

# VILLAGE LIFE

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**ISSUE 440**

### **September 2019**

Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Pop-Up Teas, St. Mary's Church, Bibury	3.00pm
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Bibury CC Awards Evening	
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Meeting, Bibury Vicarage	6.00pm
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>DEADLINE FOR VILLAGE LIFE OCTOBER SUBMISSIONS</b>	<b>12.00noon</b>
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Harvest Festival St. Marys Church Bibury	11.00am
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pop-Up Teas, St Mary's Church, Bibury	3.00pm
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bingo - Bibury Football Club	Eyesdown 7.45pm
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Rural Cinema – Fishermans Friend, Bibury Village Hall	7.00pm
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	Soup & Sweet Lunch Arlington Baptist Church	12.30pm
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Village Harvest Supper, Bibury Village Life	7.30pm
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival St. Michaels Church, Winson	11.00am

### **October 2019**

Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bibury Car Parking Public Meeting Bibury Village Hall	7.00pm
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Pop-Up Teas, St. Marys Church, Bibury	3.00pm
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Music Night with Venison Roast – Bibury Football Club	
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Praise St. Marys Church, Barnsley followed by bring and share supper Barnsley Village Hall	6.00pm
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Pop Up Teas, St. Marys Church, Bibury	3.00pm
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Meeting, Bibury Vicarage	6.00pm
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>DEADLINE FOR VILLAGE LIFE NOVEMBER SUBMISSIONS</b>	<b>12.00noon</b>
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Soup & Sweet Lunch Arlington Baptist Church	12.30pm

### **VILLAGE LIFE PANEL**

Treasurer: Mr Roger King, 8 Pike Villas, The Pike, Arlington, Bibury	740510
Secretary: Mrs Wendy Challinor, Chestnut Grove, Arlington, Bibury	740021
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### **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

A Friend is one who knows all about you and loves you just the same

### **COVER SKETCH**

This months cover sketch was drawn by Scarlett Betts Aged 6, who was the winner of this years Village Life Drawing for the front cover in the aged 4-7 Years category at the Bibury Show.

### **RELAY FOR LIFE THANK YOU**

Recently our Children, Grandchildren and Partners took part in the Cancer Research 24 Hour relay for life, which took part at South Cerney Airfield. We are very proud of them all and wish to thank everyone who donated or helped with their quest to raise funds, which amounted to just over £2000.  
Roger and Sylv King

Dear Friends,

Which is your favourite season? Psychoanalysts would argue that our choice gives some insight into our character and our view of life.

But I'm told that in this country autumn is usually the least popular season. The reasons are obvious. It represents death and ageing. It is associated with cold and damp and darkness. It's a season of change like Spring, but whereas Spring is changing to life. Autumn is changing towards death and winter. But, of course, that is a superficial understanding of autumn. As all farmers and gardeners know plants and the land need a time of rest. The nutrition needs to go back into the soil. In a famous scene in that glorious film 'Being There', the 'simple minded Chance Gardener, played by Peter Sellers, finds himself on a political chat show, when it is, erroneously believed that he is secret economic adviser to the President of the United States. Asked about the current terrible state of the economy Chance replies: 'There is Spring, there is Summer, there is Autumn, there is Winter and then there is Spring again' This is taken as economic brilliance, when it is in truth simply all Chance knows. But it is also true

The cycle of the seasons are both inevitable and necessary. Those who have lived in countries where the seasons are different but the changes equally necessary would fully understand. Awaiting a wet season, that fails to materialise is a catastrophe in many parts of the world.

So, back to autumn in England. And the time of change we find ourselves in. Both politically and in the seasons.

Machiavelli, the fifteenth century political philosopher, wisely observes that change will always have more enemies than friends. This is inevitable since those for whom the status quo works well are hardly likely to welcome change. Whilst even those for whom the status quo is less than ideal cannot be guaranteed that change will improve their lot. By necessity change is unknown. Autumn 2019 has never happened before!

From a Church point of view I am increasingly of the view that we are in the season of autumn a time of dying back and change to make way for the new growth of spring, and I would like to take the next couple of Vicar letters through October and November, to reflect on the forms this change might take, and how they might impact on us here in Bibury, Barnsley Winson, Ablington and Arlington.

But first there is Harvest to be celebrated as our long-suffering farmers wait for a long enough period of sunshine to get the remaining barley in.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: 11:00am Harvest Festival at Bibury.** A celebration of the Brewing and Hospitality Industry followed by Harvest Lunch

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September: 11:00am Harvest Festival at Winson** and Patronal Festival followed by drinks and nibbles

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October: 6:00pm Harvest Praise at Barnsley** followed by bring and share supper in the Village Hall

With every blessing

**Tim**

#### **Further Dates for the Diary**

#### **Autumn Pop Up Teas with Bibury School**

Mondays at 3:00pm at St Marys: 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas tea with carols)

**11th-19th May 2020:** A Trip to the Holy Land of Israel: led by Tim and Joanne

#### **BARNSELY 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

<b>Service Schedule</b>	<b>September 2019</b>		
	<b>Bibury</b>	<b>Barnsley</b>	<b>Winson</b>
<b>Sunday 1st</b>	11.00am CW Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>		9.30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	11.00am CW Holy Communion and Baptism <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	9.30am BCP Holy Communion <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>	
<b>Sunday 15th</b>		11.00 am Morning Prayer <i>Modified Matins</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>Modified Matins</i>
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	11.00am Harvest Festival and Baptism	9.30am CW Holy Communion <i>Modern language Holy Communion</i>	
<b>Sunday 29th</b>			11.00am United Communion and Harvest Festival
<b>Sunday 6th October</b>	11.00am CW Holy Communion <i>Modern Language Holy Communion</i>		9.30am BCP Holy Communion. <i>Traditional language Holy Communion</i>
<b>Churchwardens</b>	Jackie Colburn 01451 860212	Elizabeth Gledhill 01285 740836	Lavinia Sidgwick 01285 720682
<b>Vicar</b>	Revd Tim Hastie-Smith 01285 740301	Davina Wynne-Jones 01285 740638	

## **Parish Prayer Meeting**

**For Bibury, Barnsley, Winson, Hatherop Coln St Aldwyn, and Quenington**

**at Bibury Vicarage at 6:00pm**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Bible Study**

**Tuesday 10:00am: Wednesday 7:30pm @ The Vicarage**

**Contact Joanne Hastie-Smith for details 01285 740301**

## ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

This month we have a wedding at the Chapel so I thought I'd begin with some lines that may have been used by Adam when he courted Eve!

1. You know you're the only one for me!
2. Do you come here often?
3. Trust me, this was meant to be!
4. Look around, baby. All the other guys are animals!
5. I already feel like you're a part of me!
6. You're the girl of my dreams! (See Genesis 2:21)
7. I like a woman who doesn't mind being ribbed!
8. You're the apple of my eye!

God is love.

Its always a joy to witness a couple who know that their love for one another has been placed there by God himself and the circle of love he has placed around them is quite unique.

A couple fall in love but without God encircling the love they have for one another the love is incomplete, and its a joy to meet couples who realise this and ask to be married in Church so that God can make their love complete in marriage.

1 John 4:7

Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God

Everyone who loves has been born of God, and knows God.

Great fun was had by all at the Ignite fete and the Cricket club Fun-day and we were blessed by good weather at both, we took the "Bucket and Ball" high score wins game along to both and were very encouraged by the fantastic response and competitive edge we created. While we believe all men are equal, this may not have been the case on the day! Family members kept returning to better their score and beat the others and rival friends laid down good money for enough goes to beat one another, I must say a special thanks to Simon Johnstone who spent a small fortune to become the winner at the C.C. Fun-day although all were overshadowed by young Alfie Canestra who coolly chucked a 400 score on his first go at the Ignite fete, accuracy not seen since, but throwing down the gauntlet, who can beat 400? Look out for us at the next village event!

During the events over the summer we have been asking people if they would like to add a name to our prayer chain, this has been warmly welcomed and the chain is growing, we pray for all the people mentioned on the chain each week in our Sunday service and if you would like us to pray for someone please visit the chapel and add your request.

**POP UP LUNCH and TEAS** have been very well attended over the summer and we have four more dates for the Autumn and up to the end of year these will be Soup and Sweet lunches: **Wednesdays September 25th October 23rd and November 27th with a Christmas Celebration lunch on 11th December.**

Fundraising for a new cooker has been going well so far £364.20 has been raised, we are looking to buy a gas range to provide hot meals for our Community, the price is in the region of £1200 plus installation costs, any donations will be gratefully received and further fundraising events are in the pipeline.

Services every Sunday 10.30am Celebration service led by CBC every second Sunday in the month.

Refreshments afterwards. All most welcome.

### **POP - UP LUNCHES**

in the Baptist church community rooms  
SOUP AND SWEET LUNCH with Coffee/Tea  
(Suggested donation £5 raising funds for a new gas range and kitchen)  
WEDNESDAYS  
SEPTEMBER 25TH  
OCTOBER 23RD  
NOVEMBER 27TH  
Christmas special lunch  
DECEMBER 11TH  
EVERYONE WELCOME LUNCH SERVED 12.30PM

### **BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Sharing a passion for excellence!**

#### **The Blue Crystal**

Over the last couple of years, Oaks Class have sailed the seven seas as pirates in their end of term production and travelled back in time to Camelot. But this year they boldly went further in time and space, wrestling with the time continuum, in search of the missing Blue Crystal.

The Blue Crystal was a musically challenging production, with a message for our time about caring for the environment and sharing resources.

With lots of (light) sabre rattling, dancing robots and amazingly energetic clones, this production was a feast for the eyes and ears. All the children sang with enthusiasm and confidence and we also had some very talented soloists in the cast.

Thanks to all the staff and parents who helped to make the production a success, especially Mr's Gatehouse and Freya for the wonderful scenery. Above all though, thanks and congratulations must go to Mrs Davies for producing and directing the show. Where will Oaks go next year?

***Suki Pascoe, Head Teacher "Great Oaks from little acorns grow" Bibury C of E Primary School \*  
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#### **BIBURY R.B.L.**

The Open Gardens at Ablington Manor on the 7<sup>th</sup> July was a great success. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Cooper and everyone who helped not just on the day but getting everything in place beforehand too. Thank you also to Bibury Football Club for loaning us the tables and chairs again.

We were extremely lucky with the weather and had a great turnout – even selling out of cakes towards the end of the day. I'm pleased to report that we raised a fantastic total of £2357 which will go towards the Poppy Appeal.

Hazel Wheeldon – Bibury Royal British Legion

LIVE ON: To the memory of the fallen and the future of the living

## **BIBURY AFC**

We hope the Defibrillator fitted at the Club is not used very often as there was a very poor attendance at the Awareness Session held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2019.

We have played five matches already, winning three and losing two. Every game has been decided by a one goal margin.

The September Bingo will be held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup>. Eyes down 7.45 p.m.

A Music Night is being held on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 together with a Venison Roast.

We know it is a little way off, but we are already making arrangements for the VE Celebrations on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2020. A Duo has been booked, a Caravan Club Rally has been accepted and other avenues are being explored. If any other organisation has ideas etc. would you please contact John Halford on 07950 858348.

## **BIBURY CC**

As the Ashes series heads towards the half way stage with intriguing possibilities and skull crushing pace bowling, the Cotswold cricket season its reaching its climax. In the CDCA division 1, Bibury have risen from rock bottom to third bottom, we are 24 points above the bottom placed team now, but only eleven points from third position. With around three games to go, Oaksey head the standings with a 37 point lead over Barnsley.

Recent results have been mixed. A very good win against the reigning champions South Cerney. Bibury made an excellent 254 for 7, Ed Robinson 87 not out, Sachin Bandara 59. South Cerney reached 166 for 6 ; Sham Fernando with 3 for 24.

We had a bad defeat at Ashton Keynes 114 for 6, Bibury all out 106. We also had an exciting three run win over Longborough and Sezincote. Bibury 136, L & S all out 133, Sachin with 3 for 18.

On a Sunday, we had a crushing defeat home to Stowell Park, followed by a close home defeat against Swindon side Beehive CC.

In July, the club had the considerable honour of hosting the final of the CDCA mid week 20 over competition between Poulton and Tarbarrow.

The season will conclude with our Awards night at the club on Friday 13th September. We have a marquee, "Asado" BBQ, live music etc. Everyone welcome.

Leslie Smith  
Bibury CC  
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## **BIBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Bibury "the most beautiful village in England" – so the ugly plastic litter bins have now been removed and replaced by some smart new wooden ones; which are more in keeping with the surroundings. The phone box by The Catherine Wheel was reported to BT as being vandalised and they have promised to clean off the graffiti and the Council have agreed to get all the telephone boxes repainted. Two new benches have been installed at Arlington Green; with one of the old benches from there being relocated to The Square.

Coaches – The Council may have found a suitable location to site a small car and coach park; a public consultation on this will take place on Thursday 3rd October, at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Gateways – The Council have held another constructive meeting with Gloucestershire Highways and designs for the new gateways are being drawn up. This will be funded by Parish Council and Gloucestershire Highways (through their Community Match Scheme).

Enforcement – The Council are working with Gloucestershire County Council to better enforce parking within the village and we can expect an increased presence of Enforcement Officers (traffic wardens) at

weekends. The Council are also working with the Police who have agreed to take enforcement action for those speeding within and approaching the village.

River Coln – The Council is working with various residents and agencies to help to improve the river; which is in a poor state at present. Proposals are being drawn up and with the landowners' assistance and permission from the Environment Agency, improvements will hopefully be forthcoming.

If you wish to contact the Council please email me at [clerk@biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@biburyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **BIBURY VILLAGE HALL**

We had a successful Bibury Show on the 21st July. Entries were up slightly on last years show and we are always delighted when we have some new people and families entering. The winners of the various trophies are listed below:

**SECTION A: VEGETABLES – FOOTBALL CUP Mr Roger King**

**SECTION B: FLOWERS – BIBURY CRICKET CUP Mr George Blackwell**

**SECTION C: FLOWER ARRANGING – BIBURY CUP Mrs Jenny Lawrenson**

**SECTION D: HANDICRAFTS – JOHN BODY TROPHY Mrs Jean Lipscombe**

**SECTION E: PHOTOGRAPHY: MARGARET SHIELD Mrs Katie Norman**

**SECTION F: DOMESTIC – VILLAGE TROPHY Mrs Angela Staton**

**JUDGES SPECIAL AWARD Mrs Pam Wood**

**SECTION G: 'Village Life'**

**SENIOR : 'VILLAGE LIFE' TROPHY Mrs Norma Webb**

**& Mrs Sue Arnold**

**INTERMEDIATE: Miss Chloe Smith**

**JUNIOR : JOHN TURNER CUP Miss Olivia Grace Norman**

**SECTION H: JUNIOR**

**AGES 4 – 7 ALEXANDER CUP Master Oscar Norman**

**AGES 8 - 11 JUBILEE SHIELD Master Thomas Smith**

Our next event will be the Annual Harvest Supper on Friday 27th September 7 for 7.30pm start. As in previous years this event is organised by the committee as a thank you to the village for all its help in supporting the Hall. It has never been run as a fund raising event - we just hope to just cover our cost! Ticket price will remain at £10 to cover the cost of the food. There will be raffle and a return visit by 'Spinthrift' a singing duo from Fairford, as our entertainment. It is usually a great evening of good food, good entertainment and of course good company. Do Come! Tickets are strictly limited so buy your ticket early from either the Trout Farm, Angela Alderton 740241 or from another member of the committee.

## **RURAL CINEMA**

**Bibury Village Hall**

**Tuesday, 24 September**

**7.00pm**

**Fisherman's Friends (2019) – Comedy drama based on a true story**

**Cert: 12A – Run time: 1 hr 49 mins**

**Starring:** Tuppence Middleton, James Purefoy, Christopher Villiers, Daniel Mays, Noel Clarke, Christian Brassington

**Director:** Chris Foggin

A fast-living, cynical London music executive (Daniel Mays) heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he's pranked by his boss (Noel Clarke) into trying to sign up a group of shanty singing fishermen.

### **THE OLD MAN OF THE PIKE**

I have been asked to write something about the start of "Village Life" which is 40years old this October. As I am the only member of that panel that is still active (maybe not as much now as then) on today's panel. The only other panel member that is still with us is the Hon Sec Christine Anderson whom I am sorry I do not know her now married name. The Panel of the day was Mr Charles A'Bear, Mrs Christine Anderson (Secretary), Mr Neil Harvey, Mr Lester Whatley (Treasurer). Mrs Pat Woods and Mr Stan Wort (Our illustrious Leader & Editor) Dated December 1979.

For me it all started one August evening coming home from a long hard day's harvest work to find this white haired man in my kitchen talking to my wife. He was there talking about his dream of having a "Village" magazine that was for the village and not dominated by The Church and delivered FREE to every household in the village. The Church Magazine had folded sometime earlier and was being missed for letting people know what was going on around them. This man was Stan Wort with his vision backed by a few members of the village from all walks of life to help him. So, the assorted members that had been asked assembled in September at Stan & Olive's house along The Street. The format of the magazine was roughly sorted out which has not changed much over the 40 years and a name had to be agreed upon. After a short discussion "Village Life" was thought to cover what we were aiming at the best. So, the first issued appeared in October 1979 printed on foolscap paper and printed at The Royal Agricultural College through the kind offices of Andrew Lander. This carried on for a short period of time but it was felt it would be better to be printed in-house. We also asked for helpers to deliver "VL" and they came running and some are still helping now.

There was some funds available so it decided to invest in a duplicator and so "Village Life" started on its long road of printing itself and this is where my hole was dug, I was roped in to oversee the printing which did not run smoothly to start with. The stencils were the old fashion ones that corrections were corrected with the pink nail varnish type liquid and the "O" s centres were missing if you hit the keys too hard. On reading the early copies it was sometimes difficult to make sense of what was typed, how we have progressed over the 40 years.

It is surprising how little has change but how much has changed over the years from that first copy to the present day. Over the next few copies I will try to elaborate on some of the landmark moments over the forty years.

## **TRAFFIC AND PARKING IN BIBURY AND ARLINGTON: FINDING A SOLUTION**

Bibury and Arlington have been a popular destination since the nineteenth century, however in recent years visitor numbers and associated traffic have risen exponentially. The road system and fabric of the village are unable to accommodate the current high numbers of visitors.

Your parish council have been trying to find an acceptable solution to this intractable problem for several years now and have tried a variety of solutions. We have tried various parking arrangements along the river bank, we have put in two bus stands, and we have had endless discussions with the bus companies, the National Trust, Visit Britain, the Highways Agency, our District and County Councillor, the County Council, the Police and Apcoa (the company contracted to manage the parking in Gloucestershire). Nothing has proved successful and none of the various bodies above have shown much, if any, interest in trying to help.

It is our view that if we fail to find a long-term solution to the traffic problem in Bibury soon, then in another ten years we will have been overwhelmed and the sheer weight of traffic will have ruined the very thing that visitors want to come and see.

We would like to see if it might be possible to mobilise support from all our residents and see what we can do that will persuade either the Council, the Police or the Highways Agency to take action. To this end we are holding a public meeting as follows:

**Bibury's Traffic Chaos**  
**What can the Community do?**  
**Bring your ideas, enthusiasm and grievances!**  
**Community Meeting**  
**Thursday October 3rd 7.00pm**  
**Bibury Village Hall**  
**Please come along, you may have a solution.**

## **THE BLOOMING GREAT MARIE CURIE TEA PARTY – 19.7.2019**

The annual Marie Curie Tea Party at the Bibury Trout Farm was a great success again. Although we did have a shower in the afternoon a record crowd came for tea!

We do want to thank everyone who came along for tea and cakes. It was so good to see you. Thank you too for the many generous donations from people who couldn't come. We also thank everyone who made us such delicious cakes. They were very much appreciated.

The Raffle again was a great success. We had some amazing prizes given to us. I am pleased to say that Sally who makes superb cakes won the Bottle of Champagne in the Raffle!

Finally we want to thank Kate and her Team so much for having us again and for all their help in making the afternoon such a success.

The fundraisers group are very delighted to have sent approx. £985.00 to the Marie Curie headquarters.

Rosemary Chalmers

## **LOOKING FOR A FEW HOURS WORKING FROM HOME?**

The Trout Farm requires someone to take on the laundry from the cafe. This is just tea towels and aprons, at present around 3 loads per week plus about 2 hours ironing per week.

We also require someone to make quiches for the farmers markets, about 5 hours per week, preferably on a Thursday or Friday. This can be done from home or in the cafe after 6pm.

If this of interest please give Kate a call 01285 740215, option 3 or call in at the Trout Farm

## **BIBURY FLOWER AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2019**

We would like to thank the many people from Bibury and the surrounding villages for all their help in producing such a lovely Festival this year. The flower arrangements on the theme of 'Kitchen, Hearth and Home' were beautiful, full of imagination and humour. Visitors were delighted and made many admiring comments. The whole Church seemed warm and welcoming, with a delicious scent on the air. We had some new craft stalls with work from our own 'Coln Crafter' for the first time. The products were fascinating and colourful, an encouragement for others of you to join them. We had a lovely range of Art work which is of a high standard showing the talent of the area. However, we mustn't forget the delicious teas and coffees served throughout the weekend. Thank you so much for the excellent cakes. Some customers came twice and many took cakes home for later. Your baking talents are so welcome. Thank you to you all. Finally, can we thank the people who valiantly manned the car parking area despite the weather.

All in all it was a very successful weekend, so many thanks to you all.

With all best wishes

Jill, Wendy and Jenny.

## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF .... ROD A'BEAR, ABLINGTON**

JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> 2019. 4am: quite cold and still dark. Checking that the rest of our party were awake, I quickly dressed and then started up our 1943 Willys Jeep. Fortunately, the whole campsite was taken over by the Military Vehicle Trust so most people were awake anyway!

4.45am: just getting light – we set off in a long convoy of wartime vehicles and soon we were driving on to a very wet beach at Arromanche, where we joined an estimated 250-300 jeeps, around a quarter of the large number of vehicles which included at least 13 DUKW's (known as 'ducks', a large 6-wheel amphibious truck) most of which took to the water.

We watched the sun come up over Arromanche beach, each with our own thoughts of D-Day, 75 years ago, and everything that happened that day.

Eventually we thought we would leave the beach but that was easier said than done as the jeep sank into the soft wet sand and got stuck, but with 4-wheel drive and a few extra pairs of hands pushing us, we managed to make our way back up the beach. One lorry was not so lucky though, he didn't get out before the tide came in and his cherished vehicle was submerged in the sea.

Arromanche was very busy and we were held up in the town, but eventually made our way to Port en Bessin, parked alongside the harbour (you can park anywhere in a jeep!!), had a coffee and watched aircraft in the distance, circling over the sea. Eventually 13 Daks and a Hercules came up the coast, right over us, followed by the French aerobatic team and several jet fighters.

Early afternoon we returned to our campsite for a very welcome cup of tea and some lunch, although after our early start it seemed more like bedtime!

We made the most of our time in Normandy, driving over 650 miles in the jeep and taking part in the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations, culminating in very long, slow parade through the town centre of Bayeux, watched by cheering and flag-waving crowds, before we packed up our tents and drove back to the port for an overnight ferry home. Certainly, a holiday to remember.

## **HEAVENS ABOVE**

The Planet of Dreams is with us now, its Neptune and wishes will come true for some! It links up with energy giving planets as well like the Sun & Mercury. So a lot can be achieved this month.

Star sign Virgo is in style with a new moon magic about it, the full moon on the 14<sup>th</sup> brings trust issues – so be careful and at the end of the month Mercury bumps into Pluto the private and hidden desires and secrets will emerge

## **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Welcome back, Schools begun, Time for Work, Time for Fun,  
Smile brightly, On your way, School has started, Hip Hooray!

Oh I love my School  
All my Teachers are really cool  
My Head Mistress I respect her so much  
She really cares for us  
Tho we have to obey many rules  
Oh I love to go to School  
I love that big vast ground  
Where we play and make lots of sound  
Oh my School is a wonderful place  
Where we spend many happy days.

## **ROUND AND ABOUT**

Congratulations to June and Jerry Evans on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations to all those who have completed A Levels and GCSE's, we hope you all received the results wished for.

Congratulations too to one of our Postal recipients Rod Taylor who was 90 in July. His Father was a former Policeman in the village and Rod has many fond memories of Bibury. Some people he remembers and phones for a chat. His wife had her 90th birthday earlier in the spring this year but is not in quite good health at the moment. So, we wish them both a belated Happy Birthday and good health.

Although not mentioned in their reports and despite the rain first thing, the Bibury Cricket Club Funday was great family entertainment with the infamous tug-of-war between Arlington and Bibury being delayed due to rope breakage.

## **FROM THE PANEL**

We are delighted to welcome Tabitha Mayall from Ready Token to our small Panel, she volunteered to join our team of typists and typed last month's issue. Her enthusiasm, skills and new ideas were much appreciated and we quickly persuaded her to join the Panel. The first time we have had a representative from Ready Token - so she is doubly welcome.

Some eagle eyed of our readers may have noticed that the numbering has gone a little adrift in our 40 years - last month's issue was numbered 436 but it should have been 439 so we have adjusted the numbering this month! If you fancy going through our archive to find out when it went wrong - just contact Wendy!

## **FURTHER AFIELD**

### **FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD AND LECHLADE COMMUNITIES**

The Jazz picnic raised £1500 and the next event will be an Italian night at Colosseo Restaurant in Fairford Monday 9th September at 7pm Tickets £25 from either Ruth Berridge 01367 252706 or Ros Godden 01367 250322. Two events are planned for November a Craft Sale at Quennington on Sunday 3rd November and an annual Bazaar at Fairford Community Centre on Saturday 23rd November.

**COTSWOLD ARTS SOCIETY LECTURE** - September 11th, 2019, will see the next lecture of the Arts Society "Canaletto & England" with Professor Brendon Cassidy. By the 1720s Canaletto was renowned for his extraordinary "views" of Venice. Because of the continental war, he moved to London in 1746 where he represented the famous sights in ways that the English had never seen before. This lecture considers how he adapted his style to appeal to local taste, his successes (with occasional hostility from local artists), the range of work he produced and the influence he had on later English artists. Lectures begin at 11.00 at the Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford OX18 4RZ. Non-members are welcome (suggested donation £10). For more information see our website. [www.theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk](http://www.theartssocietycotswolds.org.uk)

**Churches Together in Bibury and**

**Bibury C of E School bring you**

**Popup Teas Autumn 2019**

***Delicious cake, entertainment & chat***

**Mondays at 3:00pm at St Marys Bibury**

**9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October**

**11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**9<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Cake, mince pies and carols)**

## Harvest Festivals 2019

**Sunday 22nd September: 11:00am:**

**Harvest Festival at St Mary's Bibury celebrating Brewing and the Hospitality Industry With Bibury School.**

**Followed by Harvest Lunch**

**Sunday 29th September. 11:00am:**

**Harvest Festival at St Michael's Winson**

**Followed by Harvest Drinks**

**Sunday 13th October: 6:00pm**

**Harvest Songs & Readings. St Mary's Barnsley**

**Followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall**