High Street, Fairford, Gloucestershire GL7 4AD

Information on what we do can be found on our website www.friendsoffairford.org.uk and the names of our existing team of trustees are listed on the Charity Commission's website.

Graham Hewitt, Chairman

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