

# NEWSLETTER

## All the news from Filkins & Broughton Poggs

Hello everyone and a happy March to one and all. That felt a lot better than all that February nonsense, I'm sure. Anyway, we know it is March as not only is Spring erupting everywhere – our local verges are already a yellow and white riot of dancing flower heads – but as the magnificent seven on the noticeboard here shows things are starting to gear up in the Village. In addition to the (far from) usual beer festival and quiz and curry night (book early to avoid disappointment) this year we see the Carter Club ride again (?) and sundry jumble sales and other such events on the side. It's looking busy and with the Summer Ball looming large it is only going to get busier. One thing that is always good is to get out in the open air and in am indebted to Elaine for this month's walk; if you have a favourite stroll don't keep it to yourself – when asking yourself should I stay or should I go the answer is inevitably much clearer if there is a new bit of our countryside to explore.

With all this activity, there is always demand for willing hands so please do take advantage of the local career opportunities available at St Filica: those marquees don't put themselves up any more than the empties take themselves to the bin. (But it is honestly much more fun that I have just made it sound.)

Have a great March and see you again in April.

Paul

### Events for March

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| 2 March  | Carter Club (VH – see inside for details)      |
| 3 March  | Coffee Morning                                 |
| 4 March  | Bric-a-Brac Sale (VH – see inside for details) |
| 18 March | Jumble Sale (Langford VH)                      |
|          | Quiz & Curry Night (VH)                        |
| 24 March | Deadline for April Newsletter                  |
| 25 March | Theatre Club Play Reading (VH)                 |
| 1 April  | Filkins Beer Festival (VH)                     |

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## St Filica Society AGM

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> February. We had a good turnout and it was great to see some new faces. Welcome to the village! My apologies if anyone has arrived in the village and not received the Welcome booklet, I haven't been well for a few weeks and I am afraid things slipped. I did deliver some two weeks ago so hope everyone is covered; if not please contact me on [stfilica@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stfilica@hotmail.co.uk) and I will race one round to you. As is our raison d'etre the members agreed with our Treasurer, Mandy Scott, and we put £500 up for distribution. We had one bid in from the Village which was the Village Hall. All £500 was donated

to them to help with the replacing of the kitchen roof. We wish them luck with raising the rest of the money required. We had a quiet year last year but this year we have the black tie Summer Ball which is to be held on the paddock opposite the village hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The theme for this year will be "Last Days of the Raj", we will have a champagne/martini reception and 4 course meal. Tables will be of 10 or 12 people. If you wish to book a table or some tickets please let me know at the email above. They do go quickly!! As always we rely on volunteers so if you want to help us out whether it is maintenance on our shed or



setting up or clearing up after an event please contact our Vice Chair Debbie Law, she can be reached via the website as she is our "webmaster". Speaking of which, we are currently building our new website which will be more user friendly and work on mobile things beginning with an "i" or anything else; this should be live by the end of February. We hope you enjoy 2017 with us and look forward to seeing you at our events. Cris Hoad  
Chairman

## Church Notes

### **St Peters, Filkins EASTER SERVICE. 16th April**

with a Easter Egg hunt afterwards plus tea, coffee and cake also...

### **EASTER PICTURE COMPETITION:**

All ages and you can use any materials you like!

THEME: A picture that represents what you think Easter is about. Bring them along on Easter Sunday and see if your a winner! Contact Rev Karen for more

information 01367 860992.

### **Filkins dates for the diary.....**

#### **PET SERVICE MAY 28th**

All pets invited! If the creature is your pet then bring him/her along no exclusions apply! Be ready for some fun, laughter and chaos!

Please ring Rev Karen if you want any further information.

#### **MARCH 1st ASH WEDNESDAY LENT BEGINS.....**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES SERVICE WITH Holy Communion @ Shilton 7 pm.

Lent is a time for reflection, often people give something up they enjoy at Lent as part of their Lenten journey.

I would like to encourage you to consider taking time out of your day and spending 10 minutes on a daily reflection with The Society of Saint John the Evangelist. (SSJE.) You will find not just thoughts for the day but a Lent course you can study from the comfort of your living room!

WEBSITE: [ssje.org](http://ssje.org)

Rev Karen

# FIVE GO TO PROUGHTON BOGGS *Eva Blyton*

## Chapter Two

### ***Strange Meetings in the Fog!***

The fog was gradually getting thicker and the countryside began to look rather foreboding as the pony and trap was halted by the large man in tweed, he turned and addressed the five children and Kevin the dog in a gruff voice.

"This is as far as I go, follow the causeway and it will lead you to Proughton Boggs, but don't stray from the causeway as the marshes will swallow you up!"

The children alighted from the man's trap, the man shook Kevin off his leg and without further comment he and the trap disappeared into the fog...

"I say, shall I get out my torch?" asked lanetta.

Without waiting for a response from the other children lanetta plunged into her tool box, after removing several items, including a Black & Decker Work bench, a pneumatic drill and a Ford Transit van she found her torch and switched it on.

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

The five children and Kevin proceeded cautiously along the causeway, after some time they

heard a voice coming out of the fog; it appeared to be reciting Shakespeare's Mid-Summer Night's Dream..

Gradually a figure emerged; a very tall, muscular woman dressed in a fuchsia, wool, twin set and pearls.

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

"Hello children, my name is Jemima Sling-Back", said the woman in a surprisingly deep voice.

"If you follow the causeway you will soon arrive at Proughton Boggs, but beware the fog is getting much worse, so please do take the upmost of care"

As the woman spoke, Alana noticed that she had disproportionately large hands and feet.

"Rather" said Charles, the woman shook Kevin off her leg and the children continued on their way.

After a short while another figure began to emerge from the fog, it was a young girl dressed in a matching Nordic wool pullover and hat, her hair was tightly woven into plaits

that travelled in an upward semi-circular direction from her head. She had several loaves of bread under each of her arms.

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

"The girl responded "Hurdy gerdy, gurdy herdy, marsh will swallow you up, gerdy hurdy, herdy gurdy".

"I say, I think this girl must be Swedish" exclaimed lanetta, who was clearly quite smitten by the girl.

At this the girl turned and pointed in the direction she had just come from and said "Gerdy hurdy, gurdy herdy, you numpties" and carried on her way.

"Tally ho" said Andrew excitedly, "almost there"

***To be continued.....***

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

### **The Filkins Beer Festival**

**1st April 2017**

**Filkins Village Hall**

**£7.30pm**

# Six Go to the Cotswold Water Park

**The return of our occasional column detailing local walks. I am deeply indebted to Elaine et al for the contribution. Ed**

On a glorious sunny morning, six of us set off on a walk around the Cotswold Water Park. Parking at the Gateway Centre it suddenly decided to rain heavily. Though it was no more than a five minute deluge, it was not something the weather forecast had suggested we needed to worry about.

Fortunately, by the time we were ready to set off the sun came out again.

We followed Walk 1 on the 'Walks Guide', a circular walk that follows the towpath along the Thames and Severn Canal to Cerney Wick. Unfortunately, the recent rain had rendered the path rather treacherous so we had to be very careful: one slip and it was in the canal, the other side the bushes!

Arriving at the round house and lock, we turned right past the pub and over the stile into the field where one poor sole ended up with a soggy boot-full, trying to keep out of the mud while continuing along the edge of the Cotswold Sailing Club.

Turning right onto the old railway track and Sustrans National Cycle Route 451 was where we made

our mistake: all I will say is mud glorious mud! It was so muddy that four of us with walking boots were edging sideways, clinging to a wire mesh fence, whilst the wellies slowly sank in the mud (good job no one had a camera handy!) at which point we decided to turn around and retrace our steps, carefully, back to the old railway track!

After a slight detour, we arrived back into the Cotswold Pillars Hotel grounds and back to our cars at the Gateway Centre, rather a seriously muddy group!

We had a lovely, well earned healthy lunch in the Gateway Centre.

This walk takes approximately an hour and a half and is 5km. There is a slightly shorter walk of approximately 45 minutes or a longer one, taking in the National Nature Reserve of around two and a half hours.

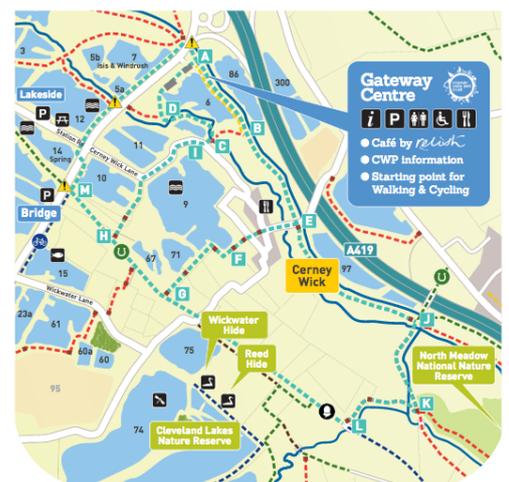
At the end of the day, I think we all enjoyed it, muddy boots and all! I am sure the Walk would be stunning in the spring /

summer, plenty of wild life, flora and fauna.

Elaine

**paths, train tracks and water meadow.**

easy amble south along the old Thames and Severn canal towpath, then following the route back northwards up the route of the Swindon to Cirencester railway. For a longer walk follow the tow path down to North Meadow, a National Nature Reserve where the largest population of the purple snakeshead fritillaries in the UK abound in early Spring, and walk across lush green meadows by the banks of the Thames.



## Village Hall Lottery

The winner of February's £40 prize is Alastair New

## For Sale

Land Rover car dog guard  
&  
Mamma and Pappa's travel cot

Call Rev Karen  
01367 860992.

The Inaugural meeting  
**CARTER CLUB**

*From time to time*

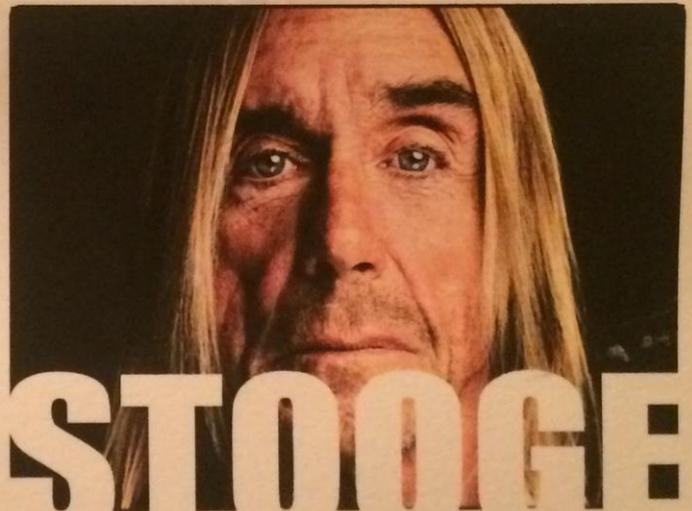
**Filkins Village Hall**

*8pm on Thursday 2nd March*

**No admission charge, pay bar**

**F**ILKINS' very own Mr R. Pargiter professes to a certain undying admiration for Mr I. Pop, and urges us to come swim with him in the Sea of Love.

*Will All Right Productions  
Dir: Madeleine Farley*



**STOOGES**

**TWO FILMS... THE SAME QUEST**



**LAUREL & HARDY in WAY OUT WEST**

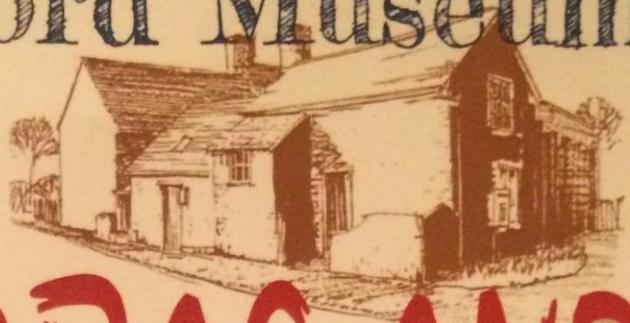
Mr Stan Laurel & Mr Oliver Hardy

**WAY OUT WEST**

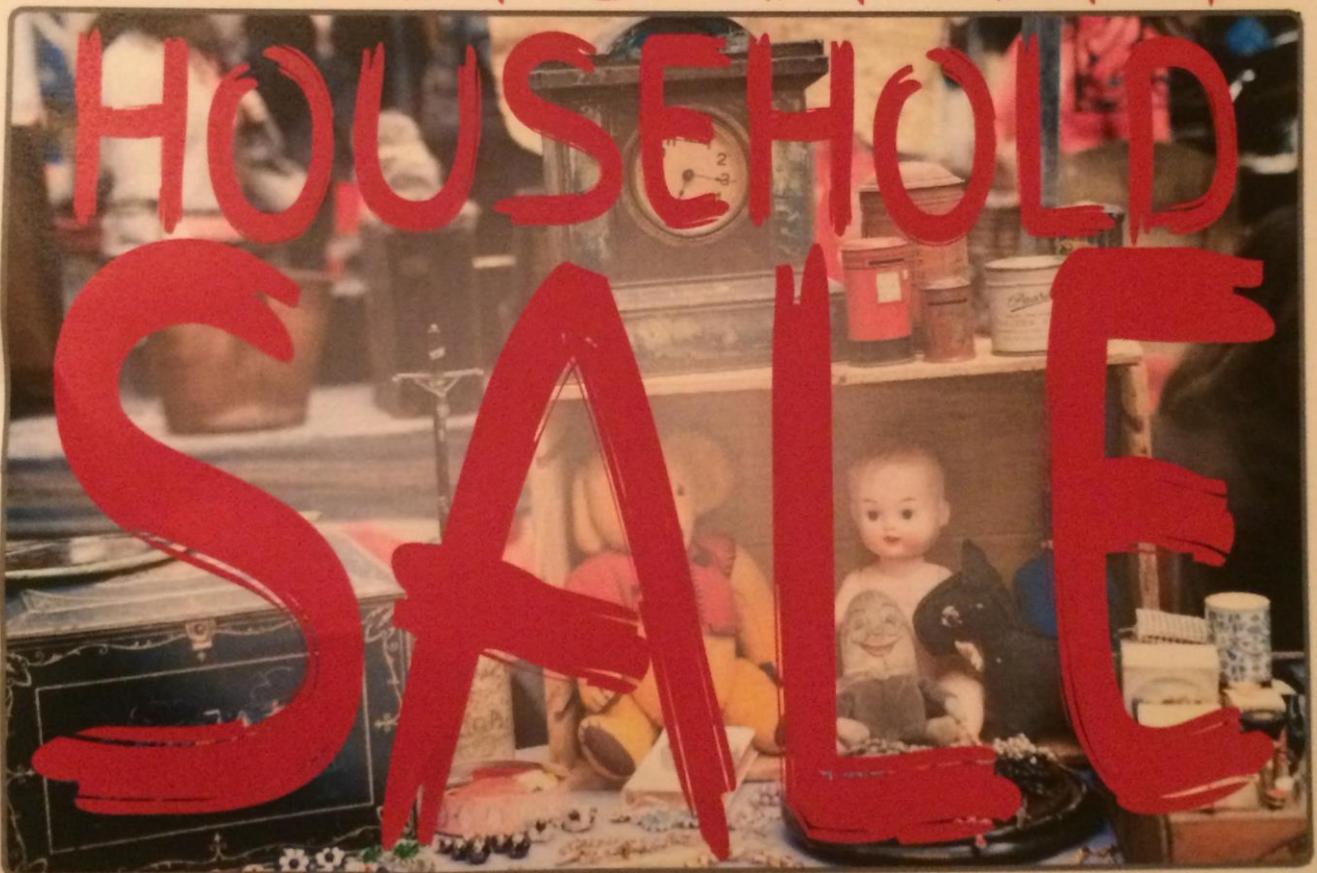
**8**0 YEARS OLD, and still no one soft-shoe shuffles like our boys in the bowler hats. Will Mary Roberts get her deed? Will Olly get in another fine mess?

ring 0771 3636 415, or number coming to club@naturalbest.co.uk

# The Swinford Museum FILKINS



## BRIC-A-BRAC AND



## Filkins Village Hall

10am to Noon, Saturday 4th March

Sale proceeds to Swinford Museum. Tea & cakes provided by church flower arrangers towards flower costs.

More info, telephone 01367 860504

# Pizza!



orange packet, find flours, lower shelf!

## Method: Making the dough

1. Mix the flour, yeast and salt together in a large mixing bowl and stir in the olive oil and milk. Gradually add the water mixing well to form a soft dough

2. Turn the dough out on to a floured work surface and knead for 5 minutes, until smooth and elastic. Transfer to a clean bowl – which has been lightly coated in oil – and cover with cling film. Leave to rise for 1½ hours until doubled in size.

3. When the dough has risen, knock it back, then knead again for another 5 minutes until smooth. Put it back in the bowl and cover with cling film for another hour until risen again. Leaving the dough longer (even 5-6 hours) after the second knead is ok. \*

## When ready to cook

- Preheat the oven to its highest setting.
- Divide the dough into 4-6 balls, depending how thin you like your base, and roll out as many as you require on a floured surface before placing on a lightly oiled pizza stone or lightly oiled metal pizza tray. (This mix will make 5 x 12" really

light, thin crust pizzas!)

- Spread some passata over each base with the back of a spoon, not quite right to the edge.
- Add slices of cheese evenly over the pizza. Beyond the margarita toppings, the rest are up to you, although anything 'antipasti' like olives, capers, artichokes, spinach etc., it is advisable to add after baking so they don't dry up during cooking.
- Bake for 10-12 minutes until the edges are crisp and golden brown and the cheese has melted.

TIP Make the dough in the morning for a perfect evening pizza! Children enjoy helping with this one.

\* You can freeze the dough after Step 3. Divide into the number of balls you require and wrap each one in cling film. Defrost overnight in the fridge before proceeding with the recipe.

Oh, and for the record, my favourite is masses of cheese on top of the passata, then topped with at least one tin (drained) of tuna chunks. sprinkle with smoked Pepper from the Upton Smokery... heaven!

*Note that although simple, this is a recipe that needs a bit of time/planning! Try pre-cooking any toppings that will need longer than the dough.*

The great thing about pizza is its versatility and if we all agree that the focus is the really the base (and it is) then what you put on it is up to you. Thanks to Charlotte Spencer (nee McDonald) for the inspiration here!

Serves 4 – 6 depending on how big you make 'em

## Ingredients – for the dough mix

- 650g '00' Flour (strong white flour) \*
- 7g sachet of easy-blend yeast
- 2 tsp salt
- 25ml olive oil
- 50ml warm milk
- 325ml warm water

## Ingredients – for the toppings

Passata

- Cheese/s of your choice (Mozzarella, cheddar, stilton....)
- Mushrooms, cooked ham, sweetcorn, pepperoni, fried egg, spinach, BBQ chicken, pineapple...anything goes but less is usually more.

\* available in Morrison's – small

Debbie

# Community Poppies (2018)

Next year in 2018 marks the anniversary for the end of the First World War. Inspired by the display of poppies at Chelsea Flower Show we are aiming to mark this anniversary at Filkins Museum with our own poppy display.

To date and thanks to the help of many kind people both in the villages of Filkins and Broughton Poggs and beyond, we have made between 80 and 100 poppies. The poppies are so far knitted, crocheted or made in felt and the pattern is easy for any ability. They measure approximately 10cm across and one of the patterns can be downloaded from "Poppy patterns-5000 [Poppies-Wordpress.com](http://Poppies-Wordpress.com)" and follow the link to "Lynn & Lorraine's easy patterns" or try one of the other patterns. We are not aiming for all the poppies to look the same.

We would like this to be a community project and put up a lovely display in the museum so we require lots and lots of poppies to be made before the end of this year, giving us time to sew them all together before March 2018. We will incorporate the names of the 16 residents who died from our villages in the First World War.

If you feel you would like to join this project in any way – knitting, crocheting, sewing or



with ideas – we would be delighted to hear from you.

Allison Swales ([allisonjswales@gmail.com](mailto:allisonjswales@gmail.com) or 860394) and Diane Blackett ([r.d.blackett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:r.d.blackett@hotmail.co.uk) or 860504)

## Coffee Morning

**1st Friday of each month, 10.30-12 noon**

**Next Coffee Morning, Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

Everyone welcome, come along and join the party! Coffee, tea and plenty of cakes as well as a good choice of reading books are on offer.

Elaine

**Saturday 18th March**

**JUMBLE SALE**

**2.00 pm**  
**Free Entry**  
**AT**

**LANGFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Good Quality Items  
Bric-a-Brac, Book, Cake Stall etc.  
Raffle & Refreshments

Hall open 6-7pm Friday 17th to accept goods.

Contact Doreen (01367) 860060 or Janet 860509  
Proceeds Split between Langford Village Hall  
& St. Matthew's Church - Langford



ST.FILICA INVITES YOU TO THE...

# QUIZ & CURRY

7.30PM SAT 18th Mar  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS **£15.00** TEAMS OF UP TO **8**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CRIS HOAD  
ALL PROCEEDS TO THE ST FILICA SOCIETY

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CRIS HOAD **860388**  
CRISHOAD@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

## Strictly Filkins

Learn to dance like a pro! Ballroom dancing classes in the Village Hall, Mondays at 7.30pm. All welcome – from Ed to Len and all between! For more details contact Karen at [ktodner@kaimtodner.com](mailto:ktodner@kaimtodner.com)



### 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)



"The Filkins & Broughton Poggs Beer Festival, another successful event bravely supported by St Filica".....

# Village Matters



## Bin Collection

Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Garden Bins
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Household Bins
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Garden Bins
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Household Bins
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Garden Bins

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	9-12.30	1-5
Tuesday	8.30-12.30	Closed
Wednesday	Closed	Closed
Thursday	9-12.30	Closed
Friday	Closed	1.30-4.30



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Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	10 - 12	3.00 – 5.00
Tuesday	10 - 12	3.00 – 5.00
Wednesday	-	3.00 – 5.00
Thursday	10 - 12	3.00 – 5.00
Friday	-	3.00 – 5.00
Saturday	9 - 11	3.00 – 5.00
Sunday	-	-



Volunteers always needed.

Please phone 860239

## SURGERY AND HOSPITAL 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, Cheltenham 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 Woodford.