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NEWSLETTER

June

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4 & 18 June Museum Open
14 June Parish Council Meeting -Village Hall
25 June Village Bowls Day
26 June Fish & Chip van
26 June Deadline for July copy

Perhaps not 'flaming' yet but June is on the way and we are having some pleasant weather right now. Last month saw the crowning our new King, Charles III with a great 'Big Lunch' celebration on the kickabout field, live music, wonderful food and I believe the Bar ran dry!

The swimming pool and refurbished playground was opened on Saturday 29th April by Robert Courts, our local MP for Witney to the delight of the children, see reports inside. Our resident chef Debbie is taking a break till next month. Ed.



Saturday 19th August 2023

Filkins Village Hall, 2.30-4.15pm

**Schedules now available from the Village Shop, Cotswold Woollen Weavers Coffee Shop
or**

Jane Martin, Inns Cottage

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY June Winner: Rachel Lawrence

Congratulations & thank you for support. Enjoy the sunshine, the longest day is coming!

Many thanks, Pauline Care
01367 860969



THE CHURCHES OF ST PETER BROUGHTON POGGS CUM FILKINS

SERVICES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE – FILKINS

6.00PM – EVENSONG

SUNDAY 25TH JUNE – BROUGHTON POGGS

10.30 AM - HOLY COMMUNION & BAPTISM

A slight change this month to our usual summer service routine – June's Evensong will be on the second Sunday in the month as usual, but at Filkins and **NOT** at Broughton Poggs. This is so we can hold a special Baptism at Broughton Poggs as part of a morning Communion service, on the fourth Sunday. Do please come along to support the family and take part in the service, the latest Baptism at Broughton Poggs in an unbroken line going back to the 1100s. Normal services will be resumed for July!

ANNUAL VESTRY AND PARISH CHURCH MEETINGS

Many thanks to all who came along to the Vestry and APCM meetings on May 15th – it was wonderful to see so many of you there, your support is deeply appreciated. During the meeting Gill and Charlie were returned as Churchwardens for the coming year, with all members of the PCC also continuing. We are also delighted to welcome Jennifer Rooke as a new member of the PCC – thank you Jennifer, you can now officially tell us how to ring the bells properly!

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME TEAS AND CORONATION FLOWERS

A big 'thank you' to all Gill's volunteer army who baked, served and set up tables for NGS Open Gardens Sunday. Thanks to your sterling efforts the sum of £884 was raised, which will as usual go towards the upkeep of both Churches. And also to our amazing and dedicated team of flower arrangers, who decorated both churches so magnificently for NGS visitors and also for the Coronation. It is always nice to hear visitors comment on what a very special village and community this is.

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Filkins & Broughton Poggs Gardening Club



The Garden Club has been very active in the month of May visiting the lovely garden at Westwell where Simon the gardener gave us a tour and the Kingham Sculpture exhibition. We are grateful to members Susan Moore and Allison and Brian Swales for organising the same.

In addition members have visited events by One Planet Clanfield including the Wild Flower talk and the Plant swap event.

Next month we are looking forward to visiting Ilford Manor and Broughton Castle, then later in the month we have our Village Garden Safari and a visit to Goodfellows Garden at the kind invitation of Jules Morley.



Westwell Gardens



The John Lennon Eye



Kingham Pond

We hope you have seen that the Garden Club has now completed the border outside the Village Shop, with a mulch spread over to prevent the weeds growing through and to retain as much moisture as possible. The plants have taken well but will take a year or so to reach its full potential. Alison and Brian are to be congratulated on maintaining the tub outside the village hall which looked particularly lovely for the NGS gardens open day.

Tips for June

There is still time early in the month to plant French Beans, courgette and squash. Plant tomatoes out up to the first leaves. Stake peppers, chillies and aubergines. 'Bee' kind to our pollinators and try and leave some wilder habitats for them to flourish

If you wish to join the Gardening Club contact our membership coordinator Julie Tridgell julietridgell@outlook.com

Happy Gardening to all ! Lorraine Chitty

SWINFORD MUSEUM



The season is going well with the museum and already we have had many visitors. We have a couple of groups booked to visit and by the time you read this the Giles family will have visited the village so I will be reporting on this in the next newsletter.

I am still transcribing interviews Dorothy Wise had with George Swinford and at one point he describes how his father enjoyed growing auriculas:-

'I tell you one flower especially me father grew and that was the auricular but he used to call them 'baggers'. This is because the plant was brought back from France and the French called them baggers. Me father used to have them in old pots around the top of the well. He was always looking at them and talking to um, he thought the world of um. I still have one root now.'

Now low and behold I learn that there is an auricular named after George which is pictured below:



It is known as *George Swinford's leathercoat*. I managed to purchase three plants and they are on display in the museum, nicely set in their 'theatre'. As they say 'if it good enough for Sissinghurst Castle, it is good enough for Filkins'. In fact they happen to have a theatre at Westwell Manor which we saw when the gardening club visited last week.

Happy gardening and hopefully we will see you either 4th June or the 18th June.

Diane Blackett.

Summary of Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meeting 15 May 2023

- Chair gave a summary of the year and the projects that have been achieved and are ongoing. Thanks were given to Kym Ford for her time as Councillor and Chair.
- A talk was given by Carol Mackay from OCC on Emergency Plans and making sure vulnerable residents were registered to receive extra help during power outages or water stoppages. We will be pursuing the Emergency Plan for our villages.
- Richard Martin also attended and updated the meeting on the CLP – comments are welcome on the CLP website.

APCM

- Our new Council took their places at the Annual Parish Council meeting- Richard Howe, Kevin Robbins, Roland Jones, Stephen Evans, Andy McIntyre, Noelle Walsh. Andy and Stephen were welcomed as new Councillors.
- Councillor Richard Howe was voted as Chairman and Roland Jones as Vice Chair
- Work continues in the Platinum Garden. The next step will be levelling the area for laying the hardcore and hoggin areas. Please let them know if you can help with some digging! The committee are asking for donations so if you would like to contribute please contact Rosie Howe
- Kick about field- new fence to be erected in June and the power cable to be extended, pump house roof will also be renewed.
- If you have any queries or want to ask the Council a question please contact the Clerk Cris Hoad 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.
- **Meetings will be back to our usual schedule on 2nd Wednesday of each month – 14 June 7.30pm in Village Hall Committee Room**

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



SUNDAY 23RD APRIL

Gardeners anxiously watched the weather forecasts in the week leading up to Open Gardens on St George's Day and spirits lowered as rain was forecast for the day.

However the Gods were kind; the sun appeared at regular intervals and just as numbers were thinning out around 5pm it did start to rain. We had a total of 276 visitors and many return year after year as they enjoy seeing how the gardens develop during the different seasons. So, including donations, we raised £2,352 for the NGS.

Thanks are due to so many people but especially those who open their gardens and tend the Allotments as without so many dedicated gardeners there would be no opening. Pauline Care deserves a special mention having raised £100 from the sale of plants and jellies at her garden.

Visitors were able to wander around freely due to the wonderful team of car park marshalls at Hardcastle's field who kept the village free of almost 100 cars. Thanks to them and the Parish Council for allowing it to be used and particularly to Dave Heslam who marked it out and briefed the marshalls.

No visit to view the gardens would be complete without a visit to the Village Hall to have tea and eat yummy cakes. This was organised again by Gill Allison and her team of bakers and helpers raised a massive £840 for the two churches. A big thank you to all of them.

One of the benefits of such an early opening is that we have the rest of the year to relax and enjoy our gardens.....until the planning for 2024.

Huge thanks to everyone concerned for making this yet another successful opening.

The Platinum Garden—a big thank you

Just a note this month to say a big THANK YOU to all of you who kindly donated to the Platinum Garden whilst at the playground opening and the Coronation Big Lunch. In all we raised £445 plus some gift aid still to come. This will go a long way to cover some initial planting AND help ensure we get the hoggin area finished.

We are still trying to sort a JustGiving site but have been held back by ongoing technical issues. We will let you know when this is sorted as some of you have expressed a wish to contribute. In the coming few weeks, we will progress with digging the new beds and organising the plants. We are also reviewing the design to bring costs back in – more to follow next month. If you have any ideas or wish to be added to the list of helpers, then please kindly email me.

Thank you again for your support! Rosie Howe rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com



The opening of the refurbished playground on 29th April by Robert Courts, MP for Witney, the swimming pool was also opened that day



AS YOU LIKE IT

Come and enjoy a frolic on the Paddock (opposite *Filkins Village Hall*) as Filkins Theatre put on a staged reading of Mr Shakespeare's play at 6.30pm on Saturday 1st July.
Anything can happen in The Forest

Tickets, at £7, are available from Filkins Shop,
and from Cotswold Woollen Weavers.
Information and bookings: 07713 636415.
*There will be refreshments (paybar).
You are welcome to bring a picnic from 5pm.*



FILKINS THEATRE



Filkins Theatre are staging another rehearsed reading on Saturday July 1st at 6.30 pm in The Paddock. This year it's an adaptation for our Filkins audience of Shakespeare's delightful comedy *As You Like It*. Come at 5 if you wish and bring a picnic.

It's a romantic comedy full of wit, sentiment, intrigue and love with arguably the best female role in Shakespeare.

Rosalind is a refugee. She and her best friend Celia are banished from Court and they journey into exile where she catches the eye of love-struck

Orlando, another exile. The action takes place in the very alternative and

libertarian Forest of Filkins where the refugees are compassionately received and welcomed.

There is plenty of cross-dressing, gender confusion, erotic entanglements, chance affairs, matchmaking plus love and music amidst the trees. There are also some of Shakespeare's best lines. There's much about making the best of life when you have been dealt a bad hand. Oh and there's also family reconciliation.

Over the years FT has undertaken many summer rehearsed readings and they really are well received. Although actors perform with a script, the

audiences invariably report that they don't notice these when actors are in costume, familiar with the lines and well rehearsed.

So please come again or come and try us out if it's your first time. Please don't be put off because it's Shakespeare. He wrote for everyone and discusses all human experience. We make sure the audience is not lost in ancient language but entertained with modern interpretation and

setting. We don't utter lines that neither we nor the audience will understand. Filkins Theatre will provide you with a great summer evening

entertainment from our genius of live theatre, William Shakespeare.



FILKINS BOWLS CLUB

Village Club Day “Let’s Roll” on Sunday 25th 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 18th 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 24th 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 25th!

For further information and entries please contact

Filkins Bowls Club Secretary Annika Hansen

Phone: 07775 093484 Email: filkinsbowlsclub@gmail.com



**Jolly Coronation Japes,
a great time was had by all**





FIRST SPLASH! Our man Kevin and Robert Courts



FIRST MAN IN!! (mad but he did jump out pretty quickly)



THE FILKINS & BROUGHTON POGGS COMMUNITY LED PLAN

... and thank you to those who voted for me in the CLP election. RM

SOME excellent posts continue to rumble in at www.filkins.net and we are grateful to those villagers who have already signed in, and posted their ideas and comments.

No one can be sure what the future will bring, but it does appear that those villages that take a collective view, especially via a CLP, are more likely to see things happen that they like...
... Or at any rate don't see things happen that they dislike!

So, if you have signed in, and posted and commented already, do please return and say more. And if you haven't already signed in... Do please consider doing so.

It's your village too, and your voice counts... But only if you make it count!

As well as the discussion page, you can now see, and read easily, all the posts and comments on the 'data' page, which is updated periodically.

Thank you from the CLP Group.

OPEN MEETING

On Sunday 2nd July, from 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall, there will be an opportunity to meet and discuss all of the ideas with the CLP Group, and each other.

Do, please, come along.

AND, IN THE MEANWHILE

Please keep visiting
www.filkins.net

& SIGN IN & POST

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

Langford Arts Festival Returns Bigger Than Ever



The Langford Arts Festival returns on the weekend of Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th June 2023, bigger than ever, with record 65 artists onboard, a new sculpture garden and even more activities for visitors to try ranging from water colour, acrylic and oil paintings, prints and photography through to sculpture, glass, jewellery and pottery. There will be something to suit any budget; works from sought after artists for collectors, through to pieces for people who just want to find something special for their home.

The Festival is taking place in five key locations in Langford. St Matthew's Church is where all the 2D work will be displayed and sold. There will also be a sculpture garden and a display of 3D art at Pember Thatch, a photographic exhibition in the village hall and an entire art in action pavilion at The Grange.

The art in action pavilion is for people who want to 'have a go' at an art activity. The activities will include a blacksmith offering metalwork taster sessions, a potter's wheel, painting simple watercolour cards, making paper clay decorations, nature collage creating and mandala pebble decorating.

With light lunches and afternoon teas being served in the village hall, and Breakfast Butties at the free car park, Langford Arts Festival will provide the perfect day out for both families and serious art enthusiasts. So do join us!

The Festival runs from 11am- 5pm throughout the weekend, finishing on Sunday 11th June 2023. Entry is free.

To find out more about visiting or exhibiting visit www.langfordartsfestival.co.uk



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
Sunday	11 -12	
	01367 860 239	

The Village Shop



Grey week



Rubbish



Food waste

Green week



Recycling



Garden waste



Food waste

The pool is open, summer is coming and the shop has a wide range of ice cream and lollies for all, PLUS Kelmscott sausages and burgers for the bar b que

Tempting home bakes on Mondays

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 savegelynn@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

Do come and support your local village shop

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

Green/recycling

grey/household

Friday 2 June

Friday 16 June

Friday 30 June

Friday 9 June

Friday 23 June