



# NEWSLETTER

## All the news from Filkins & Boughton Poggs

April always raises that critical question: team Chaucer or Elliot? Usually it's Elliot every time but when it comes to April I would maintain he was wrong. He would never have made that claim had he written the *Waste Land* in Filkins. In fact, had Elliot chosen to convalesce out here rather than Margate we would have lost (some students would no doubt declare spared) one of the most intricate, challenging and infinitely rewarding poems in the English Language (some of it anyway.) Margate, on the other hand ... I think we got off lightly.

Which is another way of saying, ain't the village looking grand? And as ever, it is as busy as it is pretty and this month sees another packed calendar with the promise of more to come. And the swimming pool opens in a few weeks! Congratulations to all those involved in another cracking quiz and curry extravaganza and best of luck to all with events this month. (On the subject of which, do please make sure you email the editor with notification of

### Events for April

1 April	Beer Festival (VH)
2 April	Spring Flower Workshop (VH)
8 April	Supper & Theatrical Games (VH)
21 April	Charity Bingo Nighth (VH)
29 April	Swimming Pool Opens

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events – while I keep an eye on the village hall noticeboard I am aware that things do slip past my eye occasionally.) Do also make sure you get your ball tickets soon as time and space is running out for them.

Paul



**SWIMMING POOL OPENS 29 APRIL!**

## F&BP Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is **Tuesday, 2nd May** and will be held in Filkins Methodist Chapel.

The Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 7.30pm followed by the Parish Council AGM Meeting. All are welcome.

Copies of the agenda will be posted at: *The Village Hall, Village Shop, Village Bus Shelter and Broughton Poggs Parish Council notice boards.*

Agendas and minutes can be seen at [www.filkins.org.uk](http://www.filkins.org.uk) under Parish Council.

Please note that the Parish Council has decided to discontinue its input into WOSPWEB.

Copies of both Agenda's and Minutes of Parish Council meetings can be requested, at any time, from the Clerk.

### Appointment of a new Filkins and Broughton Poggs Councillor

A new councillor, for Filkins and Broughton Poggs Parish Council, has now been appointed.

Mrs Julie Tridgell replaces Mr Roger Chitty.

### Village Communication and Information

In order to make Parish Council village communications more easily accessible, the Parish Council is setting up its own database of residents. If you would like to receive regular future updates, minutes, agendas etc. by email, please contact Councillor Noelle Walsh at [n.haslem@aol.com](mailto:n.haslem@aol.com) to register your interest.

Be assured that your details will be confidential and will never be given to a third party.

### Planning

The status of current planning applications, within Filkins village, as at date of submission of copy, 21st of March, is as follows:

1. Field Cottage - approved by WODC
2. The White House - approved by WODC
3. Millers Cottage - approved by WODC
4. The Post House - new application, references: 17/00357/HHD & 17/00358/LBC
5. Woodbine Cottage - new application, references: 17/00546/HHD & 17/00547/LBC
6. Unit 9, Oxlease Farm - new application, reference: 17/00616/FUL
7. For further details or to see the plans on line, go to [www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning)

### Allotments

Gassons

There are still a number of allotments available at the Gassons. For further details please contact the Clerk, Ann Tyldesley (01367 860130)

Village Centre

There is also an allotment now available at the Village Cen-



tre, please contact

Pat Gibson 01367 860837

### Bus Route 64

Carterton Mayor, Mrs Lynn Little, has been campaigning to re-instate the 64 bus route and has submitted a petition of over 300 signatures to our Local MP, R Court. He is currently investigating, so this has not died yet....

### Broadband update

WODC is preparing to take on the lead role of delivering superfast broadband to the remaining 10 per cent of properties within our district, ensuring access for those in the most rural areas and the ones regarded as not being commercially viable. By taking on the procurement process WODC demonstrates it is absolutely committed to securing superfast broadband access for everyone in the district as soon as possible.

Cllr Colin Dingwall, Cabinet Member for Broadband at West Oxfordshire District Council, said:

"It is very disappointing that the Cotswolds Broadband's project failed after so much

hard work. The delay for residents is really frustrating."

Whilst the broadband project procurement and delivery phase is taking place, those individuals and businesses with little or no connectivity (under 2Mbps) can apply for a subsidised basic service through the Government's Better Broadband Scheme for full details go to: [www.westoxon.gov.uk/news/jan/broadband-announcement](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/news/jan/broadband-announcement)

### Calling all garden lovers!

WODC has changed its garden

waste recycling program and from April 2017, household garden waste collections will cost £30, per bin, per year. To receive this fortnightly service, you will need to sign up, go to: [www.westoxon.gov.uk/residents/bins-recycling/garden-waste-recycling](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/residents/bins-recycling/garden-waste-recycling)

### One Oxfordshire

Oxfordshire County Council is proposing ONE new council for the whole of Oxfordshire.

To see the draft proposal on line go to

[www.oneoxfordshire.org](http://www.oneoxfordshire.org)

West Oxfordshire District Council has also submitted a draft proposal which can be viewed at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/news/feb/west-oxfordshire-too-good-to-lose](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/news/feb/west-oxfordshire-too-good-to-lose)

Both are under consideration

Any thoughts/comments/concerns on matters related to the Parish Council please speak to the Clerk, Ann Tyldesley, 01367 860130 or by [filkinsclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:filkinsclerk@hotmail.co.uk)

## F&BP Swimming Club

Really cannot believe that I am going to say this but the Pool is due to open on Saturday 29th April. Looking out the window the sun is out but that's about all I can say.... hopefully there are better things to come in April.

We have sadly had to say goodbye to Ian Cutmore who is off to Cyprus for 3 years with his family and on behalf of the swimming club I would like to thank him for all his hard work as Chairman over the past years and also to Collette for taking on the role of Treasurer.

Therefore we are looking for some more help with the

running of the pool. Nothing to stressful - a few bodies on the Committee would be nice. And we need help with the chemical rota - all training given - just volunteer for a weeks run when you can and just keeping an eye on the everyday running. If you spend a lot of time at the pool during the summer please consider helping out as it needs volunteers to continue.

If you are interested please contact the Secretary: Cris Hoad 01367 860388 or [crishoad@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:crishoad@hotmail.co.uk)

## Filkins Bowls Club

We are a friendly bunch of bowlers, however we do need more bowlers to keep the club going. Please come and join us for a "role up", we meet on Mondays for practice nights, our first match is on Saturday 29th April.

Whether you are a complete novice or the world's number one, please do join us at the bowling green as you will be most welcome.

Even if you are not a bowler, but would like to help we would welcome any support.

Please contact Sheila Gould on 01367 860 386 for more details.

### Village Hall Lottery

March Winner: Sarah Jane Poole

### Coffee Morning

1st Friday of each month, 10.30-12 noon

Next Coffee Morning, Friday, 7th April. Everyone Welcome: Tea, Coffee and plenty of cakes. Pick up a paperback or even some delicious preserves

# FIVE GO TO PROUGHTON BOGGS

*Ena Blyton*

## Chapter Three

*Beer ahoy!*

The fog was getting even thicker as the five children and Kevin the dog reached the end of the causeway.

"I say, is that an Inn I see ahead of us on the hill?" asked Charles.

As the children approached the Inn it became almost visible through the fog – 'The Truss & Trumpet' read the Inn's sign.

"I say, do you think the Inn has a lavatory?" asked Francis.

The five children and Kevin bundled into the noisy Inn and rushed up to the bar. Behind the bar was a thin boy, with a poor complexion and a vacant stare.

"Hello" said Charles "We are the Famous Five and we are looking for the Lost Brewery of Proughton Boggs!"

Quite suddenly all of the other occupants of the Inn went silent and turned in unison to stare menacingly at the children and Kevin; Kevin by this time was making his way behind the bar.

"Why are you called the Famous Five?" asked the boy.

"Because there are five

of us?" replied Charles somewhat puzzled by the boy's question.

"Oh" said the boy "You are mistaken, there is no brewery here in Proughton Boggs" he shook Kevin off his leg and moved down the bar leaving a peculiar smell of stale beer and roasted coffee beans behind.

"We are never going to find the Lost Brewery of Proughton Boggs, such rotten luck" said Andrew dejectedly as they left the Inn.

"Buck up everyone" said lanetta, "We shall find the Brewery, have no fear!" as she said this lanetta leant on the Inn's gate post, suddenly from below the ground came a low mechanical rumbling noise and ever so slowly a man-hole cover in the Inn's garden began to slide open revealing a stone staircase that lead down into darkness...

lanetta, without pausing leapt into her tool box, climbed out, fired up her torch and began the perilous decent down the staircase, the other children and Kevin followed somewhat reluctantly. After a short while the five children could smell the unmistakable aroma of fine ale...

"I say, I think we have finally found the Lost Brewery of Proughton Boggs!" said

Alana excitedly.

"Rather" replied Charles as they arrived at the bottom of the stone staircase and entered a large room with a stone floor and high vaulted ceiling "And over there are the beer vats!"

Two voluminous Oak beer vats loomed out of the darkness at one end of the room

"I say, do you think this Brewery has a lavatory?" asked Francis.

Andrew bounded up to the first vat, "Whoopee, this one is filled with Chitty's Tipple, a fine brew with an unmistakable after taste of wet Labrador" cried Andrew, then on he skipped to the second vat

"Hambidge's Hangover, what a treat, so potent, every barrel comes with a complimentary wheelbarrow!"...

"Hurrah, hurrah" cried the Famous Five "We have certainly found some rare, friendly, ales for this year's Filkins Beer Festival"....." oh, what fun we shall have"

"Woof" barked Kevin the dog excitedly

"Do stop that Kevin" said Charles regaining his balance...

## The End.

*Authors Note; This is a work of pure fiction, any resemblance to actual persons, living or dead, is entirely coincidental*

 **FILKINS THEATRE PRESENTS...**  
*an evening of*  
**SUPPER & THEATRICAL GAMES**

*Hear the greasepaint roar... Eat an excellent SUPPER, enjoy fun & Theatrical Games, jokes & quizzes; plenty of audience participation (Join in or not as you like)... All the world's a stage (at least tonight!), & YOUR help reqd.*



**SUPPER** *& Theatrical Games*

**FILKINS VILLAGE HALL**

*Saturday 8th April at 7.30pm*

**Tickets: £12.50 from Filkins Shop, PO & Cotswold Woollen Weavers**

***Ticket includes Supper. Pay bar***

**Telephone / text for tickets & information: 0771 3636 415**

  
**— LAST DAYS —  
OF THE RAJ**

*Saturday 24th June 2017*

*“Last Days of the Raj” Summer  
Ball*

*Dress Code: Black Tie*

*Tickets: £70 to include 4 course meal & reception drinks*

*Raffle with a twist - fabulous prizes*

*Filkins Casino*

*We are currently booking the last few tables of 12 or individual  
tickets.*

*Please contact Mandy Scott - [mandy.scott@aplan.co.uk](mailto:mandy.scott@aplan.co.uk) to book*



# Fresh Salmon and Lime Cakes (starter)

*Another recipe from the lovely Donna Hay. This is from a very old Marie Claire Book called 'Flavours'. This is in the Lemon & Lime Section. I think it is great – tasty and simple, and from the reaction from my guests last week – I think they agreed!*

Makes 18/20 small cakes, enough for 6 as a starter.

## Ingredients

### Salmon Cakes

500g Fresh salmon fillet, skinned and boned  
1 large egg- white only  
3 tbsp. fine rice flour  
2 kaffir lime leaves (shredded)  
1 tbsp. chopped fresh ginger  
1 tbsp. wasabi paste  
3 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley or coriander  
Vegetable oil to shallow fry

### Lime Dipping Sauce

2 fl oz. lime juice  
2 fl oz. soy sauce  
2 tbsp. soft brown sugar  
Salad leaves for serving.

## Method

Check salmon for bones then cut into 1/4inch cubes. Put into a bowl and combine with egg white, rice flour, lime leaves, ginger, wasabi paste and chopped herbs.

Make lime dipping sauce by putting sugar into a jug, add lime juice and leave to steep

for about 15 minutes. Stir occasionally. Once the sugar has dissolved, add the soy sauce. Mix and leave to one side.

If using straight away, heat the oil (about ½ inch) in a shallow frying pan over a medium heat. Take a dessert spoon of the salmon mix and drop into the oil – repeat to fill but not overcrowd the pan. Cook for about 45 seconds until golden, then carefully flip cakes over using a spoon and fork and cook for another 45 seconds until cooked through and golden on both sides. Remove from pan and place on a plate on a piece of kitchen roll/absorbent paper and keep warm in oven while you cook the rest of the mixture in the same way.

It is sometimes easier (or necessary) to prepare the cakes earlier (same day) by spooning into 18-20 small cakes on a plate. Cover with cling film and keep refrigerated until needed. When ready to cook, remove from fridge for about 15

minutes before using, then when the oil is hot, carefully lift cakes with a spatula, add to oil then cook as above.

Serve immediately, decorated with the salad leaves and the dipping sauce – you can serve the dipping sauce in a jug handed round or in small bowls on each plate.

**Notes:** Wasabi paste is available in a tube from most supermarkets. It is very hot so be careful not to add too much! Rice Flour is also available readily but definitely from any Thai supermarket (great one in Witney on the corner of Church Green). Kaffir lime leaves are available dried from the supermarket herb sections or you can buy them fresh or frozen from a Thai supermarket and just use them straight from the freezer.

Debbie



## To The Village Hall and Beyond

If you are adult, female and would enjoy a varied programme of talks and activities in good company, come along to Filkins and Broughton Poggs WI.

We meet every third Wednesday in the month, at 7.30pm in the evening, in Filkins Village Hall. Membership is certainly not limited to the village and we

are happy to welcome visitors. There are also organised trips and the walking group sets out regularly, as you probably learnt from Elaine's article in the Newsletter.

At the next meeting on Wednesday 19th April one of our members has planned an exploration of memory. She explains,

*"As a psychologist, I studied memory but I never really understood it. I have asked three friends to join me, to bring an object and to share a memory and I am hoping that this will encourage other members to think of their memories and share them."*

Come along.

Gillian Allison

## Relief in Need Charity

Members of the Committee running the "Filkins and Broughton Poggs Relief in Need Charity" normally meet in March and October of each year. The current members of the Committee are Mrs Lucille Jones (Chair), Mrs Diane Blackett (Treasurer), Mrs Elizabeth Gidman, Mrs Ena Constable, Mrs Margaret Hambridge, Mrs Mary Cover,

the Reverend Karen Young (ex-Officio) and Mr Tony Woodford (Secretary). All act as Trustees of the Charity.

At their meetings they review the available sum of money which could be distributed, being the interest on the Charity's deposits, and consider applications or cases where help might be appropriate. The annu-

al interest, paid quarterly, is not large and amounted to £372.50 in 2016.

The Members of the Committee agreed on donations to village residents amounting to £430.00 in 2016 from the charity's total disposable funds. This left just over £500.00 to go towards future grants and donations.

Tony Woodford

## Surgery Runs

If you need to make a booking please contact Tony Woodford on 860319.

Please give the maximum notice possible. Users of the service should be able to get in and out of a car unaided.

Carterton, Lechlade and Burford - £2.50, Fairford and Witney - £5.50,

Cirencester and Swindon - £9.00, Chel-

tenham and Oxford - £11.00, Banbury £12.00.

The cost of parking, if applicable, is added to the charge.

If anybody would like to be added to the list of volunteer drivers, just contact Tony



## Saturday 1st April, Filkins Village Hall 7.30pm

Wide selection of friendly beers and fine wines available.

£15.00 per ticket which includes:

First 2½ Pints

Commemorative 'Quality' Glass

Hot & Tasty Supper

Tickets to this year's Filkins & Broughton Poggs Beer Festival are now on sale from the Cotswold Woollen Weavers, Filkins Village Shop,

the Post Office or in person from any of the Organising Committee Members.

Please ensure you buy or reserve your tickets in advance as they will not be available on the night. Tickets can be reserved by email: [FBBF@alanlaw.co.uk](mailto:FBBF@alanlaw.co.uk)



## Filkins & Broughton Poggs Gardening Club



Our villages are beautiful with the spring flowers and blossom and I am sure that we are now all enjoying working in our gardens without wearing our cumbersome winter coats.

The Gardening Club currently has responsibility for several of the public gardens in the village. You may see members working in the gardens outside the Village Hall, the Village Centre or opposite the Bowling Club lawn – please give them a word of encouragement.



The Gardening Club now has 44 members and we have been pleased to welcome some of the newer residents of Filkins and Broughton Poggs. Following the Club's annual Planning Meeting, we have a full calendar of interesting activities to anticipate this year. I will report on these as they take place.



If you live in the village, you are very welcome to join our informal and friendly Gardening Club. For further information please talk to any current member; look on the Filkins website under Leisure or contact me on 01367 860282 or [lu-cille68@btinternet.com](mailto:lu-cille68@btinternet.com)

Happy gardening! Lucille



# Village Matters



## Bin Collection

Fri 7th April

Household Bins

Fri 14th April

Garden Bins


Sat 22nd April

Household Bins

Friday 28th April

Garden Bins

Recycling every week but don't forget that  
garden waste charges begin this month!!

				
Day	Morning	Afternoon	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	9-12.30	1-5	10 - 12	3 - 5
Tuesday	8.30-12.30	Closed	10 - 12	3 - 5
Wednesday	Closed	Closed	-	3 - 5
Thursday	9-12.30	Closed	10 - 12	3 - 5
Friday	Closed	1.30-4.30	-	3 - 5
Saturday	Closed	Closed	9 - 11	3 - 5
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