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NEWSLETTER

JULY

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01 July As You Like It - Filkins Theatre
12 July Parish Council meeting
25 July Deadline for July copy
31 July Fish & Chip van

Well tropical heatwaves or what? Higher temperatures experienced in Filkins than parts of Spain! Brilliant for those who like it, great for spectacles such as Royal Ascot and Wimbledon and members of Filkins Swimming Pool but somewhat trying I imagine for those working and commuting full time, not too clever for our gardens either - will we have a hosepipe ban in the near future?

If you receive this before the end of the month, please don't forget the Filkins Theatre version of **As You Like It** on Saturday 1st (tickets from the Shop or Cotswold Woollen Weavers). This rehearsed reading is bound to be another fun filled production.

Speaking personally June and July seem to be pretty full of events, all actually made better by the sunshine, beginning with the above and then another Filkins Bowls Gala on Sunday 9th when visiting teams will play for the Denis Constable Memorial Trophy. Denis was a great Filkins character, still much missed. So do come along and watch. Ed.

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

Congratulations to July winner: Shelly Young

The village hall is a great space for parties and family get togethers – we continue to improve the building inside and out and the lottery is a great fund raiser for us.

Many thanks, Pauline Care
01367 860969



THE CHURCHES OF ST PETER BROUGHTON POGGS CUM FILKINS

SERVICES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 9TH JULY– BROUGHTON POGGS

6.00PM – EVENSONG

SUNDAY 23RD JULY– FILKINS

10.30 AM - HOLY COMMUNION

Here we are, back with the usual pattern for services, hoping that last month's variations haven't caused too much confusion. On 25th June folk in Broughton Poggs were somewhat surprised by a church bell tolling on a Sunday morning, as services there are usually in the evening. But all was well for a special service - a baptism. Little Cressida Ford was baptised on a beautiful June morning, the first baptism in Broughton Poggs for many years and it was a very happy occasion. It's quite something to imagine all the baptisms at that font over the centuries.

Onario Trio Concert

Remember to put Saturday 16th September in your diary, the very successful Onario Trio be returning for another stunning concert in Filkins Church

Rector

Reverend Harry MacInnes 01993 845954
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Associate Vicar

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For details of all services in the Benefice see: www.svbb.org.uk

Filkins & Broughton Poggs Gardening Club



We've been so busy! Action packed June started with an outing to Iford Manor Garden in Bradford-on-Avon. Our thanks to Theo Hodges for organising this gem – when mentioned to Theo on the morning of the trip that the weather not being as forecast, Theo replied 'don't worry it will be sunny in Bradford on Avon' and sure enough she even managed to arrange that!

We were lucky to receive the most illuminating, interesting and informative talk from the current owner, William Cartwright Highnett, who has been restoring the garden since 1965 to its original design from the Edwardian era. What an achievement and endeavour of passion!

Hard to follow that trip - but the following week, Theo had another one organised – this time at Broughton Castle near Banbury. Broughton Castle is a moated and fortified Manor House originally built in 1306. It is the home of the Fiennes family who have been resident there since 1447. For many years it has been the home of 21st Lord and Lady Saye & Sele. We enjoyed a private tour inside and out – steeped in so much history and yet still exuding such family-home intimacy and comfort. Thank you again, Theo!



And down to earth on Friday 16th with a garden safari of some of our own members gardens – 5 gardens in all, all beautiful, each with their own character and reaping the rewards of tender care and hard work. They were all in relatively close proximity, so we had a gentle stroll in the glorious sunshine ending up with tea, Pimms and glorious cakes at Farmington House – thank you to all who opened their gardens and for Freda and team for the teas in her garden!



I would give you some hints and tips for jobs in July, but fear I have run out of room – but you know what to do – sit in the garden as oft as possible, occasionally feed it, water it as needed, breathe in the scented blooms as you go, and deadhead, deadhead, deadhead! Keep those flowers coming!

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).

Rosie

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SWINFORD MUSEUM

It is hard to believe we are half way through the season so we are starting to think about next year's exhibitions. 2024 will be eighty years since D-Day so we will be covering the topic with a view to the part the residents of Filkins and Broughton Poggs played. If you have any stories to tell us in connection to D-Day then please contact us.

The Giles family came to the village and enjoyed being in their ancestral home. They met long lost cousins but sadly we just could not discover the connection with the Filkins' Giles and the Carterton ones, the research continues! Pauline kept them all fortified with tea and coffee while they chatted and Allison assisted with the family trees. Thank you to them all for helping to make the visitors feel welcome.

Please don't forget to visit the museum if you haven't already, to see the various objects George carved during his lifetime. We will be open the 2nd and 15th August from 2.00 pm, so don't miss out.

Diane Blackett



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

Summary of Parish Council Meeting 14 June 2023

- Botley Road Oxford will remain closed until October 23. It will then be closed again from April – October 2024 while the bridge works are completed
- Platinum Garden is progressing – we are waiting for Matt Simpson to complete some ground works.
- Taylors Close – Kickabout field – awaiting Matt Simpson to replace the fence
- 2 street lights are due to be replaced and then we will have one left to finish. These are more energy efficient and will save money on electric and maintenances as well as producing clearer light.
- **ROAD CLOSURE** – Rouses Lane 14-18 August 24 hrs a day. We are trying to get more details of this and will inform everyone affected.
- 2022/23 audit has been completed. Thanks to Mary Bohm as Internal Auditor this year. Unaudited accounts are on the website.
- 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.
- **Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 12 July at 7.30pm in Filkins 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



Filkins & Broughton Poggs Community Speedwatch

Hi All, I am pleased to say that I have set up a small community group with TVP (Tames Valley Police) and in time looking at expanding around Filkins and Broughton Poggs.

We at present are looking for help with the funding for the basic equipment to get started, if anyone has any information or would like to donate to the group or would like to know more about the group, please feel free to email me.

lee-avery@live.co.uk

Lee Avery Co-ordinator



WANTED TO RENT

Garage or similar, covered/secure storage for one car, in or near Filkins. We are flexible on terms and duration. Please call 07766 365094 for a friendly chat about what might work.



FILKINS BOWLS CLUB

Village Club Day "Let's Roll" on 25th June

Under a burning sun 12 teams representing various village clubs and individuals met on the bowls green for what proved to be a fun if rather warm morning. Having chosen two suitable bowls each, weight, size and feel being important, 4 teams at a time competed with instruction given by Filkins Bowls Club members and expert advice and tuition offered by our green keeper and excellent bowler Mick. There was certainly some raw talent on show, if only those people would consider joining our club we would be a force to be reckoned with! After three rounds lunch was served, the bar was open and the raffle was drawn.

The outright winners were Ann and Julian Choyce, representing Our Village Shop. They were presented with a bottle of frizzante by our Captain Robert and every participant received a Filkins Bowls Club rosette.

It seemed everyone had a good time and it is felt that this could become an annual event.





Worthy winners, Julian & Ann Choyce



Rosettes for all!

I don't really know either, but I'm sure it will be jolly good fun!

FT presents an...

AUGUST RAUCOUS

Wine, canapés, conversation
& gentle, audience-participatory 'entertainment'
from 5.30pm on Sunday 6th August
In the courtyard at Cotswold Woollen Weavers, FILKINS

Taking part is not obligatory!

Please tel / text 07713 636415 for more info
Tickets: £8 from CWW & Filkins Shop

Please
buy
your
tickets
NOW

Once again, it's time for:
'An August Raucous'

Which is more or less a chance to come and enjoy drinks and canapés together... And take part in, or just watch (*entirely at your choice*) short entertainments: *poems, jokes, songs & japes.*

It worked rather well last year, so we thought we'd have another go, and at £8 to include drinks and canapés & entertainment...

What's not to like?

Please do come.

More info from: **07713 636415**
& **richard@naturalbest.co.uk**

The Platinum Garden Project

Progress continues in the Platinum Garden, and we are moving on with the hoggin picnic area and preparing the initial planting in the two beds created. For those who kindly donated toward specific plants, these will be included, and I have them noted! We are reviewing the design in the lawn area beyond the picnic spot to assess alternatives which may give a more relaxed and potentially biodiverse approach.

We are also rehoming a walnut tree which has self-seeded in the kickabout field and needs a new abode.

At last, we have a JustGiving page set up – the link and QR are here below – if you wish to donate, every pound will be very much appreciated! Thank you! 😊

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/filkins-platinum-garden>

If you would like to support us with a helping hand or plant donations, then please email rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com.



Tree Guardians Needed



Are you looking to become involved in county-wide tree planting and guardianship?

We've planted trees in every parish in Oxfordshire and we would love **YOUR** help to care for them!

Help water community trees!



- Approximately one watering can (10 litres) a day. In drought conditions up to two cans (20 litres) may be required
- Water early morning or late evening to avoid water loss
- Bath, washing up or rainwater can be used
- Avoid watering leaves and greenery



To sign up as a volunteer, seek advice, & find your local tree, email:

tree.planting@oxfordshire.org.uk

Our lovely chef Debbie is back this month with this delicious sounding pudding. Ed.

Fresh Filled Peaches

The perfect time of year for this very tasty but simple dessert. Delicious served with cream or ice cream.



Ingredients (serves 4)

4 ripe peaches
300ml water
80g sugar

For the filling:

100g Amaretti Biscuits
1 tbsp cream or full fat milk
1 tsp chocolate powder
½ tsp cornflour
1 small egg, beaten.

Method

Heat oven to 200 degrees C.

1. Rinse peaches, cut in half and carefully remove the stone from each. Heat the water and sugar in a small pan, stirring until the sugar has dissolved. When simmering, add the peaches and cover the pan and simmer for 15 minutes to soften. Use a slotted spoon to remove the peach halves from the pan and leave to cool. Once cooled, gently remove the skins.

2. Crush the amaretti biscuits and mix in a bowl with the cream, chocolate powder, cornflour. Add beaten egg. Mix thoroughly.

3. Place the skinned peach halves cut side up in a greased oven proof shallow dish.

Divide the amaretti mix between the 8 peach halves spreading it over the surface.

4. Bake for 15 minutes in the oven, then allow to cool for a little while before serving with the cream or ice cream.

Chefs Note: these can be made using tinned peach halves if you are in a hurry – just cut out step 1.



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 here 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 30 June

Friday 7 July

Friday 14 July

Friday 21 July

Friday 28 July

Friday 4 August