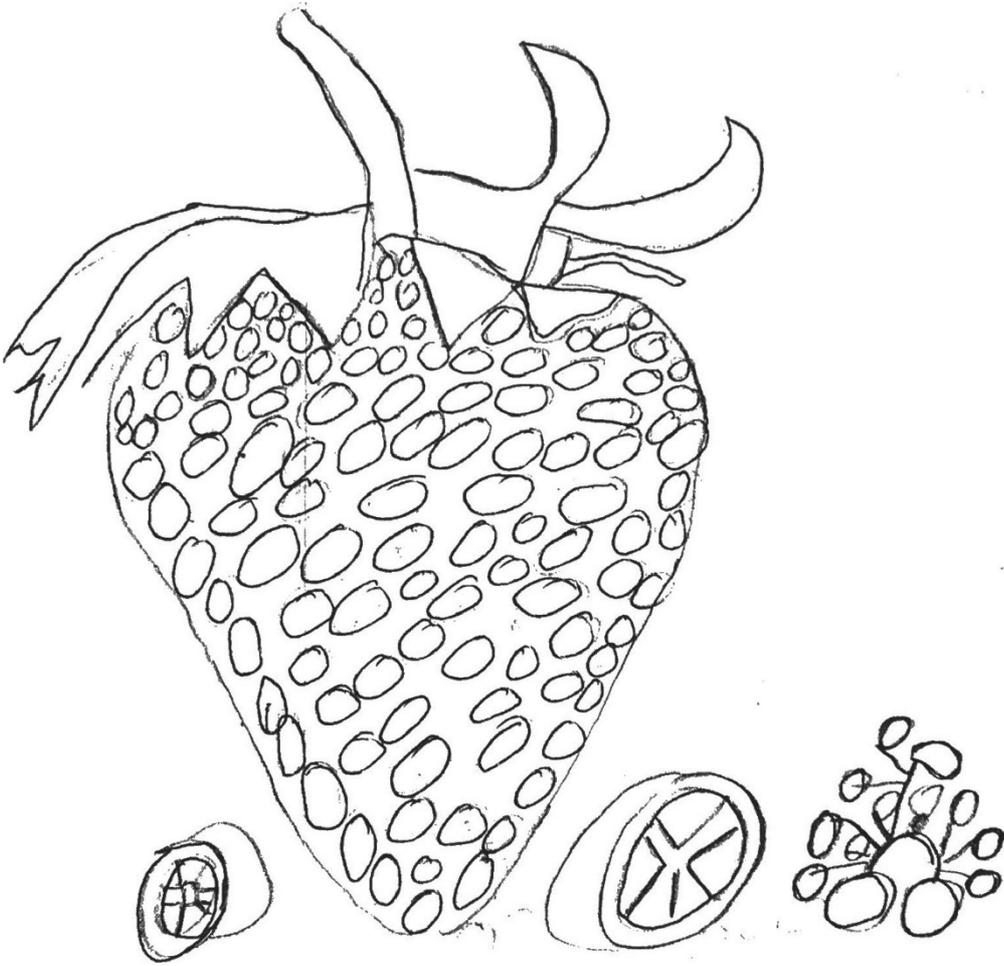


VILLAGE LIFE

OF BIBURY, ARLINGTON, ABLINGTON,
BARNESLEY AND WINSON



JULY/AUGUST 2020

VILLAGE LIFE

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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JULY

Saturday 18th Bibury/Ablington 15km Equestrian Fun Ride in aid of
Arlington Baptist Church Community Kitchen 9:00am to 2:00pm

AUGUST

Sunday 9th Deadline for Front Cover Drawing for Flower & Art Festival.

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th Bibury Flower & Art Festival,
St Mary's Church Bibury 10am –5pm

Thursday 20th Deadline for September issue of Village Life 12 noon

Saturday 22nd Bibury/Ablington 15km Equestrian Fun Ride in aid of
Arlington Baptist Church Community kitchen 9:00am to 2:00pm

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 20th Deadline for October issue of Village Life 12 noon

Tuesday 29th Rural Cinema in Bibury Village Hall – hopefully restarts! 7pm for 7:30pm

VILLAGE LIFE PANEL

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BIBURY WITH BARNSELY & WINSON CHURCHES

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Dear Friends,

Many people have said to me recently that this is the hardest month that they have faced since the start of the COVID 19 situation. They have described feelings of anger and frustration. Loss and listlessness. And as they have watched the confusing scenes on their screens of peaceful protest and violent, angry demonstration sparked by the death of George Floyd all have had to look in the mirror of our own lives to learn what prejudices lurk within and to assess our own culpability in the wake of the Black Lives Matter era. Alongside the anger is a desire to blame. Government. Other nations. And, of course, other people. Fear, insecurity, and anger and all closely related and give rise to some of the worst excesses of prejudice and blindness to the needs others.

Whilst I have heard wonderful stories of generosity and kindness during this crisis giving rise to a feeling of rainbows and unicorns, and a feeling that people are basically nice and good, I have

equally heard stories of ugly selfishness, greed and bitter recrimination and petty towering rage and accusation that lead one to the opposite conclusion about mankind.

So are we basically good or bad? Selfish or kind?

The obvious answer, which has the advantage of being true, is that we are both. But we are also so much more.

It's so much easier to be kind and thoughtful when we ourselves are 'in a good place' but how can we be 'in a good place' when the place we are in is so rubbish?

The bereaved often describe a numbness to the needs and feelings of others. They become selfishness, as an inbuilt coping mechanism draws them in on themselves as they seek to prevent a recently broken world from falling apart completely.

So if its 'normal' what is the answer?

Partly there is the 'self-help' route. Taking control of our situation to the extent that inner peace or mindfulness gives us the strength and courage, not only to face harsh reality but also to be a source of encouragement, help and blessing to others in the same situation. Langdon Gilkey's fascinating book *Shantung Compound* which tells of his time in a Japanese concentration camp during the WWII is on the whole relentlessly negative about people's ability to be good without God, but he tells the story of one fellow prisoner, the Olympic star Eric Liddell, who in later life had become a missionary to China. Having described the behaviour of a number of other imprisoned missionaries as selfish, ungenerous, and sanctimonious, he makes a startling statement about Liddell. 'It is rare indeed when a person has the good fortune to meet a saint, but he came as close as anyone I know' He describes Liddell pouring his life out for others, particularly the teenagers of the camp, sharing, giving, encouraging, inspiring. When he died suddenly of a brain tumour, everyone, including the captors, was stunned.

But we are not all saints and centring ourselves on God is not easy in desperate circumstances. Perhaps that is the time to remember that:

- I am made in the image of God
- Everyone else is made in the image of God
- In hard places it is hard to be kind
- But it is possible. God gave me the free will to choose
- God's unconditional love empowers me to love. If I and willing to be open to love

With every blessing *Tim*

PS St Mary's is now open for private prayer. Do come and pray, think, reflect, give thanks or to grieve

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

At the beginning of his new T.V. Series, Michael MacIntyre cleverly acted out an ironic but hilarious sketch in which after his last series in 2019 he visits a fortune teller to ask about the future. The fortune teller asks if Michael is sure he wants to know the future, "as this is very serious!" Michael encourages him to continue...and the fortune Teller predicts some strange and worrying things.....next year Michael you will no longer be a comedian, you will be a substitute teacher and amateur hairdresser!"

"and your uniform will be tracksuit bottoms..." He predicts Michael will be very excited about a trip next year, Michael tells about the safari they have planned, "No" says the Fortune Teller "it will be a trip to the garden centre!" The big party he has planned for next year will not happen and his friends will not come within 2 meters of him! The Fortune Teller continues "You are in a shop wearing mask and gloves and feeling very, very nervous, you will spend many months inside and

only be allowed out for one exercise per day” MacIntyre is horrified and says “you are telling me I am going to be in prison for robbery ?” There is a lot more to this sketch, you may like to google it for a chuckle, but it does make one thing quite clear, we don’t know what will happen in our future....are we ready for that?

Futurologists are people who make predictions about the future. Many people read their horoscopes because they want to know what the future holds. In the Bible Jeremiah warns ‘Don’t for a minute listen to ... spiritualists and fortune-tellers, who *claim to know the future*’ (Jeremiah 27:9, MSG).

As the one who holds the past, present and future in his hands, only God truly knows the future. Much of it is hidden from us. However, there are certain things about the future that God tells you. Jesus is coming back. The second coming is the most important thing to know and believe about the future. It changes everything about how we live our lives now and helps us live with hope. No one knows exactly when it will happen, but we are to live every day as if he were returning today – doing what he would want us to be doing.

God desires that all people repent and come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4).

God has good plans for you. They are not plans for your failure or defeat. They are plans to ‘prosper you’. They are not average or mediocre plans. They are good, pleasing and perfect (Romans 12:2).

But God will not force his plans on you. All God’s plans require your cooperation. If you want his plans to be fulfilled in your life, you need to seek him. He promises that, if you do so, you will be found by him (Jeremiah 29:13–14). As you spend time with him, you will become like him and he will lead you into the good plans he has for your life. Make the right choices and have a great future.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE – www.arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

As well as church news there is a community page with lots of local interest stories and pictures also activities and **PRIZES**, a special thanks to Rinnie @Bibury rocks for painting us some rocks to hide, see how to claim a prize on the web page or by following us on **Facebook and Instagram**, to keep updated with our News and up and coming events at Arlington Baptist Church.

A small vibrant church with a big heart for changing times.

BIBURY AFC

Providing the Government’s Legislation is altered, we propose to hold our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 30th July, 2020 (if it is nice weather it could be held outside).

We are seeking to appoint a new Chairman.

Also, the Secretary is retiring no later than June 2021, therefore we will need to appoint a Social Secretary and Football Secretary imminently.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Live life so completely that when death comes to you like a thief in the night, there will be – there is nothing left for him to steal.

COVER SKETCH

This month’s cover sketch won second prize in the 8 – 11 year category at last years Bibury show. It was drawn by Theo Creed who drew his favourite fruit – a strawberry - A taste of summer!

TRIBUTE TO MIKE SANDALL FROM BIBURY CRICKET CLUB.

Mike was the one of the finest cricketers to play for the club and its leading supporter and historian. Mike appears on the batting honours board for centuries in the pavilion an incredible eleven times, with a top score of 135 in 1980 against Goatacre. He seemed to like batting against them, since he did it again in 1981 with 134 not out and in all, scored three centuries against them. He notched his first ton in 1976 and the last fourteen years later in 1990.

A framed photograph in the pavilion celebrates the award of the Schweppes Gloucestershire Cricketer of the month in 1980 to Mike. That season Mike played 35 innings with an aggregate of 1,191 runs at an average of 37.21.

After retiring from the playing side, Mike continued to be heavily involved with the club as committee man and definitely our No 1 supporter watching many games throughout the season. He will be really missed by everyone at the Club.

The latest guidance from the ECB does not see recreational cricket returning until August 1st at the earliest but we remain hopeful that we will get some games in before the season ends.

In the meantime, we have continued to maintain the ground and thanks to a monumental effort from Charlie Robinson in particular, the new boundary fence has been completed. We thank everyone who has contributed to our buy a fence post appeal .

There will be more on this in the next edition but suffice to say the generous contributions of Biburians has covered most of the cost of the new fence.

Leslie Smith, Bibury CC 07867 467433

A THANK YOU FROM PAM EDWARDS

I would like to thank all John's friends for the many cards & letters, which have been a great comfort. Also special thanks Tim Hastie-Smith for his kindness in these difficult times.

Pam

LETTER TO THE PANEL

I wanted to agree with those who think it a good idea to ban coaches, as it has become so overwhelming with the numbers that now come! Twenty years ago it was just day trippers... then it started to increase... and now it sometimes takes 10 minutes to get through the village with the traffic congestion.

Also, on my walks towards Ablington it is disappointing to see dog mess on the pavement and on the road from the Pike towards Ablington - 5 in total, one outside my house, 1 a few doors up, 1 on the pavement past Arlington Fields and 2 on the road just past the Pike. It would be good if ALL dog owners were considerate.

But the countryside has looked so very beautiful with wild flowers and prolific cow parsley, birds singing. Wonderful!

MK

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

DID YOU KNOW ?

July and August were formerly the two Roman months of Quintilis and Sextilis in the Roman calendar which started with the first month being March. Julius Caesar decided to rename the fifth month name months after himself to make July. The Emperor Augustus Caesar renamed the sixth month August after himself and because he wanted it to be one of the longest months he took one day from February which at that time had 29 days to add to his month to make 31 days as long as the longest!

It is because of the Roman calendar beginning in March that September (7th) October,(8th) November(9th) and December (10th) are so called even though they are now the ninth to twelfth months of our calendar which now begins in January rather than in spring with March.,

THE OLD MAN OF THE PIKE

Here we go again, still in Lockdown be it getting easier but still in Lockdown. This dreaded virus is going to effect the World in many ways for many years and may last in some ways for ever. Coping with the situation over the last few months has been troublesome but manageable, but the deeper things that have had a different effect on me and I expect you is not being able to give personal thoughts to people direct. I am thinking of the number of people that include friends and relations that have been ill or have died that we have not been able to visit or pay our respects to. I miss not being able to visit family members when they just need a hug to make them feel so much better. I know now that we can now get back into Church and pray in The House of God instead of in private, these things leave a big hole in our lives that can never be filled. Let us hope that with the further relaxing of Lockdown we do not go to far and allow the virus to rise again now we have come so far along the road.

Sorry about being a little down hearted but hope for a brighter future in the very near future.

Our Wendy has been doing a sterling job in keeping "Village Life" going during these trying times and I hope that after this double issue we will be able to get back to normal for the September Issue ready for the winter. It may be a blessing at the moment that the weather has been so good during Lockdown but I hope we do not have a very severe drought later on causing more problems for us all. I am late with this article for this months "VL" so I will finish now and wish all the best in the near future.

A REMEMBRANCE OF WW2 – FOR THE 75TH VJ DAY ON 15TH AUGUST

The article below was sent in by Maureen Keeping about her Uncle, a Japanese prisoner of war, and Rev Wanless, a Methodist Minister from Cirencester - they were at the same camp and the family were unaware of the link until only a few years ago when they went to London for a service to dedicate a plaque to those who died. Maureen's Uncle was the last person to leave camp alive... before the death marches.

In many ways those who served in the far east or were prisoners of the Japanese were 'forgotten' immediately after the war ended.. Many were unable to talk about their experiences until much later in life and nobody seemed to want to acknowledge for a long time the price they paid for our country

TWO MEN UNITED BY THE JAPANESE WAR

An RAF Chaplain from Cirencester and an RAF instrument repairer from Trull in Somerset were brought together by WW2 - when, as Japanese prisoners of war, both went to Sandakan, North Borneo (now Sabah).

The Japanese decided to build an air strip there and shipped in 2,500 British and Australian servicemen from neighbouring islands and Singapore to undertake the task.

Sqdr. Ldr. Rev Jack Wanless asked to go and provided tremendous spiritual support to his fellow men. He died on 30th June, 1945, at the age of 41, at number two Jungle camp Ranau. The cause of death was given as malaria and acute enteritis.

Jack's mother received a letter from Mrs Blackledge, whose son was a Doctor at the camp, which said: 'I am so glad to know that a padre was with the men. Our unfulfilled hopes of their return to us means a heavy burden, but they were faithful to the end in the service they rendered to their suffering comrades, which makes one proud and thankful for them.'

Leslie Mockridge was the instrument repairer who 'drew a short straw' at the Sandakan camp that saved his life. The Australians and some 750 British POWs were strictly segregated, but the Australians were the only ones with a radio. Desperate for news, and with conditions in the camp continually worsening, the British drew straws, as one of their number had to fake an illness serious enough to warrant treatment at the town's hospital. This Leslie did, with the Japanese medical officer diagnosing appendicitis and carrying out an operation under local anaesthetic. However he was not permitted to return to the camp but was sent to Kuching, as the Japanese considered him contaminated by the Australians. He was the last to leave the camp alive. The 30 officers who were at Kuching and Leslie were the only survivors. All the British prisoners at Sandakan perished, together with the Australians, apart from six who had managed to escape. Leslie came home to his family weighing 6 stone and with cigarette burns still grafted into his body. The church bells were rung at Trull in celebration. At first, he talked about his experiences but then they became too painful to recall and he suffered from severe nightmares. Both men paid a price in the war, Rev Jack Wanless the ultimate one.

The families of all the servicemen fought many years to gain recognition for the part these men played for King and country. And finally in 1999 a memorial stone was unveiled at the RAF Church of St Clement Danes in The Strand, London... the last line reads

'In the midst of life remember them.'

ROUND AND ABOUT

Sadly, recently, we have learned of the death of Mrs Linda Winter, of The Pike. Our condolences go to Tony & her family. Also we were saddened to hear of the death at the end of May, of David Crawley, former journalist for the BBC and keen amateur thespian. David used to live in what many knew as Dr Mckenzie's house at the end of Arlington. David had been in failing health for about a year and we send our condolences to his wife Ayano and his family.

Our deadline date and our forgetful typist for the last few months has meant that we have some belated congratulations due to some of our residents. Firstly to Mary Chivers the Village Hall caretaker who celebrated her 90th birthday in May and also to Roger and Angela Staton of Arlington Farm Road who celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary in May. Both have had to

put their planned celebrations with family and friends on hold until the lockdown ends or until their 91st birthday or their 51st wedding anniversary next year!

It is lovely to have a few more dates in the diary as hopefully the restrictions imposed by the virus continue to ease and we hear that several village organisations are beginning to make plans for a return to a more normal programme of events after so many have been cancelled in recent months. So keep an eye on the local noticeboards and do try and support local businesses and events as we take our first few steps back to normality.

From the Panel – hopefully good news!

We are hoping to return to our normal paper copies delivered to each household in the parish from September onwards. To this end, we hope our normal distributors will be happy to deliver as previously – but if you feel unable to do so please let us know so we can make alternative arrangements. Many of our distributors have done so since the magazine started as so fall into the 'vulnerable' age group for the virus – so if you are not happy to continue – just let us know and we will try to find a younger volunteer. Your past efforts have been much appreciated.

A note to our advertisers & postal recipients.

With the recent interruptions to our normal way of producing the magazine and reduced availability, we have decided that we will **not** ask for payment for the Trade Directory or postal copies until January 2021.

Calling all those who like Sketching or drawing

At the back of this issue is a blank page with a form for you to complete and a square space for you to do drawing in **Black or blue ink** on the theme of this year's Bibury Flower and Art Festival -

“This wonderful world of”

It could be a place, music, a hobby, wildlife, pets, holidays, celebrations with family and friends- anything that inspires you to have a go!

Extra forms will be available from the Post Office and completed forms (not folded please) can go into the Village Life folder at the Trout Farm. You have until the **Sunday 9th August** to have a go.

All will be displayed at the Festival and the best will appear on the front cover of this magazine !

READY TOKEN REWILDING

The fields are alive with grasshoppers and crickets which are a fabulous food source for many birds, owls, bats and even mice and foxes. We've enjoyed seeing great spotted and green woodpecker families, and have 4 recently hatched swallows in our porch with two very busy, attentive parents - many of us know that feeling of the constant demand of mouths to feed! And lastly we have spotted two hedgehogs on our cameras who are possibly two males with one 'bowling' the other off the food bowl. To see more we're on Instagram @countryhouserewilding

Bibury Flower and Art Festival 2020

14th, 15th & 16th August

10am – 5.00pm daily

We hope that we will hold our annual festival.

The Theme for Flower Arrangements this year will be:

This Wonderful World of.....

With the support of St. Mary's Church, Bibury,

it is planned that we will open with the necessary social distancing and a one way system around the flower displays, Art and craft stalls.

There will be Art work, Cards and craft items for sale and hopefully

Tea and cake will be available in the Church. Cake donations will be much appreciated.

There will be an open competition for a front cover for

'Village Life' with four age group categories which you will find on a separate page.

Contact either: Wendy Challinor on 01285 740021

Or Jill Skarda on 01285 740496

IF we have to cancel, notices will be posted by Monday 10th August.

Bibury/Ablington 15 km.

Equestrian Fun Ride

Parking by kind permission of Mr.N.J Phillips, Bibury Farm signed from the B4425 between Bibury and Aldsworth

A beautiful ride amongst some of the most beautiful villages and countryside in the Cotswolds.

IN AID OF Bibury with Arlington Community Kitchen

Bibury with Arlington is a Cotswold village community nr Cirencester.

During the Covid 19 lockdown the locals have been catering for the elderly from their homes as there is no community catering facility. The Arlington Baptist Church is currently renovating a community space which will include a new catering kitchen, we are raising funds towards this to benefit the wider rural community, and provide meals and events to alleviate social isolation in the area

Saturdays July 18th and August 22nd

From 9.00am –2pm

Limited to 120 riders per day first booked basis

Adults £15.00 Children under 16 accompanied by an Adult rider £10 pre-booking required no places on the day

We will provide an off road parking space, a marked route and a phone contact if you get lost.

For entries and more details visit

www.arlingtonbaptist.org.uk

Facebook/Instagram: @abcbibury

VILLAGE LIFE DRAWING FOR FRONT COVER OF VILLAGE LIFE

Blue or Black line drawings please! Additional forms available from Bibury Post Office.

Please complete the details below and put the unfolded form into the Village Life Folder at the Trout Farm by the Sunday 9th August 2020 !.

Drawings will be displayed at the Flower and Art Festival and visitors will vote for the best design in each age group and the best will appear on the front cover of Village Life.

Name _____

Circle age group – 4 – 7 years.....8 -11 years.....12 to 18 years over 18 years.....

Title : This wonderful world of _____

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