

VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



MARCH 2021

VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Tuesday	9 th	Bibury Parish Council Meeting via Zoom	7pm
Friday	12 th	'Night of Games' organised via Zoom by Baptist church	6:30pm
Saturday	20th	DEADLINE FOR VILLAGE LIFE	MIDDAY

APRIL

Sunday	4 th	Bunny Hunt	2 – 4 pm
Monday	5 th	Bunny hunt	2 – 4 pm
Saturday	20th	DEADLINE FOR VILLAGE LIFE	MIDDAY

BIBURY WITH BARNSELY AND WINSON CHURCHES

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Dear Friends,

Easter now awaits as on the horizon. And as the days lengthen never has the Festival of hope been more necessary. Just as Christmas began our journey, with the light breaking into the darkness, so Easter represents the culmination of that promise. Literally acted out for us by the actions of the sun! The light has won. Love will always win.

Yet, as Bishop Rachel reminds us, in our Lent book, Encounters, sometimes it is necessary to go into the darkness to encounter the light. Reflecting on her experiences in South Africa she meditates on the bible story of the women who went to Jesus's, tomb early in the morning, and dared to venture into the darkness and the unknown of the unexpectedly open grave. And it is only in facing down the darkness that they encounter the blinding angelic brightness within. Christ is risen.

Last week a friend sent me a book written by his wife. It tells the story of their beautiful daughter, Alice and her 2,094 days of life. It is raw, powerful, inspiring, searingly honest, and inspiring as Joanna tells the story of their daughter's brief beautiful life. But what struck me so deeply was that David, Alice's father, had been an extraordinary support and encouragement to me at a really difficult time in my life. What I had not realised was that when he first reached out to me in kindness, it was the time when he and his family had first realised how serious Alice's condition was. He continued to be kind generous and supportive, in spite of Alice's deterioration, suffering and need for 24 hour care and the enormous personal challenges he and his family were facing. I now look at David in a new light. For, although, he and his family were battling with a darkness, which culminated in Alice's death in 2012, he unfailingly brought light, joy and encouragement to others. I stand in awe of him and his family.

Light wins. Love wins. That is the message of Easter.

Do not lose hope.

With every blessing and fond love Tim

If you would like an Easter Sunday lunch delivered to your door please let me know

· Sunday 14th March: Mothering Sunday. Floral and Chocolate gifts available for distribution at all churches

- Sunday 28th March: Palm Sunday. Palm crosses available at all churches
- Sunday 4th April: Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt at Bibury.
- Sunday 25th April: Rogation Sunday walk around our three churches with delicious refreshments at each and a barbecue for all at the end.
- Sunday 25th July: The Summer Village Fete with games, stalls, beer tent and fun for all.
- TBC: Barbecue for the school to thank our wonderful teachers and children
- TBC: The Ignite Easter/Christmas/Halloween/Valentine party

Church Services: March 2021

	Bibury	Barnsley	Winson
Sunday 7th March 3rd Sunday of Lent <i>Exodus 20: 1-17</i> <i>John 2:13-22</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 14th Mothering Sunday <i>1 Samuel 1:20-end</i> <i>Luke 2: 33-35</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>
Sunday 21st 5th Sunday of Lent <i>Jeremiah 31:31-34</i> <i>John 12:20-33</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 28th Palm Sunday <i>Mark's Passion Narrative</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>
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 Sunday <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>
Churchwardens	Jackie Colburn 01451 860212	Elizabeth Gledhill 01285 740836	Lavinia Sidgwick 01285
Vicar	Revd Tim Hastie-Smith 01285 740301		

I wrote a pun about puzzles the other day but completely forgot it

If anyone could help me piece it together that'd be great!

Puzzles have been an enormous blessing to many of us during the last year, some of us have spent many obsessive hours bent over Jigsaws others stretching the grey matter with Sudoku, but what of the puzzle that is the meaning of life? Have you been struggling with that puzzle?

As Christians we believe that puzzle has been solved and we live in the peace and security of knowing our purpose, Gods purpose for us.

I love history, spending hours reading about the past, that's how I became interested in the Bible and became a Christian, reading its plausible explanation of our purpose.

The Bible gives us the history of the world, not just of creation (which scientists are still trying to explain) but the history of the peoples, ancient civilisations, Romans, Egyptians, wars, debauchery, displaced peoples (all too familiar in our modern world).

The Bible also shows us into the future and the last piece of the puzzle and most important bit, hope for the future, Eternal life through the life of Jesus, as finalised in the Easter story. But the puzzle doesn't end there the last piece is you..... We are called to live in a relationship with GOD through the life and death of Jesus, instead of focusing on ourselves shift that focus onto Jesus and complete the Puzzle, the meaning of life. If you feel empty, lost or you are just searching for a purpose and hope in all of the stuff the world throws at us, I challenge you to find out more.....

In the Bible in the book written by John after the death and resurrection of Jesus, called 1 John he says in verses 11-12 This is the testimony in essence: God gave us eternal life; the life is in his Son. So, whoever has the Son, has life; whoever rejects the Son, rejects life.

13-15 My purpose in writing is simply this: that you who believe in God's Son will know beyond the shadow of a doubt that you have eternal life, the reality and not the illusion. And how bold and free we then become in his presence, freely asking according to his will, sure that he's listening. And if we're confident that he's listening, we know that what we've asked for is as good as ours.

ABC NEWS

OUR BUILDING IS CLOSED BUT THE CHURCH IS OPEN

Join us for online services Sundays at 10.30pm and Connect group for prayer and chat every Thursday 7.30pm info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk We are hoping to open the Church building for Easter services together in person these will be Good Friday 2pm and Easter Sunday celebration 10.30pm

Arlington community rooms and kitchen project update: Over the last six week period, as VL goes to press, we have raised another £4469.45 towards the project with £42,997 to find we are encouraged by the response so far, if you are in a position to donate and would like more information please email info@arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

March 12th Friday 6.30pm "Night of Games" Free event on zoom, family friendly, for info and link please look on our website in News or on Facebook .We invite everyone to wear a party hat and join in or just watch the fun with games of Scattergories, Charades, Would I lie to you? and Skribblio, rules will be explained, a fun night everyone, all ages welcome

April 4th and 5th Easter Bunny Hunt for all ages around the village so please come and support this fundraising event £5 per entry / family includes Chocolate eggs for the Children (of all ages) look out for posters on village notice boards and info on our website news page.

BIBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we ready ourselves for another term, it provides us with some time to reflect on school life over the last couple of months. It has been a challenging term, but everyone has worked together to achieve the best in difficult circumstances.

Our Christian value this term was Perseverance and the school community (including those families who are home learning) have been amazing at following all the many guidelines to keep themselves, their family, friends and loved ones safe. This term we focused on safety with a different but very important perspective: internet safety!

Children, teachers and parents took part in activities that included word searches, Cyber phonetic alphabet exercises, and a fantastic Schoolbeat video from our very own PCSO, Leah Wood from Gloucestershire Police.

FROM BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk: - With the help of Jackie Weaver, Parish Councils have made headline news, sadly for the wrong reasons. Legislation requires every parish council to appoint a proper officer to act on behalf of the council and to discharge all the council's statutory duties and responsibilities. For most parish councils the Parish Clerk is the Proper Officer and also holds the title of the Responsible Financial Officer. In summary, the Clerk is responsible for ensuring that the council conducts its business lawfully. The Clerk also carries out the council's decisions and provides independent, objective and professional advice, information and administrative support to the council. The Minutes of the meetings are the Clerks responsibility and are there to record the decisions of the Council (they don't need to record the debate and they are certainly not a verbatim record of who said what).

My name is Irena Litton, I have been the Clerk to Bibury Parish Council since September 2019 but I am also the Clerk to Leonard Stanley Parish Council and the Deputy Clerk to Painswick Parish Council. I have worked as a Clerk for over 15 years and hold the recognised qualification of 'Certificate in Local Council Administration'. I also undertake additional work for the Gloucestershire Association of Town & Parish Council's like Training, Internal Audits, Staffing Reviews and assisting other Councils when they are in between Clerks or RFO's. Thankfully, most Councils aren't like Handforth PC and their interactions are much more polite and respectful. Which leads me onto:-

Parish Council Elections: If you are aged 18 or over, have lived or worked in Bibury for over a year, have a sense of humour, want to make a difference to your community then please consider putting your name forward in the forthcoming elections. There are vacancies for three Parish Councillors to join an already enthusiastic, committed and forward thinking team. Training will be provided but it will help if you are IT literate and be able to access emails and documents via the internet.

It is often parish councils that are turned to for support. By becoming a Parish Councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support.

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. Probably the most common topics that parish councils get involved with are planning matters (they are statutory consultees), crime prevention, managing open spaces and campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities.

You could help make change for the better – elections for the vacancies for three Parish Councillors will take place on **Thursday 6th May 2021**. For further information please email clerk@biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk or visit www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Voters across the Cotswolds are being encouraged to sign up for postal voting at this year's local elections which are due to be held on 6 May 2021.

By using a postal vote residents can make sure their voice is heard at the local elections from the safety of their home. Residents can apply for postal voting now and have to get their application in before the deadline of 20 April 2021.

Polling stations this year will have a different feel to previous years with COVID-19 safety measures being put in place in line with government guidance.

Even with a successful rollout of the vaccine, and a reduction in cases, there may still be residents who are concerned about visiting a polling station and they are being encouraged to use a postal vote as an alternative to voting in person.

To be able to use a postal vote in this year's elections voters must apply to do so with their local council by 20 April 2021. Voters can ask for an application form by visiting the council website at cotswold.gov.uk/register tovote or calling 01285 623002. Voting in person at polling stations will follow all the required safety procedures but we understand some people may still be concerned and postal voting is a safe and secure way of taking part in the elections in 2021.

For anyone interested in voting by post this year they just need to make sure they apply for their postal vote before the 20 April 2021.

Parking Traffic Regulation Order: - following parking issues raised by residents, the Parish Councils proposals for the Traffic Regulation Order (as reported in the November 20 issue of Village Life), have now been through the formal consultation with Gloucestershire Highways. The Parish Council is aware that several concerns have been raised with regards to the parking restrictions proposed for Church Road and Cemetery Lane. Whilst it is clear that some of the objections have not understood the proposals the Parish Council will continue to work with Gloucestershire Highways to resolve these issues, where possible. Please note that the Parking TRO is designed to address the issues around safety, access, and managing visitors to the village; this includes the installation of disabled bays, 'no loading' pips along The Street, to prevent coaches from stopping along this area and the introduction of 2 hour parking restrictions from 8am – 6pm to ensure a flow of visitors. Please visit the Councils website <https://www.biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/> for full details of the proposals.

Ash Tree Dieback – Replacement Trees – The Parish Council have secured a number of free Native Trees/Whips to help negate the loss of the diseased trees. If you have a garden or some

land and / or know of a piece of suitable land that could benefit from 1 or more trees then please contact clerk@biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk - let's make a difference and get planting.

Potholes, blocked drains, street light faults and other Highways issues can be reported online at <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/> or email highways@gloucestershire.gov.uk and ring 08000514514 for Emergency Issues like a fallen tree.

Cotswold District Council is reviewing their Statement of Licensing Policy (Licensing Act 2003) – If you would like to comment on the draft policy responses should be submitted to <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/consultations> by Sunday 9th May.

THE OLD MAN OF THE PIKE

There I thought I would be talking about how things were beginning to start to relax, but sorry that is not the case yet! Things are moving and this time it looks as if we have to be more patience and reap the benefits later. Still we have had our jabs and it was done quickly without any fuss. Now we have to let some of the younger ones to have their jabs before we get our booster one.

I have an apology to make, I fell short last month when I was asked if I could print "Village Life" on the old duplicator we had kept as a spare just in case we had a problem with "VL's" one. The old one had not been used for over three years and did not like being woke up. Still after our friendly engineer gave it a quick look over it fired back firing on all cylinders and just to make sure it printed two pages of last month's issue. I will just have to make sure we do not let it sleep for so long again. The engineer told me that he has only one other machine of this type on his books because it is so old. I will have to make sure I give it plenty of TLC.

We have been lucky in this area as to not have had much snow, we had the cold temperatures but with lockdown and having to stay indoors it was not so much an a hardship. Nature has been progressing without us noticing with the snowdrops and crocuses blooming and the buds and catkins coming on the tree. The bird table has been busy with the usual selection of visitors, many long-tailed tits or the old name titmouse, along with the other tits, robins, blackbirds spotted woodpeckers and the bully boys of rooks, jackdaws and pigeons. We also have a cock pheasant calling in frequently and a daily patrol by a red kite and a buzzard. I think it is the same red kite but with the buzzard it may be one of many. One thing I have noticed that there has been a lack of finches, this is all finches, chaff, green, gold and bullfinches. This may mean they are doing alright still out on the fields or their numbers are down. I hope it is not the later. I hope that when it gets a little drier I can get out on the garden, the trouble is that it gets harder each year to get the work done. There again it is surprising what a little sun on the back can do.

Let us hope that in the very near future things will be getting back to something nearer normal and we can start meeting people the we have not seen for a twelve month or more. Not worry about seeing them in fear of giving or catching the dreaded lurgy, giving them a good old handshake or hug. What a blessing that day will bring to us all. Till then be patience and keep healthy.

BIBURY CRICKET CLUB

We are pleased to announce that our head groundsman, Terry Day , has been awarded the Groundsman of the Year award by Gloucestershire Cricket Board . The GCB is the body that oversees recreational cricket in Glos. This is a much deserved award, and we congratulate him (and his partner in crime, Chris A'Bear) and thank him for all he does for Bibury CC.

Preparations for the new season have commenced. Sadly, there are no winter nets, but fixture preparation is well advanced with a full list of Sunday friendlies organised. The CDCA league fixtures will be announced shortly. We live in hope that the pandemic relents sufficiently to allow us back onto the green sward of Lady Hill at some time this summer.

Leslie Smith
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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Only recently has it been decided that local elections can happen this May. And, in view of the resignations of three of the Bibury Parish Councillors last September, there is also an election to fill those posts.

All who read last month's Village Life will be aware of the fact that last October, without observing its statutory duty to consult with all residents and carry the approval of the majority of them, Bibury Parish Council applied to GCC Highways for a parking TRO (traffic regulation order) which would considerably reduce the amount of available parking space in the Village and severely curtail the scope of day-time activities in the Village Hall, Church and School. The few GCC postings of the TRO were placed early January so by the time the February edition of Village Life was published, it would have been too late to send in objections and comments to GCC Highways.

This episode highlights the need to have a balanced Parish Council that serves the needs of all who live in and around the Parish and use the facilities available. To this end we urge anyone who lives in Aldsworth Road, Bibury, Arlington, Arlington Road, the Pike, Ablington and Winson and wishes to make a difference to the well-being of all, to consider putting their names forward for election to Bibury Parish Council.

Nomination papers can be downloaded from Bibury Parish Council website (biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk). Alternatively, by emailing your details to elections@cotswold.gov.uk paper copies can be posted to you. The deadline for nominations is 4.00pm on the 8 April and completed nomination papers need to be hand-delivered to Cotswold District Council.

Calling all Twitchers or Bird Watches

Can any of you give an answer to this:- About 20 -30 field Fares landed in the Trees at The Pike and Roger and Tony were undecided whether they were travelling South early or from the North late due to the very cold weather in Europe during the time of the sighting in mid February?

March

Forward March
And Welcome Spring
When bunnies bounce
And birds all sing.

When March winds blow
The Winter away
And gets the world ready
For April and May.

HEAVENS ABOVE

Venus comes into the mix on March 4th and stays for a month bringing energy, luck and good news for many. Although we start the month with a waning moon it's in a good position planet wise It's a time of hope with Aquarius until we reach the new moon on the 9th. Pleasure is then in the mix right up to the full moon on the 28th - this moon is also called the Warm Moon.

BIBURY GARDENING CLUB

Spring is almost here. Things started warming up on Valentine's Day (rather appropriately) and as I write this, we're set for a spell of mild weather. It has now been nearly a year since the first lockdown, and in that time the garden club has flourished, thanks to the enthusiasm of its members.

In particular, I'd like to thank George Blackwell for his advice newsletters, which have covered all sorts of plants from peas and beans to poinsettias.

Along with the weekly advice emails, we have had plant offers, competitions and even a very wet socially distanced summer garden party, heroically hosted by Val Smith. Amazingly, our membership has grown from 20 to more than 30 members.

As we are still in lockdown, the garden club has decided not to charge any subscriptions for this year. Normally, members pay £25, but that mainly covers hire of the village hall, fees for speakers, and entry to gardens, so we have decided to give everyone a payment holiday.

If and when we manage to have a meeting this year, we will charge on a pay-as-you-go basis. This will be £2.50 for club members, and £5 for non-members. If we visit a garden that is open for charity, we will all pay whatever they charge per head, but you will be alerted to this beforehand.

While we may not be able to plan a full programme, I am hoping that we will at least manage to have a glass of wine in someone's garden at some point during the summer.

The latest club competition involved amaryllis, and the challenge was to have your bulb in flower on New Year's Day. Not as easy as it sounds – for some of us the flowers were too early, and for others they came too late.

Winners were Jean and Adrian Wright, with a spectacular specimen of Amaryllis 'Dancing Queen'. Second prize went to Val Smith, who also grew 'Dancing Queen' and third prize went to Richard Watts. Special mention goes to Kris Watts and Rosalyn Hawkins, whose amaryllis bulbs also produced beautiful flowers, but not on the right day.

We are always delighted to welcome new members. If you would like to join the club, or you are not receiving the regular emails, please let me know at v.summerley@hotmail.com

Victoria Summerley

BIBURY A.F.C

We accept that there is no football being played at present, however we are very disappointed with the amount of dogs fouling on our pitch.

Dog mess is dangerous to humans along with the fact it is very messy and unpleasant when strimmed or mowed.

We need for ALL dogs to be kept on their leads whilst within our grounds along with their owners to be responsible and clean up after the dogs. Otherwise we will have no option but to ban all dogs.

(We cannot but agree that dog fouling is a problem that is so easily solved by owners just being responsible and picking up their dog's mess when it is on footpaths, pavements and sports pitches. We are lucky in the village that we have several dog poo bins and litter bins than make the disposal of dog litter so much easier than in many villages and towns. It is just a few irresponsible owners that are the problems.)

A THANK YOU MESSAGE TO 'THE VILLAGE THAT JUST KEEPS GIVING'

Since December I have had the privilege of assisting at a number of mass vaccination centres around the south west. In some cases there have been a considerable number of volunteers working in difficult and stressful circumstances. Some of the lovely ladies in Bibury have very kindly, on a regular basis, baked and donated cakes for distribution to these volunteers. I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank these ladies, most notably Victoria Summerley, Joanne Hastie-Smith and Treesje Verlinden.

Whilst support for people in the village has been amazing over the past year, it has been lovely to witness the generosity of heart extended beyond. These gestures have been hugely appreciated by the Avon Fire & Rescue in Bath and Bristol as well as St John Ambulance in Exeter and Shepton Mallet and by many of NHS staff across all of these sites. One member of a fire crew said to me one day "You live in the village that just keeps on giving! I want to move there!" I think we appreciate how lucky we are to live in the village that we do but it is a lovely reminder that we also live in a very kind and generous community. Thank you all,

Michelle Follett Holt

(We were sorry that we could not include the photographs that were sent but reproduction of photos is not very good on our duplication machine – the Panel)

COVER SKETCH

This months cover sketch was drawn by Maggie Catlin from Hawkers Hill. Daffodils so lighten the heart as Spring approaches. Maggie has kindly sent us several sketches and we have several others from various sources, so hopefully we will have enough to see us through to the summer when hopefully things and events will be back to normal. Thank you everyone!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH.

You make a life out of what you have – not what you are missing.

A THANK YOU TO NEIL HARVEY AND MR GOOCH

We had a few problems duplicating last months issue with both our and Neil's machine both failing to work properly. In the end we had to get our machine supplier, Mr Gooch, to come out and repair both machines and in the end the issue was produced mainly on our machine but with one page on Neils – So apologies if your copy arrived late and a big thank you to Neil and Mr Gooch!

VILLAGE HALL HISTORY: REMEMBERING JUDGE A.R. KENNEDY

Any history of Bibury Village Hall has to include a mention of Alfred Ravenscroft Kennedy, more properly referred to as His Honour Judge A.R. Kennedy, KC (1879-1943). There may even be some residents of Bibury and surrounding villages who remember him or his wife Daisy.

In the worlds of law and politics he was a high flyer. Born in Liverpool, he was educated at Eton and King's College, Cambridge. He became a barrister at law in 1911. He was Conservative MP for Preston (Lancashire) from 1924 to 1929, and served as a county court judge from 1925.

From 1929 on he presided over hearings at courts in Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. This 'circuit' was evidently regarded as one of the pleasantest in England. His home by the 1940s was Ablington House, Ablington.

As well as serving as a barrister and judge, he also wrote several books on legal issues, and during the First World War served as a legal advisor to the Foreign Office. He was a life governor of Cheltenham College and vice-chairman of the Home Office School, Ashton-Keynes (an Approved School that had opened on the former Westham Farm site in 1941).

To the residents of Bibury and surrounding villages it was not Judge Kennedy's standing as a judge that was most important, but his engagement in village hall matters. He was appointed the first chairman of the Management Committee when Bibury Village Hall opened in 1931. He was already a trustee of Bibury United Charities. How did he find the time ?

Upon his sudden death in 1943 it was discovered that in an extraordinary act of generosity his will contained a clause leaving Hinton Cottage in Ablington to the village hall charity. His widow Daisy was able to live in the cottage for the rest of her life.

She passed away in 1962, and in 1964 the cottage was sold by the charity trustees. An advertisement in the Tewkesbury Register of 17 April stated that the auction would be held at the Swan Hotel, Bibury, on 5th May. The two-bedroom cottage fetched £3,450, which was added to the charity's investment funds that provide an annual income for the benefit of the village hall.

A Memorial Service was held for Judge Kennedy in Gloucester Cathedral, and he was buried in Bibury cemetery, quite near the Village Hall he loved so much. His wife was later buried next to him. Their gravestones can still be seen, near the wall along Church Street.

His name lives on through the Alfred Kennedy Trust, one of the Bibury United Charities, which still provides annual income towards the running costs of Bibury Village Hall.

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.



Fundraising for The Arlington Community rooms and Kitchen project Arlington Baptist Church Charity number 1192458

ROUND AND ABOUT

Sadly we begin our report with the death of Barbara Jones from the Square. Barbara had lived in the village for many years and supported many village events until her ill health made it impossible. We send our sympathies to daughter Gail and their family and friends.

As reported elsewhere in the magazine, elections are due to go ahead in May and the CDC are urging us to register for a postal vote to reduce any likely Covid transmission. Many of our more senior residents are now part way through the vaccination process but even after being fully vaccinated all will still have to take care to mitigate transmission.

Those of us that have had the first vaccination can only echo the thanks to all those involved. We all owe a huge thanks to those volunteers who help steward or give the vaccinations. The process seems to run very smoothly and without major delays. But we will all need to keep Covid safe until the rest of the population are vaccinated and we hopefully achieve 'herd immunity'. But the end is in sight and we can start to foresee getting our social lives back to normal! Until then – keep safe.

FROM FURTHER AFIELD

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

YOUR LOCAL CHARITY Serving Fairford, Lechlade and the surrounding villages. (Formerly League of Friends of Fairford Hospital) News and Information from your Community Friends

CHANGES TO ARRANGING VOLUNTARY PATIENT TRANSPORT The process for requesting a driver for transport to and from appointments has changed. Now 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

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 In line with Government Restrictions, the Charity Shop in Lechlade is closed until further notice.

COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORT – REMAINS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS The Community Friends' Covid-19 Support Fund established to provide financial support to local organisations, charities, volunteer groups, families and individuals who have been impacted by Covid-19 remains open for applications. To date from 68 applications grants of approximately £64,591 have been made providing financial support to 43 different charities, organisations, families and individuals within our area of benefit. Please refer to our website for details of how to apply and the criteria we use to assess applications (www.friendsoffairford.org.uk).

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 Friends of Fairford & Lechlade Communities (Reg. Charity No. 1180059)

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