

## VILLAGE LIFE

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

ISSUE No 465

*All the following events will go ahead if covid restrictions permit!.*

### JANUARY

Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Rural Cinema 'The Courier' in Bibury Village Hall	7 for 7:30pm start
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Bibury Parish Council Meeting in Bibury village Hall	
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Bibury Village Hall AGM	6.00pm
"	"	<b>DEADLINE FOR February issue of Village Life</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Chin wag ,Tea, cake and company at the Baptist Church	2:30pm
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Cotswold Volunteers & Men in Sheds talk by Rob Platts at Wednesday Club In Bibury Village Hall	2-4 pm

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	Coln Craft Club meet in Bibury Village Hall	2 -4 pm
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### MARCH

Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club Meeting in Bibury Village Hall	7.15 pm
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Road Closure in Abington.	

### VILLAGE LIFE PANEL

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### BIBURY WITH WINSON & BARNESLEY CHURCHES

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Dear Friends,

Umberto Eco, the Italian philosopher, probably best known for his book, The Name of the Rose, once observed that asking the person with a vast library of books, 'Have you read all these' is a bit foolish. The response should always be, 'of course not', because the possession of a library is a constant reminder of all the things I don't know. Far from being a brash declaration of intelligence, a library is a gentle reminder of ignorance. The more you blow up the balloon with hot air, the greater the surface area that is touching on the unknown.

These days, whilst I still read plenty of trashy fiction, fun history, pop philosophy, and even a little theology, I do allow myself to explore far more widely. A footnote in a book, an unanswered issue that bugs me, my near total ignorance of Spanish history. And off I go on an excursion.

As the old song goes: There are more questions than answers...and the more I find out, the less I

<b>Church Services January 2022</b>	<b>Bibury</b>	<b>Barnsley</b>	<b>Winson</b>
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know'  
(19

72, by Johnny Nash, who also wrote and sang 'I can see clearly now')

So where am I going with this? And is this in any way relevant to a new year?

Four things

1) The older I get the less I know, but the ignorance and bewilderment in which I now exist is a very different one to the ignorance I enjoyed over 50 years ago.

2) The more I read stuff that I wouldn't normally read; gifts from friends, recommendations, attempts to fill yet another glaring gap in my knowledge, the more my eyes are opened to different ways of looking at things. The realisation that what I think is normal, is actually only normal to me and a handful of like-minded people. This makes pontificating and imposing my views on others (fun though this can be) a rather pointless and silly exercise.

3) Whilst reading fiction can often appear to be the most trivial exercise, good fiction helps me to see the world through the eyes of another. Really good fiction helps me to think differently, as I feel the world in new ways. In Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Atticus Finch memorably observes: If you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view, until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it

4) I had intended using this new year letter to recommend a few books for 2022, from the 180 books I have read this year. The problem, however, is that I have forgotten an awful lot of them already. I rarely read with the intention of retaining knowledge. (Although I quite often take notes) As I take in, so I seek to give out, which means that books tend to have a limited shelf life (pun intended) They serve a fairly immediate purpose. And then I move on. So, of those 180 which I remember, which is probably a good indicator of their value, would I point you to?

- Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson
- Rebel Ideas by Matthew Sayed
- The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman
- Nine Rules to Conquer Death by Kevin Toolis
- In the Crypt with the Candlestick by Daisy Waugh
- Caravaggio: A Life Sacred and Profane by Andrew Graham-Dixon
- Ghost Ship by A.D.A. France-Williams
- Miracle on the River Kwai by Ernest Gordon
- One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- The Power of Geography by Tim Marshall
- Daring Greatly by Brene Brown
- The Diaries of Chips Channon (Vol 1 and 2) ed by Simon Heffer

I'll leave you to ponder why I thought this lot worth remembering, today.

The list would probably be different tomorrow, but maybe, just maybe, there is something there that will bring you joy, or make you think differently

With every blessing for a joy filled and healthy 2022

Tim

**Baptisms** Sunday 2nd January 11:00am: Emily Allegra (Sarah & Tom Wilson) Bibury

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b> <b>Epiphany</b> <i>Isaiah 60:1-6</i> <i>Matthew 2:1-33</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>and Holy Baptism</b> <b>(Emily Wilson)</b> <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:45am</b> <b>Common</b> <b>Worship Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>  <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>BCP Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>  <i>Traditional</i> <i>language Holy</i> <i>Communion</i>
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>Baptism of Christ</b> <i>Isaiah 43:1-7</i> <i>Luke 3:13-17,21-22</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:45am</b> <b>BCP Holy</b> <b>Communion</b> <i>Traditional</i> <i>language Holy</i> <i>Communion</i>	
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>Epiphany 2</b> <i>Isaiah 62:1-5</i> <i>John 2:1-11</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>		<b>9:30am</b> <b>BCP Holy</b> <b>Communion</b> <i>Traditional</i> <i>language Holy</i> <i>Communion</i>
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> <b>Epiphany 3</b> <i>Psalms 19</i> <i>1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a</i> <i>Luke 4:14-21</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>9:45am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b>	
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>Candlemas</b> <i>Malachi 3:1-5</i> <i>Luke 2:22-40</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>School Service</b> <b>With</b> <b>Christingles</b>		
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> <b>60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the</b> <b>Accession of HM the</b> <b>Queen</b> <i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i> <i>Luke 5:1-11</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b>  <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:45am</b> <b>Common</b> <b>Worship Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>  <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:30am</b> <b>BCP Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>  <i>Traditional</i> <i>language Holy</i> <i>Communion</i>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> <i>Jeremiah 17:5-10</i> <i>Luke 6: 17-26</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Common Worship</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <i>Modern language</i> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>9:45am</b> <b>BCP Holy</b> <b>Communion</b> <i>Traditional</i> <i>language Holy</i> <i>Communion</i>	
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Just before Christmas we were able to move back into the wonderful newly renovated space in our building, there are a few little snags to sort out but altogether it is a fantastic community space.

At some point when we feel it is appropriate there will be an official opening for everyone to come and see the facilities available and we will be encouraging both local clubs and individuals to make use of the space. We are still fundraising to pay off a loan taken to complete the renovation so please support our efforts when and where you can or for an individual donation please contact [info@arlingtonbaptist.org](mailto:info@arlingtonbaptist.org)

If you have ever vowed to change at the start of a new year or month or on a major birthday you are not alone. It is known as the Fresh Start Effect, researchers suggest at calendar points like these we tend to assess our lives and try to better ourselves wanting to be better people, a fresh start. There are many references in the bible about a Fresh Start, in Colossians 3 12-14 We are called to leave our old selves behind and it offers us help by divine power to achieve our goals, when we believe in Jesus, we become new people, and Gods spirit works in us to make us complete, we are no longer doing things in our own strength but with the supernatural strength of the Holy Spirit.

Here at ABC we had a vision to renovate the old rooms on the side of the chapel building, but had no where near enough money or expertise to do this, we prayed and asked God for provision and we trusted that he would provide us with a fresh start, that this old building would be renewed, made available to the community for future generations to enjoy, the easier option was to sell it! But through his strength he has provided this for us all. God is great and is available to all if you would like a fresh start with Jesus and experience his supernatural power in your life here is a prayer for you to start with just pray each day and he will answer you.

Dear God I need you, I humble myself to your power now and ask that you would come into my life, help me to start doing things your way by the example of your son Jesus, Father God help me to trust you, love you and understand you, please forgive me for thoughts and actions that upset you and help me to make a fresh start in your name. Amen

In the Bible in Mathew 7 verse7 says, Ask, and it will be given to you. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Everyone who asks will receive. He who searches will find. The door will be opened to the one who knocks. God is waiting for you make a fresh start this year with him.

## **Events at ABC**

**Services every Sunday 10.30am** contemporary worship and praise in a relaxed atmosphere

**January 20th Thursday 2.30pm Chin wag** ,Tea cake and company everyone welcome

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 2021 POPPY APPEAL .**

Thank you to everyone in Bibury , Arlington , Ablington and Winson for giving so generously to the amazing £3,134.36 total that was raised this year .

Sheila Kiggins

## **BIBURY GARDENING CLUB**

It sometimes feels to me as if 2021 was merely an extension of 2020, and not really a year in its own right. The trouble with lockdowns and restrictions on movement is that they remove the markers which, like the bigger beads on a necklace, give the year its character.

Without the family outings, the foreign holidays, the village events, the church festivals and so on, life becomes one long series of small beads, which isn't necessarily unattractive but lacks the drama of a more intricate design.

I suppose one advantage is that we are slowly becoming more familiar with the Greek alphabet (at least, we would be if the World Health Organisation hadn't bypassed two letters, Nu and Xi, before settling on Omicron).

Anyway, the gardening club managed to produce one big sparkly bead to end the year in the form of the Christmas party. This was held in the village hall on the afternoon of Wednesday 8 December, and featured a quiz, Christmas games and a fantastic tea. The space in the village hall allowed us to observe social distancing and we were able to arrange the tables so that small groups of friends could sit together.

Huge thanks to everyone who brought food and helped out, but special mentions should also go to Elise Rowley and Ros Hawkins for the games; to George Blackwell for organising the raffle and funding the party by selling bowls of hyacinths; to Jenny Lawrenson for helping to organise everything else: to Mary Ludbrook for making four dozen mince pies; to Norma Webb who won the Christmas quiz, and to Val Smith and John Haiste for doing all the washing up.

We're hoping to visit Painswick Rococo Garden in February to see the snowdrops, but this will have to be organised on an ad hoc basis, since the weather will be an issue. Please stand by for emails about this nearer the time.

Our first formal meeting of 2022 is on 9 March at 7.15pm in the village hall. We are always happy to welcome new members, so do please come along and say hello.

Victoria Summerley

### **BIBURY CC ARTICLE**

Hopefully the Bibury CC Boxing Day duck race will have taken place on the 26th of December. We wonder who was lucky enough to win the £ 200 top prize this year and a magnum of Laurent Perrier for the runner up . You gotta be in it to win it ! ~If you missed it in 2021 – remember to buy a duck for 2022!

Leslie Smith  
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### **WEDNESDAY CLUB**

Our November meeting saw us listening to Helen Mitchel of the Steeplechase Distillery in Cheltenham telling us how her son began making his own gin in 2020. His chemistry background, lockdown and his love of gin and horse racing helped him create Steeplechase Gin. There were samples of the various gin he now produces at weekends and spare time. It was a fascinating insight into how one's interests can coalesce into a business.

We had no meeting in December so are looking forward to hold our January meeting on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2 pm** when Rob Platt from **Cotswolds Friends** will be giving a talk about their volunteer work and the spin off ' **Men in Sheds**'. Men in sheds provides a reason for men to get together to use their life skills to make items for sale or repair broken items for the community. The skill level is nowhere near that of the Repair Shop, but the community benefits in many ways. So if you have a partner or neighbour who has time on his hands and might be interested in joining a group – invite him along to the talk and see if Men in Sheds is for him. Refreshments will be available – Cost £3. Needless to say this going ahead will depend on the Covid restrictions in place at the time. If we cannot hold it in January – then we will endeavour to reschedule.

*We will abide by the rules in place at the time but would like those attending to have been vaccinated and to have had a recent negative lateral flow test to safeguard others attending.*

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

I was not expecting to be writing this month about MORE clamping down. I thought that we were in for a better time for a few months at least, it was not to be. Still we must look on the bright side and hope that we can though this low as quickly as possible with the smallest amount disruption. We all must keep our guards up and try and reduce the risks as much as possible.

Things were getting back to more normal till Omicron reared its ugly head. Most of the clubs I belong to were starting to meet again with most members exercising caution and not rushing to get things back to what was normal before the pandemic. Some members are far more careful than others due to their own personal needs and we have to respect that and hope that all organisations can keep going and not go under. As the song says “Always Look on The Bright Side”.

The Winter has carried on being fairly mild and not too wet. Our end of the village did have a 12 hour power cut as a result of the high winds, but nothing like those un- fortunate people in the north of the British Isles. We have to be thankful for small mercies. Have you noticed since we such a brilliant Autumn colour display this year that the willow tree’s bark is now beginning to glow, on a dull day it is uplifting and should improve more as we approach Spring.

Can I wish that 2022 will bring a brighter year to you all, Happy New Year

## **BIBURY VILLAGE HALL.**

Our Christmas Event held on the last Saturday in November was marred by extremely wintry weather which limited the number of people who came to support us. In spite of this we raised over £540 from the event. So thank you to all those who came to spend on the day or who hired craft tables to sell their ware or manned organisations stalls or who donated to the various stalls or helped in any way – thank you.

We had no Rural Cinema or Committee meeting in December so our next planned event is our AGM on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 6 pm** – followed by the first committee meeting of the new committee. We were unable to hold an AGM last year so have our fingers crossed for this year. The AGM is open to all to attend – it is usually a short meeting our record is 25 mins! But it does give you a chance to give your views and ideas for the day to day running of the Hall. All welcome.

Hopefully the planes Rural Cinema on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January will go ahead. See later in the magazine for details.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH appropriate for all those new year resolutions!**

Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.

## **ROAD CLOSURE IN MARCH**

### **3/146 Village Street Ablington**

The main road to Northleach , from near John Browns Cottage/Salt way footpath corner, to the junction near Hinton Barn, Ablington from will be closed on 29/03/22 to allow for internet ducting repair work by Severn Trent Water.

Emergency and pedestrian access will NOT be maintained.

If you should require further information please email [streetworks@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:streetworks@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

## **HOW THE PIKE GOT ITS NAME**

The Pike, as it's known to locals, is a classic example of a placename emerging from informal local usage, rather than from any official decision.

The name dates back to the late 1700s when the road between Cirencester and Burford became a toll road – a privately operated and gated road that was kept in good repair by the money raised from tolls. The Bibury Turnpike Trust was set up by Act of Parliament in 1753, and managed by trustees.

The toll was collected at tollgates (also known as 'tollbars', 'turnpikes', or simply 'pikes') which were literally gates (or sometimes chains) across the road. The gates usually had vertical upright pointed poles – the 'pikes'. Sometimes these were metal-topped. As well as a gate across the road, there would have been a small house where the toll collector lived.

The first tollgate and tollhouse set up by the Bibury Turnpike Trust was at Arlington in c1753. This Arlington pike was originally positioned at Upper End, a few yards uphill from the cottage now known as Hillside. At the time this was the last house on the Cirencester road. The tollgate is clearly visible in a 1769 map of the Manor of Bibury. The tollhouse is on the northern side of the gate.

It soon became clear that this location was not ideal, for two reasons. First, there was 'toll evasion' via various side lanes that bypassed the toll gate and led down to fords across the River Colne, several hundred yards upstream from the bridge. The second problem was the steep hill. It was not unknown for heavily-laden wagons to be unable to get moving again once they had stopped to pay the toll.

So in c1775 the tollgate was moved a quarter of a mile uphill to the crossroads then known as Taylors Cross (Taylors Crossroad), but which we know as The Pike. This new location was in open countryside, on level ground, on top of Arlington Down. It was chosen to catch traffic coming from the Barnsley direction before it could turn off onto one of the toll evasion lanes.

Back then, it would have had a commanding view across the Downs. No hedges. No stone walls. Very few trees. No houses nearby. Just well-drained rolling moorland, ideal for hunting. The Vale of White Horse Hounds announced in the Bath Chronicle & Weekly Gazette of 18th Jan 1860 that the next Saturday's meet would start at Arlington Tollbar.

Over time the original place name of Taylors Cross was forgotten, and the junction just became known as 'Arlington Pike', or more commonly simply abbreviated to 'The Pike'. In the 1860s, maintenance of all turnpiked roads passed back to local authorities, the tollgates were removed

and the roads were reclassified as 'main roads'. But by then referring to the road junction as 'The Pike' was so well established that it has continued to this day.

Poor Mr Taylor, who (we may assume) had long ago owned a cottage or perhaps a field at the road junction, making 'Taylors Cross' a handy local reference, has been completely forgotten.

Acknowledgements: 'The Bibury Turnpike Trust: the first 50 years' by Neville Crawford, published in the Gloucestershire Society for Industrial Archaeology Journal 1977-78; and the website [www.turnpikes.org.uk](http://www.turnpikes.org.uk).  
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### **COLN CRAFT CLUB**

A small group met for mulled wine, mince pies and a chance for a chat whilst we progressed our own individual projects and a chance to source of ideas for future projects. We have decided not to hold a meeting in January – so our next meeting will be on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2 - 4 pm**. If you are interested in knitting, sewing or creating craft items – do come and join this friendly and very informal group for a cuppa and a chat.

**BIBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL** Sharing a passion for excellence!  
Chair of Governors, Marc Cornwell is stepping down as Chair of Governors for the school. Marc has been part of the governing body since 2015, starting off as a parent governor and later moving to the role of Local Authority appointed governor. Marc has always been an ardent supporter of the school and he was instrumental in the move to join Diocese of Gloucester Academy Trust. Please join us in thanking him for his years of service and for helping to make Bibury such a happy and successful school. We welcome Anthony Godwin who has been voted in as our new Chair of Governors

Nativity: Acorn Class produced the best Nativity ever this week. We are so proud of our children. They have learnt their lines and thought about how best to say them. They learnt the actions and words for eight songs and then performed this in the last week of term with such gusto. The children enjoyed performing to their select audience. Being able to perform it live made such a difference to the children's experience. We are lucky that being such a small school, we were able to invite a small number of adults in to watch it -something denied to a great many other larger schools again this year. Open the Book! –We are still looking for volunteers –Can you help?  
Children in our worship council have asked if we could send out an appeal to people in the Village as we are keen to get Open the Book running in Bibury. Many other schools have a small team who lead worship weekly but we would be grateful for any support that could help to establish Open the Book in Bibury. We can be very flexible about timings and frequency! Perhaps you and a friend would like the opportunity to work with the school and meet our wonderful enthusiastic children? Please get in touch with Mrs Pascoe for more information. We look forward to hearing from you.

From all the staff and children at Bibury Church of England Primary School, may we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Suki Pascoe, Head Teacher "Great Oaks from little acorns grow" Bibury C of E Primary School \* Tel: 01285 740268 \* E-mail: [admin@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bibury.gloucs.sch.uk) for more information take a look at our website: [www.bibury.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.bibury.gloucs.sch.uk) or come and visit us. Bibury PTA can be contacted directly.

### **COVER SKETCH**

This month's cover was sent to us some time ago by Henry Whiffler, when we last asked for some sketches to grace our front cover. It is not strictly a sketch and we sometime have problems

reproducing photographs - so fingers crossed that it comes out well. Let us hope that the snowy scene of Rack Isle and Arlington Row is not a portent of the winter to come !

**RURAL CINEMA** restarts **7pm Thursday, 6th January** COVID PERMITTING!

And the film is ...

### **The Courier**

The Courier is a cold war espionage thriller based on the true story of Greville Wynne, an unassuming British industrial sales consultant who regularly travels through Eastern Europe. In November 1960, Wynne is recruited by MI6 to make a sales trip to Moscow to meet a high-ranking Soviet intelligence officer. As the story unfolds, Wynne becomes part of events leading up to the Cuban Missile Crisis.

What the critics said:

*Benedict Cumberbatch shines in this gripping true-life espionage thriller.*

Robbie Collin, The Telegraph

*The Courier may not be as subtle or cohesive as Cumberbatch's last spy movie, Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy, but its best moments are haunting.*

Charlotte O'Sullivan, London Evening Standard

*Anyone with a taste for Cold War dramas will find an intriguing addition to their cinematic library with The Courier, a fact-based story featuring Benedict Cumberbatch.*

Bryan Lowry, CNN

### **HEAVENS ABOVE**

Jupiter which in many ways is a very spiritual planet will be with us in January. We should follow this attitude and go with the flow until May when it changes position and when it mixes with Neptune in April that is the time when all is possible!

The full moon on the 17<sup>th</sup> encourages all to take a frank look at emotions and whatever they are – embrace them.

### **Winters Rest.**

Damp empty branches reach through the air  
Beneath hard ground & sodden all growth suspended  
All is still – no breeze – no movement – no sign of life  
A cold dull grey winters morning  
Then, into this frozen wintery scene a robin appears  
Hops onto a branch and surveys his world  
Darting this way and that  
He lifts his head and sings  
His pleasant song of how nature is resting  
He gathers his strength anew

All in God's garden is well.

**RURAL CINEMA**

## Bibury Village Hall – Thursday 6th January

### The Courier – true-life spy thriller

Cert:12A - Run time 1hr 51min

The Courier is the story of unassuming British businessman Greville Wynne who was recruited by MI6 in the early 60s to spy on the Russians.

**Starring:** Benedict Cumberbatch, Merab Ninidze, Rachel Brosnahan, Jessie Buckley and Angus Wright

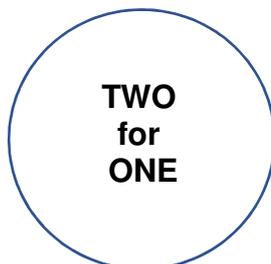
**Directed by:** Dominic Cook, former artistic director and chief executive of the Royal Court Theatre, London

**Doors open 7pm Film starts 7.30pm Tickets £3.50**

Come early and enjoy a glass of wine or soft drink before the film begins.

***Covid security. Chairs will be suitably spaced and hand-sanitisers provided. Face coverings must be worn other than when eating or drinking.***

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2 for 1 on Main Meals at the Catherine Wheel Bibury this January  
Call 01285 250 or go online [www.catherinewheel-bibury.co.uk/reservations](http://www.catherinewheel-bibury.co.uk/reservations)

T & C apply – Monday to Friday in January, main meals only.

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### **ROUND AND ABOUT**

The change from one year to the next is always a time for reflection on the past year and hope that the new year will be better. It is also a time to be grateful for past kindnesses and future relationships. Several of the articles in this month's issue reflect this, from the School saying goodbye to Marc Cornwell, retiring as a governor as Chairman after many years service, to the Village Hall event and its welcome support from the village. Village events and organisations depend on small bands of locals to run the organisations but also a much larger group of to support their efforts.

We on the Panel are the same – grateful for all the contributions from organisations and individuals; the work of our typists, our teams of collators and those faithful distributors who deliver the magazine to each and every door in our villages every month and to the Trout Farm who continue to host not only the Village Life folder but also store our duplicating machine and paper. But equally important we are grateful to all our readers for taking the time to read our efforts! Thank you all - we are very grateful for your past support and hopefully future support as well.

Winter weather is coming in 'fits and starts' and the winter birds that visit our gardens rely on many of us, supplementing their foraged foods. It is lovely to wake up and see the bird table surrounded by a variety of birds in an otherwise wintry and bereft garden - even if today it was only 10 pigeons and 2 squirrels in one of Panels garden first thing!

We have several of our local residents who have undergone short treatments in hospital for various ailments. Others have had family members suffering bouts of ill health. We wish them all better health in 2022.

Here's hoping that all our readers safely managed to get to see their relatives and friends over the Christmas and New Year. Let us hope that 2022 will see future variants of the Covid – less infectious and serious so the progress we have made to normalize our activities will continue to improve. Fingers crossed !

**A happy, healthy new year to all our readers.**

### **From the Publication Panel**

#### **ADVERTISING IN VILLAGE LIFE**

We depend entirely on the revenue from our advertisers and donations (from individuals or organisations) to fund this free magazine.

Our rates for advertising have not changed since we began in 1978!

**Trade Directory – £2 a line for inclusion for full year( 11 issues.)** Space means that we restrict entries to those business that have a base within the parish and to just a few lines – ideally with a local telephone number and email address.

**Small Ads inside the magazine** are charged at 50p per line and are for one issue only.

**Larger adverts/ posters** are charged at £20 per page, £10 for half a page £5 for quarter page for each month. Posters for local village organisations and charitable events are normally free of charge – but we do reserve the right to alter the size or layout of the posters to fit in the space available each month – but we do try to give them the space they request,

All commercial adverts inside the magazine are also restricted by how frequently they can be included to a maximum of 4 times a year, normally non- consecutive months.

***And finally a reminder that payment for the Trade Directory entry is due for renewal in January.***

### **FROM FURTHER AFIELD**

**FRIENDS OF FAIRFORD & LECHLADE COMMUNITIES** (Reg. Charity No: 1180059) Require a **newpart time administrator**

If you are interested in the role, then contact [Fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Fairford.lof@hotmail.co.uk) or call Christine Barker on 07767 408409

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**COVID-19 COMMUNITY FUNDING SUPPORT – REMAINS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS** To date from 57 applications grants have been made providing financial support to 39 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](http://www.friendsoffairford.org.uk)).

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

**Shelley Welsh, Chair**

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