

# NEWSLETTER



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- 04 May Parish council and local elections
- 07 May Coronation Celebrations
- 15 May Annual Parish Meeting
- 24 May Deadline for June copy
- 29 May Fish & Chip van

Lots to happen in May, the Coronation of King Charles III, do decorate your houses and get involved in the village celebration on the Sunday, if you haven't replied to your invitation there is one inside.

It is many years since we had a Parish Council Election in our village and we have eight candidates standing for the six positions. As there are many recent newcomers it seems logical for the candidates to introduce themselves, so inside this issue you will find brief biographies. The Parish Council plays an important role in the wellbeing and future of our village; it represents the interests of the whole community and is part of local government supporting the democratic process. It should identify concerns and projects and endeavour to solve them locally so it is really important that we vote on the 4th May.

I really hope we can look to some better and more settled weather in May, as I sit here typing my fingers are freezing, there has been one dry sunny day this last week (and yes it was lovely but short lived) when I got to plant some fruit bushes but as I'm sure the Garden Club will tell us 'cast not a clout till May is out'. Having just looked up the origin of that saying it apparently goes back to the 15th century or further and was a warning not to cast off winter woollies until the chilly days of May were over. Crikey, we have another month!! Travel hopefully. Ed.

## VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY May winners: Sue & Nigel Hitchcock

Congratulations & thank you for supporting our wonderful Village Hall  
Enjoy the Coronation Celebrations and the Bank Holidays

Many thanks, Pauline Care  
01367 860969



**THE CHURCHES OF ST PETER  
BROUGHTON POGGS CUM FILKINS**

**SERVICES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY – BROUGHTON POGGS**

**6.00PM – EVENSONG**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY – FILKINS**

**10.30 AM - HOLY COMMUNION**

**BROUGHTON POGGS – SUMMER EVENSONG**

With the lengthening evenings it is that time of the year when we start 6pm Evensong services in Broughton Poggs church. For nearly half the 2,000 years since the birth of Christ it has quietly stood there in its remote churchyard, serving generations of villagers in times both joyous and sad. Do come along and experience the very special peace in this place during the summer at our simple Evensong services; you will always be most welcome.

**ONEIRA TRIO – SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

After last year's wonderful sell-out concert in Filkins Church we are delighted to welcome back the Oneira Trio for a second time on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. More details in due course but DO make a note in your diary for the very special event. The trio will be playing in local primary schools the previous day, and we are very pleased to maintain our special relationship with this remarkably talented trio of young musicians.

**BON VOYAGE PETER AND BEA**

During the month Peter and Bea Berners - Price moved to pastures new; fortunately for all of us not very far away, to Lechlade, or as Bea puts it, Filkins has now expanded slightly to the south! We wish you both all happiness in your new home, and thank you very deeply for everything you've done (and we are sure will continue to do) for the Churches in the village.

**Rector**

**Reverend Harry MacInnes 01993 845954**  
harrymacinnes@yahoo.co.uk

**Associate Vicar**

**Reverend Margot Hodson 01367 860555**  
margothodson@svbb.org.uk

**Churchwardens**

**Gill Allison 01367 860787**  
gillian.allison@zen.co.uk

**Charlie Payne 01367 860529**  
broughtonpoggs@hotmail.co.uk

Filkins &  
Broughton Poggs  
Gardening Club



*“Spring is the time of the year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade.”*



Will I ever get over the wonder of everything bursting forth in the borders? I hope not!



Suddenly they start to fill up and I am busy putting in plant supports and tying things in to help them along and keep them steady. Although this year it has been touch and go for some shrubs and perennials – I know fellow Gardening Club members have been watching nervously to check losses due to those intense frosts in early winter. Even some of our hardy regulars have taken a hit. Many of us have gaps to fill in our beds and borders as a result.

In the Gardening Club, we have had the pleasure of welcoming some new members in recent weeks and are busy pulling together the first of our trips for this year – Westwell Garden and Kingham Lodge are first up for May and then Iford Manor on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

This time of year is incredibly busy in the garden, as the soil warms, and we start to think ahead to summer evenings sitting out and enjoying the fruits of our labours surrounded by summer bedding....

OK, maybe I am jumping ahead. Hard work to be done first, so here are some gardening tips for May (and beware late frosts until the end of the month!).

- Check and loosen any tree ties that are digging into bark, or about to, as the trunk girth expands. A small task easy to overlook.
- Getting out the pruners? – do check for nesting birds in large shrubs, hedges and trees before you proceed. You can come back to prune after August if needs be.
- Tie in climbing and rambling roses as near horizontal as possible. This will restrict sap flow causing more side shoots to grow along the length of the stem and therefore more flowers to be produced.
- Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs.
- Join in No-Mow May – encourage wildflowers in your lawn by stopping mowing early May through to at least June. This allows wild plants already in your lawn to grow up and flower, adding colour and attracting pollinating insects and other wildlife. Leave your whole lawn, mow a path, or just leave a section.

All adults living in Filkins and Broughton Poggs are welcome to join the Gardening Club. Information can be found on the Filkins website or please contact our membership co-ordinator Julie Tridgell ([julietridgell@outlook.com](mailto:julietridgell@outlook.com))

Happy digging!

Rosie [j.tarr113@btinternet.com](mailto:j.tarr113@btinternet.com)



## SWINFORD MUSEUM

By the time you read this the museum will be well and truly open. Please come along and take a look at the new exhibits, one of which is a lovely hand carved sideboard by George Swinford along with other personal items of his.

When putting the displays together I found in George's telegraph postal pouch instructions for 'Cleaning of Telephone Kiosks, Etc'. I thought this was quite pertinent as the Parish Council are due to refurbish our lovely kiosk. Here are a few of the instructions:-

*If a caller is using a box when the cleaner arrives the caller must not be disturbed.  
Members of the public must always be treated with courtesy and respect.*

*A Special report should be made to the exchange if it is ascertained that the kiosk has been used by a person suffering from an infectious disease, and a notice 'Out of Order' should be placed on the outside of the door.*

The full instructions for the cleaner can be viewed at the museum. We open the first and third Sunday of the month, 2.00 to 5.00pm and we would love to greet you.

You probably are unaware that there is an auricular plant named after George and is called 'George Swinford Leathercote', we happen to have two at the museum this year so if you know how to propagate them do please let us know. Thank you.

Diane Blackett

## Doctor & Hospital Runs



In the first instance those requiring a lift should call Theo Hodges on 07711 066155 and she will put you in touch with a driver.

If Theo is for any reason unavailable, then please call either Freda Shrouder on 07557 048667 or 01367 860053 or else Charlie Payne on 07810 158558 Or 01367 860529

## Summary of Parish Council Meeting 12 April 2023

- Councillor Richard Howe as Chairman reminded the Council of the change in date for the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meeting to 15 May. This is due to elections and extra bank holidays.
- Work continues in the Platinum Garden, the path has now been laid and the surrounds built around the first beds. The next step will be levelling the area for laying the hardcore and hoggin areas. The Committee will be at the garden on 23 April 2-6pm for gardens open and 29 April 10am for the swimming pool and playground opening. Please let them know if you are available to help in any way.
- Playground- official opening on 29 April 10am – please come along fun for the children!
- Kick about field- new fence to be erected this month and the power cable to be extended
- Street lights- we asked in the last newsletter for any objections if the lights were turned off between midnight and 5am. We have not heard from anyone so will go ahead and try and save electricity.
- The grass verge which is being driven over at the Gassons has been brought to our attention. Several years ago we raised this with Cottesway Housing as they own the land and they re instated the curb and seeded. We will approach them again and ask if they can take the curb back and make this part of the road wider.
- Oxfordshire Emergency Planning Officer Carol MacKay to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.
- Elections will be held on 4 May 2023 for District and Parish Councillors
- If you have any queries or want to ask the Council a question please contact the Clerk Cris Hoad [clerk@filkins.org.uk](mailto:clerk@filkins.org.uk) 01367 860388
- We can understand that items of concern are discussed with friends whilst out walking or in the pub. But please, if you have any please do contact the Parish Council, if we are not made aware of them, we cannot deal with them appropriately.
- **Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday May 15 at 7pm this will be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.**

### **FIRST SPLASH!**

10.00 am on April 29th. The Swimming Pool opens for business.

Membership will be available at the poolside, please download your application forms from the village website and complete in advance. (Card or cash payment—no cheques please.)

[Filkins.org.uk/swimming pool](http://Filkins.org.uk/swimming%20pool)

**CANDIDATES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION 4TH MAY 2023****Lee Bennett**

I have been a proactive member of the Filkins & Broughton Poggs Community Led Plan since October 2019 and as a community contact.

I am a 5th generation resident of the village of Filkins and my father and grand-father also served on the Parish Council, both serving terms as Chairman.

I was often invited to attend the "Five towns" community meetings led by Brian Lewis and frequented by the Rt Hon Yvette Cooper in West Yorkshire.

I studied at University in Bristol and Leeds, spent almost a decade in corporate security and I take an avid interest in nature preservation and conservation and am sympathetic to the needs and wants of the villages.

Currently I am a full time carer and adult support worker and fill my spare time with walking, nature photography and as a Guild Master in World of Warcraft.

I can often be seen in shorts - all year round.

**Stephen Evans**

I moved to Filkins almost three years ago, having lived in central London for the previous decade for work. In my day job I run a national charity that looks at how to help improve education and job opportunities for young people and adults. I'm also a trustee of an educational charity focused on apprenticeships. Both roles are about trying to make sure everyone gets a fair chance in life. It's great to be able to combine work with living in such a great place and enjoying the fantastic countryside and getting to know so many wonderful people.

Since moving here, I've been really struck by how friendly and welcoming everyone has been, particularly having moved in the middle of the pandemic and various lockdowns. I've also been struck by how much is going on in the village and been pleased to get involved in the gardening club, St Filica quiz and garden open day, as well as enjoying many of the other activities going on from the theatre group to the Jubilee celebrations. The only reason there's so much going on is because so many people take the time to organise and take part. That's why I'm standing for the parish council - having been so welcomed by so many I wanted to give something back. I would hope to build on the work of the council to date and listen to the priorities everyone has to make Filkins an even greater place to live.

**Richard Howe**

I was born and lived in Leicester, moved to Coventry and then to Oxford. I met my first wife Sandra, we married and moved to Aston. I have two daughters and four grand-children. Sadly Sandra died in 2013. I met Rosie, married and moved to Broughton Poggs where we were made to feel very welcome and have made many friends.

In June last year I was asked to consider joining the Parish Council, which I did and have enjoyed my time working with the other members of the council and am pleased with the things we have achieved. In March I was voted to the position of Chairman.

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It is not my ambition to change Filkins and Broughton Poggs but it is my ambition and endeavour to maintain and if possible improve all that we have and all of that which makes our community such a special place in which to live. The 'Power' of the Parish Council is somewhat limited but my personal aim is that the Parish Council acknowledges all representation made to it, deals with it locally if possible and if not, communicates with the relevant authority to try and achieve a satisfactory conclusion. Finally and most importantly to ensure that the individual making the representation is informed accordingly.

In conclusion, should you decide to support me, my thanks and my assurance that I will continue to support the village through the Parish Council

### **Roland Jones**

I was raised in Bampton and my parents still live in the area. My wife Jude and I have lived in Broughton Poggs since 2004. I trained in engineering which led to working at home and abroad. I established my business in 1999 and am still working full time, employing local people. I am passionate about the countryside and it's continued upkeep. I am a practical person who likes to see projects completed such as the playground, the war memorial, the notice boards, re-furbishing the metal benches etc. and I really enjoy my work as a councillor and I hope I will be re-elected to carry on.

### **Richard Martin**

I have lived and worked in Filkins since 1982 and for all of that time have been involved with various village organisations, including the Parish Council.

Editing the Parish Pump led me to realise how much and in what ways we are like, and unlike, our neighbouring villages...important considerations while here in Filkins & Broughton Poggs we are together planning and working for our best possible future. Please vote for me on 4th May.

### **Andrew McIntyre**

I first moved to West Oxfordshire in 2003, with my first frontline tour within the RAF bringing me to RAF Brize Norton to fly the C-17 airlifter. Although my subsequent and continuing RAF career has taken me round the country, we formally put down family roots in 2006 when we bought a property in Alvescot. I spent 5 years on the Parish Council there, compiling and distributing the village newsletter and stepping in as temporary chairman for the village fete committee for the 2015 and 2016 events,

In late 2015 we had our offer accepted on an agricultural barn, completing its conversion in the summer of 2017 and is where we now live. I've fulfilled the role of treasurer for the Swimming Pool committee since 2018 and a little further afield am in the process of handing over a role with the Carterton Educational Trust after a 5 year tenure as the RAF trustee.

My contribution to the F&BP Parish Council would be through my perspective as an extended family living in the village. Whilst my first contribution would be to attempt to have the unnamed road on which I live, together with around a dozen other households formally named. I feel like I've integrated into the village enough to take on a formal role to help shape it's future character.

**Kevin Robbins**

I was born in Filkins, quite a while ago now, and lived in Swindon & Carterton for a number of years before returning to live in what had been my grandparents and my parents house, in 2014 at which time I became a member of the Parish Council. My wife Elaine and I have been married for 38 years and have two daughters and a grandson. I have always tried to play a part in Filkins life and activities, especially the swimming pool of which I have been chairman for several years. In the past year I have helped with the complete refurbishment of the changing rooms and toilets, and the new play-ground, obviously with a lot of help from a few local residents. I have been on the Parish Council for 8 years and see this as a good way to ensure the village keeps it's character.

I am proud that my home is in Filkins with it's friendly and great community spirit and it's fantastic range of social activities.

**Noelle Walsh**

I have lived in Filkins for more than 30 years bringing up two children here. My background is in journalism – I was Editor of Good Housekeeping and before that News Editor of Cosmopolitan prior to moving here and writing a weekly newspaper and magazine column for 12 years. My husband and I have run a successful consumer exhibition business from Filkins for the last 30 years, employing local people for most of that time.

My expertise is in communications, event management and marketing, with a common sense approach to business and life. We regard Filkins as a stand-out village not just for the fantastic amenities it enjoys but for it's friendliness and community spirit, so much so that our 30 something children London based children are hoping to move back here shortly.

I have been on the Parish Council for more than six years.



We just want to say a big thank you to everyone in Filkins who made our slightly longer than anticipated stay a pleasure. A lovely village and lovely people.

Sheila, Adrian & Stanley





*You have been invited  
to the village  
Coronation Party*

*Sunday 7th May  
On the Kickabout Field  
1pm till late*

*Featuring  
Childrens Activities, Live Music,  
DJ, Pay Bar,  
Strawberries and Prosecco stand  
Community Catered*

*RSVP to the village shop  
or: 07899 981538*

*Name: \_\_\_\_\_*

*No. of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_*

*Food Contribution: \_\_\_\_\_*



# CHILDREN'S

# ACTIVITIES

## CORONATION SCAVENGER HUNT

In the playground

Pick up your checklist from  
the playground.

## GAMES AND MORE ...

- GUESS THE WEIGHT OF  
THE CROWN (prize for the  
closest)
- PIN THE CROWN ON THE  
KING (prize for the closest)
- MAKE YOUR OWN  
CORONATION BEARS

## DESIGN A CORONATION CROWN COMPETITION

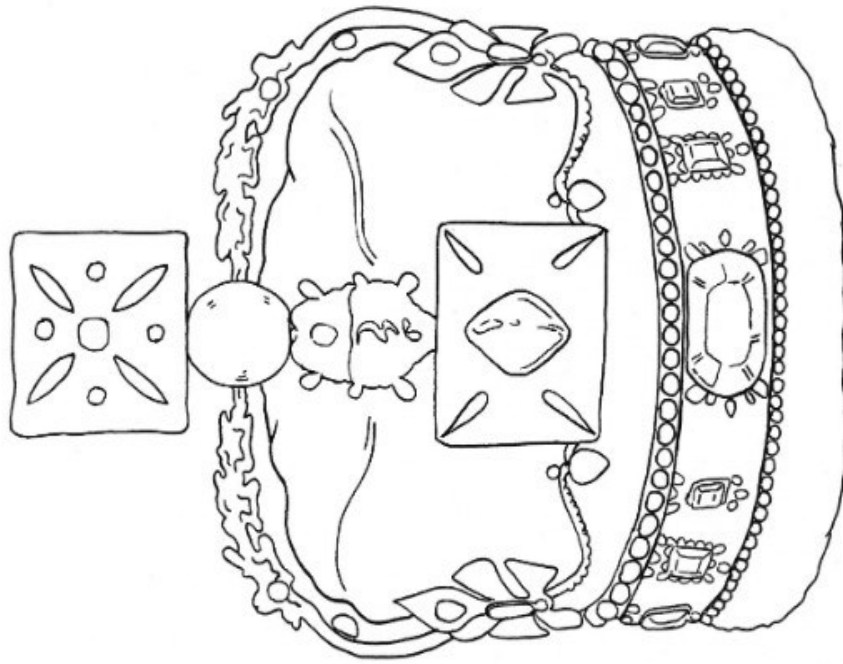
Download a template from the  
Filkins website or pick up a copy at  
the village shop  
Bring them on the day  
Prize for each age category

0-5 yrs
5-7
8+

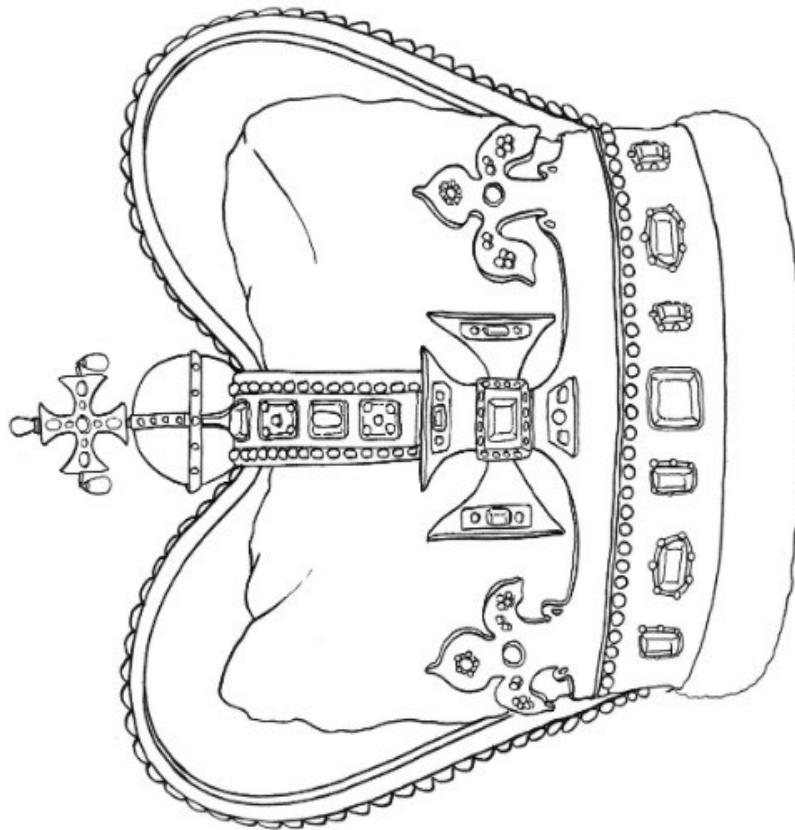
## Volunteers needed

If you can help with the  
children's activities for 1/2 hr  
or so please let us know!  
ashleycmadden@yahoo.co.uk

Colour a crown



Imperial State Crown



St Edward's Crown





## FILKINS BOWLS CLUB

### Village Club Day “Let’s Roll” on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Bowling has a reputation as being rather fuddy duddy and for the elderly but far from it. It is actually fun, friendly and gentle exercise. Filkins is fortunate to have had a bowling green since 1936 but like many village clubs and organisations membership has risen and fallen over the years. Currently there are about 16 playing members, not sufficient for participating in leagues, but we play other clubs in Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire in 'friendlies' at home and away.

It would be a great shame if such a long standing club folded for lack of support so to this end we are inviting other village clubs and organisations AND any individuals to enter our fun “Let’s Roll” Day

We assume most entrants will not be experienced bowlers which is all to the good.

Two teams of two will play each other over 2 sets of 3 ends (an 'end' is basically bowling from one end of the green to the other), with each player using three bowls and taking turns to deliver their bowls nearest to the 'jack.' Scoring will be simple, nearest to the jack 3 points, second 2 points and third 1 point.

Teams will be overseen by a Filkins Bowls Club member who will offer help, instruction and keep score... simple.

Come along and have a go. No experience necessary, just wear flat soled shoes and bowls will be provided and you might find you really like it and join us!

Do please have a go, just let Annika Hansen know names **by 18<sup>th</sup> June** so we can plan for numbers. There will be light refreshments available, a pay bar and raffle.

In the meantime, club nights for 'roll ups' ie practise, restart on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and continue throughout the season every Monday from 6pm. Everyone is welcome so come and try your hand and get some practise before the 25<sup>th</sup>!

For further information and entries please contact

**Filkins Bowls Club Secretary Annika Hansen**

**Phone: 07775 093484 Email: [filkinsbowlsclub@gmail.com](mailto:filkinsbowlsclub@gmail.com)**

## Community Lunch Club - The Story

It was one evening in 2016 about this time of year when we and a couple of friends were putting the world to rights over supper and with just a glass or two of wine. Being as we are, the four of us had concluded in our musings that there were large groups of people who were significantly disadvantaged in one way or another and that the direction of travel of the country was only making matters worse for an increasing number of its citizens. Our healthcare systems were beginning to crumble at the centre; public transport in rural areas particularly was almost none existent; food banks were popping up in every town around the country, and many communities were under pressure to sustain their prized levels of interdependence.

On our drive home that night Moira and I continued the conversation and we began to throw around a few ideas about what we personally could do to make a small dent for the better in our own community, if anything?

After a while the idea of a village lunch club came into our heads. It seemed to have many of the facets we were looking for. We could invite anybody who lived in the two villages; it could appeal to young and the not so young; it was not gender, wealth or politically biased and it might simply bring people together within a genuine community event. It also appeared to be something we felt we could lend our hands to.

That was the beginning – we took a decision. We came home and we made an arrangement to visit Karen, the vicar, to get an insight as to the “make up” of the village. We spoke to a number of friends and acquaintances and we researched the possibility of perhaps forming a Community Lunch Club.

Eventually we decided to give it a go and we set a number of 15 as the success bar for the initial number of guests.

We press-ganged Pauline into helping us, (we knew nothing of the workings of the Village Hall then, and even now we are still searching for the dish washer), and we opened our doors on that fateful Tuesday some 6 or 7 years ago, (we loose count).

The rest you know about. We continued to provide a Community Lunch every 6 – 8 weeks, (with the exception of the covid “lock-down” year of 2020), for never less than 32 villagers, a few events in excess of 50, and averaging more than 40+ over the years. We even managed a D Day centenary celebration lunch with more than 70 in attendance. Throughout that time, we have been lucky to have had the support of Pauline, Annika, Lexi and Dan and others, with fabulous flower arrangements on numerous occasions by Elizabeth and Diane; with table and chair disassembly's and removals by Charlie, along with countless other willing conscripts/contributors.

That is the journey then that has taken us to Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

We arrived on that day and did what we have always done. Having spent the previous week planning the menu – testing it on ourselves one evening for supper; getting out the emails and telephone calls; sifting the replies; shopping on Sunday; prepping and cooking all day Monday; then cooking and serving and washing up on Tuesday. On this occasion to more than 40 villagers.

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But this time, it was not quite the same. This time Moira delivered a different end of lunch announcement - this time would be the last time that we would present a Community Lunch. She spoke the announcement quietly, modestly, briefly and with genuine sadness. I tried to add a few words but failed miserably because I too realised how much this modest event had come to mean to us, what a lovely group of people we have been living amongst all these years and how lucky we are to share in such a community. Thanks to all who came along over the years and thanks to our terrific "backing group." It has been the best of times.

Moira and Don



*I was privileged to attend this last lunch and have been an occasional attendee over the years. I am sure I speak for many when I say how wonderful the Village Lunch Club has been; apart from the delicious food, the chance to meet, converse and generally chew the cud with other villagers has been exceptional. It will be missed, but our heartfelt thanks to Don, Moira and their extraordinary team. Ed*



## THE PLATINUM GARDEN PROJECT UPDATE

*It's two months since I last shared an update on the Platinum Garden Project and since then you will have seen some progress.*

- *The huge tree stump in the middle of the proposed lawn, has been ground down sufficiently to turf over it.*
- *The concrete path to the allotments has been extended and widened (and great it looks too!).*
- *The beds around the path have been edged in sleepers and are ready to be dug over, soiled up and planted.*
- *Our application for a National Garden Scheme Grant was rejected – they were inundated with applications.*

*So far, Andy Hoad and Kevin Robbins have supported all the manual effort with services bought in to remove the stump and lay the concrete. Thanks to them both and in particular to Andy who has been investing HUGE amounts of time and effort to get us to where we are. In preparing the path, he kept finding manhole covers which needed to be repaired and worked around. Looks so different now!*

*What's next? If Andy is happy to carry on digging (which he assures me he is!) then he will continue to dig out the ground for the hoggin picnic area – no small task! We have enough funds left for the hardcore and hoggin and St Filica members have kindly donated some funds which will buy us a bench. We will need volunteers (muscle required!) to help shift the hardcore and hoggin when the time is right.*

*We continue to look for other grant and funding options to keep up progress. If you would like to donate towards plants or a metre of turf or a picnic bench, we are in the process of setting up a JustGiving page which we will share as soon as we can– we would be grateful for anything you can spare – it all helps.*

*You now need  
photo ID to  
vote at a  
polling station*

Remember to take your photo ID when you vote on 4th May



## COMMUNITY LED PLAN

**H**UGE thanks to the 174 villagers who have so far visited the Community Led Plan (CLP) Discussion Website (with nearly 4000 page views), and particularly to the 25 visitors who have actually registered and posted their ideas, and commented on those of others...

*So do please keep visiting*

**[www.filkins.net](http://www.filkins.net)**

**& REGISTER & POST**

*“I can have an idea, but together we have a plan!”*



## Monthly meetings

**W**E don't just put on shows in the village hall, we also hold regular monthly (*usually last Friday*) meetings, when we read plays (*or whatever!*), and chat and drink wine.

*We welcome visitors, who can take part in the readings, or just enjoy the wine and chat!*

Here are some dates through the summer, and the names of the organisers. *Do please come.*

28th April: **R Martin & T Poole**

26th May: **Paul Molyneux**

23 June: **Lynne Savege**

28th July: **Charles & Avril Payne**

18th August: **Lorraine Chitty**

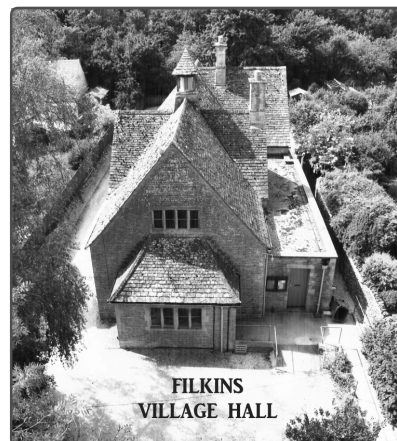
29th September: **Jane Martin**

*For more info, please contact*

**Richard Martin: 07713 636415**

**richard@naturalbest.co.uk**

## Our Village Hall



**T**HE next improvement phase at the hall is to install better ventilation in the kitchen.

If anyone has any further ideas about anything that will make our hall even better, do please let us know. *And, of course, do please consider hiring the Village Hall for your next party. Please contact:*

*Hire: [filkinsvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:filkinsvillagehall@gmail.com)*

*Ideas: [sue.yardley@gmail.com](mailto:sue.yardley@gmail.com)*



## 5ARC Summer Sportive Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

- Back after a 5 year break with three routes
  - 40km
  - 60km
  - 100km
- Start
  - 9am at the 5 Alls
- Finish
  - A few hours later for BBQ and entertainment
- Full details on the 5 Alls website or 5ARC facebook page
- Or ask Paul Floyd

## Wild Garlic Chicken Kiev

It's here again! Hurrah. It is so exciting to see the roadsides adorned with this wonderful wild garlic plant. I have several ways I use Wild Garlic.. in 2021 I gave the Quiche recipe, and indeed advised where to go to find the garlic\*.. if in doubt, check with neighbours if they have any or just go out around Eastleach and Southrop and you will find! This recipe is another of my favourites. \*Do make sure you know what you are looking for and don't pick anything inedible. A good test is the smell!

### **Ingredients (serves 4)**

4 skinless chicken breasts  
100g wild garlic butter (see below)  
50g plain flour, seasoned  
3 large eggs, beaten  
125g panko breadcrumbs or coarse dried breadcrumbs  
Handful of wild garlic leaves.  
Oil for frying



**Wild Garlic Butter** . (Freeze any left and cut off slices as you need them to enhance other food!)

250g unsalted butter.  
50g wild garlic leaves finely chopped.

To make butter, soften butter slightly, mash in a bowl with a little sea salt. Stir in the wild garlic. Using a piece of baking parchment, roll into a log shape. Twist ends of parchment to form a cracker and chill until needed

### **Kiev Method**

Slice a deep pocket into each chicken breast (insert a sharp knife into the side of the fillet and slice along but don't cut right through or to each end). If the fillet is very thick, flatten it slightly (cover with cling film and give it a light bash all over with a rolling pin). Fill the cavity of each fillet with 25g of the wild garlic butter, pushing the butter in as far as possible. Add a couple of extra leaves for more flavour).

Use 3 shallow bowls, fill 1 with the beaten eggs, 1 with breadcrumbs and 1 with flour. Dredge each fillet through the flour, then the egg, then lastly the breadcrumbs. Dip again into the egg, and again into the breadcrumb to get a good covering. Place on plate and chill for 1 hr.

When ready to cook/eat, heat oven to 180C/160 Fan/Gas 4. Fill a pan 2cm deep with oil. When oil is at a medium heat, fry the Kiev's for 2-3 minutes on each side till golden then transfer to a hot baking tray and pop in oven for 15 minutes or until cooked through. Try to position the Kiev's when cooking with the open side facing up as much as possible to stop the butter all oozing out.

Serve with lemon wedge and salad leaves.



Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	10 -11	3 - 5
Tuesday	10 -11	3 -5
Wednesday		3 -5
Thursday	10 -12	3 -5
Friday	10 -11	3 -5
Saturday	10 -11	3 -5
<b>Sunday</b>	11 -12	
01367 860 239		

The Village  
**Shop**



**Grey week**



Rubbish



Food waste

**Green week**



Recycling



Garden waste



Food waste

**Please note new Summer Opening times from May 1st**

*Do please join us at the Village Shop on Saturday 29th April from 10.00 -1.00 to celebrate the opening of the swimming pool and the official opening of the playground. Sausages, bacon rolls, tea and coffee will be on sale - do come!*

Don't forget we supply fresh fruit and veg as well as fish and bread on Thursday mornings from the local market. Do contact Lynn if you would like to be put on the mailing list [savegelynne@gmail.com](mailto:savegelynne@gmail.com)

Also Blakes sourdough, cinnamon buns and fresh croissant are available on Saturday mornings. Please pre order in the shop or contact Ann [choyceann@gmail.com](mailto:choyceann@gmail.com)

<https://filkins.org.uk/filkins-community-shop>

Green/recycling	grey/household
<b>No change for Bank Holiday</b>	
Friday 5 May	Friday 12 May
Friday 19 May	Friday 26 May