

NEWSLETTER



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06 August

August Raucous

19 August

F & BP Produce Show

24 August

Deadline for September issue

28 August

Fish & Chip van

06 Sept

Catch up Coffee



My small vegetable plot is yielding well which reminds me to remind you of our

ANNUAL PRODUCE SHOW SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST

As said before, this show has been in existence since 1920 and has become a village fixture, all sort of classes exist for vegetables, fruit, flowers, craft, floral art and photography. Competition is friendly...this isn't the RHS but it is fun to take part. Children are particularly encouraged to enter; some years ago we had nearly as many entries from them as adults but sadly over the years they have dwindled to very few. There are numerous children in the village now, please encourage your own young (up to 11 years old) to take part but they may also enter the adult classes. Schedules from the Village Shop and Cotswold Woollen Weavers. If we can't persuade you, do at least come along to the Village Hall and Paddock at 2pm when judging is complete and you can admire the efforts of others. Ed

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

Congratulations to August winner: Pam Rogers

Thank you all for your wonderful support. We continue to improve our hall in many ways and welcome your input too. A great space for parties, check out our website.

Many thanks, Pauline Care

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THE CHURCHES OF ST PETER BROUGHTON POGGS CUM FILKINS

SERVICES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST – FILKINS

10.30 AM - HOLY COMMUNION

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT BROUGHTON POGGS

6PM SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

Suddenly it's August, and as usual there won't be an Evensong service at Broughton Poggs this month. But to compensate, for the first time in many years this year's Harvest Festival will be held at BP Church at 6pm on Sunday 8th October. Put it in the diary – there will be a BYO plate supper afterwards with wine provided and once again a food collection for the Witney and West Oxfordshire Foodbank. More details next month.

ONEIRA TRIO – FILKINS CHURCH

6.30 PM SAT 16TH SEPTEMBER

Tickets for the return visit of the hugely talented Oneira Trio are on sale NOW - cost £15 to include wine – please contact Gill, Charlie or any PCC member. The trio will also be visiting Alvescot and Langford schools to run workshops for the pupils the day before – we are so grateful for their enthusiasm and commitment to come and see us again.

BIRDSFOOT TREFOIL – FILKINS CHURCHYARD

The hugely knowledgeable Ronnie Bailey has alerted us to a bumper crop of Birdsfoot Trefoil growing in Filkins churchyard. A member of the pea family it's the yellow wildflower growing at the War Memorial end; have a look over the wall next time you are passing.

Its an important foodplant for native butterflies and a good source of nectar for bees. Whether it was the colder winter that has stimulated its impressive growth this year we aren't sure – but its certainly a welcome visitor. Thanks to Alan Ashforth-Smith for taking good care of them during his mowing stint!

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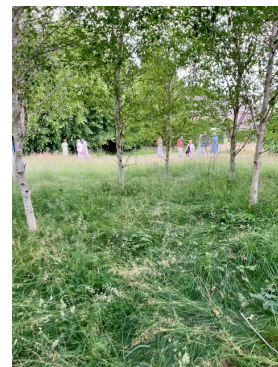
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For details of all services in the Benefice see: www.svbb.org.uk

Filkins &
Broughton Poggs
Gardening Club



In July the Garden Club has had two visits very close to home. Jules & Ben Morley kindly invited us to Goodfellows where we were shown round their lovely garden and treated to Pimms on the terrace – an evening visit which was much appreciated and very well attended by members of the Club. Our grateful thanks to Jules & Ben for not only sharing their garden but also for their very generous hospitality.



We also went to Oxleaze Garden at the end of July and were shown round by Chipps Mann who gave us a charming potted history of the farm and garden. She certainly knew her garden and was very knowledgeable about the plants and trees. The borders were fantastic and showers of hollyhocks reinforced the Cotswold feel of the garden. There were various areas to delight and it was so refreshing to speak to a gardener who experiences the same environment of us all in Filkins & Broughton Poggs.



We have one more visit Upton House and Garden Club drinks in September. Julie will send out details.

Tips for August

Continue sowing your winter crops to take over from tomatoes and cucumbers, strawberry runners should be planted in a new patch and keep harvesting.

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

Happy Gardening to all ! Lorraine Chitty (Lorraine.chitty@btinternet.com)

Summary of Parish Council Meeting 12 July 2023

- Platinum Garden is progressing – they now have a just giving page – please see website and newsletter for details
- Taylors Close – Kickabout field – awaiting Matt Simpson to replace the fence then the surface will be ploughed and reseeded. PLEASE NOTE THE FIELD WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE WINTER
- **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.
- Some progress has been made with SSE on the re-connection of the phone box and we are hoping refurbishment can take place soon to allow installation of a defibrillator.
- If your child uses the school bus and although there are spare seats they have been denied travel there is an appeal system in place. Please contact the Clerk for more details
- 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 13 September at 7.30pm in Filkins Village Hall Committee room**

VILLAGE MATTERS

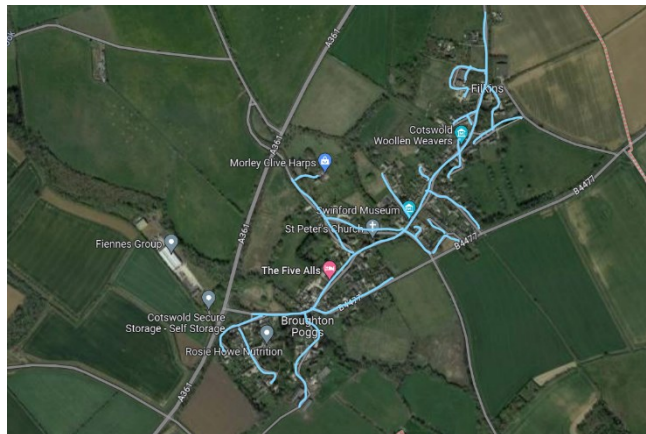
- **PLEASE** pick up your **dog poo** and put the bag in one of the three bins provided. It is being left on the grass or the bags are being dumped. The worst places are Bulls Close, footpath past CWW and Rouses Lane. Our Groundsman should not have to work around dog poo! Please be responsible.
 - **BULLS CLOSE** we realise the white lines are faded but please park within them – we will try and get them re-painted but parking is scarce in this area and if one car takes 2 spaces it means a resident can't park safely.
 - **OVERHANGING BRANCHES** – if you have trees or bushes that overhang the footpath please cut them back so that the footpath is clear and to a height of over 6 1/2 feet
 - **GREEN ENERGY.** The electricity contract for the village centre was up for renewal. We have switched to 100% green energy, saving a significant amount off our bill at the same time as helping to tackle climate change.
 - **TRAFFIC** – Road safety is an ongoing focus, including the volume of traffic, noise, bad driving and speed and we continue to work with OCC Highways – this includes ALL roads in Filkins & Broughton Poggs. There are several options all of which have their pros and cons, including likely effectiveness, unintended consequences and cost. These include exploring approaches to gather more data to understand the extent of the issues. To date the Parish Council has had little official feedback from residents with only one question raised at the recent APM which was answered. We understand from the newsletter and CLP website that a group of residents are endeavouring to raise funds to purchase equipment and the necessary training to carry out speed checks (we assume) on the B4477 to deter speeding. Would this alone be sufficient.
 - Options to limit speed include speed humps (though these are expensive and have to be funded by us), natural deterrents (such as the flashing speed sign at the entrance to the village on the B4477), and also a 20mph limit.
- Continued/*

Below is a map of the area a 20mph limit would extend if this was applied for (thicker line is 20mph limit). Speeds are naturally kept below 20 mph within most of this area by parked cars and the natural and built-up geography of the area. The B4477 would not be covered from the entrance to the village to Montpellier then from Broughton Poggs turn to A361- this is because it is a predominantly open and rural area. The area covered is the decision of OCC Highways not the Parish Council and will not be extended. If we apply it will not be implemented until 2025.

- The village would have to accept between 10-15 new 20mph signs along its length. Large signs at the entrance and exit to the limit and smaller repeater signs within the area. Studies are showing that the average speed in a 20mph zone only drop by 4mph – so 30 may become 26 – 40mph 36.
- How much benefit will there be –it is not possible to define how much benefit would be gained, some areas have benefitted, others have seen division, frustration, increased pollution and higher accident rates. Some areas that have applied for and have been granted 20mph zones are now actively campaigning to have them removed and revert back to 30mph
- Does the geography of much of the village (in the areas that would be 20mph) negate the need for a limit?

So the questions the Council have to ask is –

- **What are the main concerns re traffic in terms of areas, speed v volume v bad driving etc? What are your views on the best ways to improve road safety. The Parish Council exists to represent the views of all residents and best interests of the village. The Council can always be contacted by email clerk@filkins.org.uk**



SWINFORD MUSEUM

The annual reunion for villagers who resided in Filkins and Broughton over the last fifty years has taken place. Sixty one members attended and there was a constant hum of conversation all afternoon. It is good to think that after such a time people are keen to return and catch up, such a hold the village has on people.

I would like to report that we have a brand new booklet for sale written by Professor Michael Bracken who resides in Filkins Hall. He has researched over the years the history of the Hall and has produced 'The Brief Social History of a Country Estate' a copy of which could be yours for just £10 with all proceeds going to the Museum.

New lavender items are available to purchase with a new line of lavender wreaths for your door. Do please call and keep the moths from your drawers!!!

Diane Blackett (860504)



A MESSAGE FROM WILL OAKLEY OF THE BARKBY GROUP

We are writing to update you about the Five Alls and our plans for its future. As you may be aware our pub has been under performing in recent months, and despite our best efforts, we have been unable to bring it back to profitability.

Moving forward, we have brought in senior management from the group to steer the pub in a new direction. These professionals have extensive experience in the hospitality industry and have already implemented several measures aimed at improving the quality of services and the customer experience.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Filkins for your patience and support during this time. We understand that the pub is a vital part of the community and we are aware that there have been concerns in the community about the future of the pub, and we hope that this letter serves as an assurance of our commitment to delivering meaningful change. Our team will work closely with the local authorities and community groups to keep you up-to-date on our progress.

We appreciate any feedback from the local community positive or negative as it will help us to improve the services at the pub. We welcome any suggestions for improvement to make our services meet more of your needs.

Once again, we want to thank you for your continued support and patience. We look forward to a successful future for the Five Alls and we hope to see you there soon!

Sincerely, The Five Alls

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 BOWLS CLUB

Denis Constable Memorial Pairs Competition Sunday 9th July 2023

We were again lucky with the weather when eight invited teams from across the county took part in a Pairs Competition to play for the Denis Constable Memorial Trophy. Denis was a much valued member of the club and famed for his love of bold, often ridiculous neck ties, so to add fun to proceedings participants were asked to wear their wackiest creations, round the neck, head or waist.

Competition was keen and the games within the two sections were played before lunch during which scores were computed and the raffle drawn. There was a Play off for third place and then the final between Filkins and Witney Mills 2



**Winners: Witney Mills 2 Runners Up: Filkins
Third: Wychwood**

Throughout the day Ena and members of her family came along to watch and Ena made the presentation of the Trophy. Daughter Sally had the difficult task of choosing the winning tie which was sported by Brigitte from West Witney, but a 'special' was awarded to Janet Young, who having no suitable tie had knitted one the night before....in fluorescent pink!



A good day was had by all and it is hoped this will be repeated next year.

Roll Up Mondays continue, from 6pm and all are welcome, do come along and give it a go.

for further information and entries please contact
Filkins Bowls Club Secretary Annika Hansen
Phone: 07775 093484 Email: filkinsbowlsclub@gmail.com



AS YOU LIKE IT by William Shakespeare

1st July 2023



On a balmy July evening we relaxed out of doors in the Forest of Filkins - surely an offshoot of the Forest of Arden – glass of wine in hand, picnic at the ready. Ahead lay the Filkins Theatre Group's performance of *As You Like It* and we were ready to brush up our Shakespeare or to get acquainted with one of the Bard's popular comedies, and enjoy ourselves.

Which we did!

With insight and ingenuity Jeremy Irwin-Singer's

accomplished direction ensured a lively performance, capturing the contrasting themes of court and countryside, laced with intrigue and love entanglements. The paddock setting served well for the court scenes and the forest, with plenty of space for movement. Rehearsed and confident characters used the space to good effect, around, and under, a perfect Greenwood Tree. The audience relished the enthusiastic wrestling match between the court



muscle man Charles (Ian Grey) and his noble opponent, hero and romantic Orlando (Paul Floyd). There was exuberant song and dance too, thanks to musical direction from Heather Atkins and sound and lighting by Andy Hoad.

The breezy conditions were challenging at times but the cast delivered with

strength and clarity, capturing the blank verse well. There was memorable cynicism from Touchstone (Jeremy again) and a fine delivery of *The Seven Ages of Man* from Melancholy Jaques (Teresa Smallbone).



Several cast members successfully carried more than one role. Lynne Savege was a heartlessly autocratic Duchess Frederica who then changed her dress and persona to be the wronged Duchess Senior. Costumes certainly added to the production, thanks to Jane Martin's creation and organisation. The troupe of foresters (Trevor Milne-Day, Charlie Payne, Netty Lings, Monica Tudor and Julia Neame) sported great hippy style outfits and drew much laughter and admiration for their characterisation and exuberance. Where did they find that wig?!

Love in many forms abounds in this play. We saw and heard the anguish of Silvius (Charlie Payne) in his yearnings for the fickle Phoebe (Netty Lings). With devices of cross-dressing and some more lovesick behaviour from Orlando, we observed fair Rosalind (Sue Ashforth-Smith) instruct her unknowing admirer in the art of love. In the end, of course, love conquered all, at least for the duration of the play and the rousing finale brought reconciliation and happiness to the Forest of Filkins.

The Onario Trio –Saturday 16th September at 6.30

St Peter's Church Filkins



After last year's sellout concert, Emily, Isabelle and Elliot are returning to Filkins to treat us to another evening of their superb musicianship

Tickets £15 to include drinks

All proceeds to Filkins & Broughton Poggs Churches
Available from Charlie Payne, 07810 158558



The CARTER CLUB

From time to time
Filkins Village Hall
Yes, it's Back!

Community Led Plan 7.30pm Tuesday 12th September

MANY thanks to everyone who helped with, and (above all!) visited the CLP Open Meeting on Sunday 2nd July.

All the great ideas and views expressed have now been added to the forum at www.filkins.net where they (and all the posts and comments) can be seen and read.

So, do have another look, and add anything further now... For during August the forum will close while we embark on the report writing, and consultation.

Please do go to www.filkins.net where you can register, and help answer the question: 'what next for Filkins & Broughton Poggs?'

THE *Carter Club* last met in February 2020, when we watched 'Immortal Beloved' (a great film if you haven't seen it)

A lot has happened in the three years since, but this seems a good time to start again!

The Carter Club is all about meeting to watch a film together: for no director ever made a film designed to be watched alone. (Yes, you're quite right... But that's a rather different sort of film!)

Details of the first film (which will be shown in the Village Hall), will be circulated by mid-August, and then others are welcome to recommend and introduce a film

at each of our subsequent monthly(?) meetings.

There is no set admission charge, but donations on the night are welcomed towards costs, including the public viewing licence.

Wine and crisps etc will be available. Conviviality is certain.

If you would like further info, do get in touch...

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richard@naturalbest.co.uk

A reminder: do please come to...

AUGUST RAUCOUS

Wine, canapés, conversation
& gentle, audience-participatory 'entertainment'

from 5.30pm on Sunday 6th August

In the courtyard at Cotswold Woollen Weavers, FILKINS

Tickets: £8 from CWW & Filkins Shop

Steven Corso

1987-2023



THERE is a terrible sadness in the death of a man at 35, especially in a small village like ours. And even more when that death is of a gentle Good Man like Steven, who until lately tended to smile serenely at adversity, and keep going at his own calm pace.

When Steven went to secondary school, he would get off the bus opposite my office and often come in for a chat. Even then, he had the wistfulness of a fellow who knows that what he would like and what he might endeavour to find are not always the same.

Once he came and excitedly told me about a new schoolfriend. "I really, really like him" said Steven, and paused, considered, and added: "mind you, he doesn't like me at all." That might floor another fellow, but not Steven.

We would defy anyone not to have liked Steven, not to have

wanted the very best for him, not to have been pleased to talk to him. Not least because he always strove to be so sunnily helpful whenever he was able.

In more recent years, Steven had branched out with a job he enjoyed at Asda, membership of the PCC, reading at the Carol service, an appearance in last year's pantomime, and helping at the village hall.

He loved to be part of things, and with reassurance, he could tackle most of them... and was, not least, a very good and expressive reader. The recent withering of

his spirit brought great despair to his family and many friends.


Villages like Filkins are, for sure, the pretty houses and the here-and-now, but they are also everything that has gone before. Steven was half Puffitt, and the Puffitts are truly a family of Filkins.

Oxford's *'Jackson's Journal'* is full of their exploits, right back to June 1824 (a story about Mary Puffitt), but there were Puffitts here long before that.

Filkins needs its past and its Puffitts, and we all need Stevens.

We will miss him.

Richard & Trish




An invitation to...

Catch-up Coffee

Coffee, tea, cakes, biscuits... & chat!

10am to 12noon
Wednesday 6th September
FILKINS VILLAGE HALL

- * *"always good to catch up with friends"*
- * *"enjoy the chat, learn the news"*
- * *"just like we used to do"*
- * *"share some time together"*
- * *"an opportunity to meet new people"*



If all goes well, "Catch-up Coffee" will run on the first Wednesday of every month. We (Gill, Michele & Trish) hope to see traditional coffee morning favourites return, plus some innovations... Watch this space!

More info: 07976 055308 or trish@cotswoldwoollenweavers.co.uk

CHEATS PIZZA

This is a very simple weekday supper and can be served with any number of toppings, either hot or cold...can also be part of a picnic or served as canapes.



Ingredients:

- 1 Sheet of 'ready rolled' puff pastry.
- 1 egg yolk.
- 100g soft goats cheese.
- 4 x big juicy tomatoes cut into ½ cm slices.
- Dried oregano.
- Small handful of caperberries.

Heat oven to 200 degrees (180 fan/Gas 6) and place a large baking tray in to heat.

Allow your puff pastry to come up to room temperature (if you have stored it in the fridge).

Unroll the pastry onto the baking tray leaving it on its baking paper (you may need to trim it down at the sides to fit the baking tray).

Score the pastry about 1cm from the edge on all four sides, making sure not to cut right through.

Spread the goats cheese thinly over the pastry inside the scored edge, then cover with the sliced tomatoes, without overlapping them. Sprinkle over the oregano and caperberries and season with salt and pepper.

Brush the scored edges of the base with the egg yolk then place in the oven for 30 minutes. When cooked through and nicely coloured remove from the oven and place on a wire tray to cool. There is no need to remove the baking paper until you are ready to serve. Cut into slices with a pizza cutter.

Additional toppings:

- Diced red or green chillies.
- Anchovies in oil, drained.

Canapes

As an alternative you can use small cherry tomatoes sliced in half and placed in neat rows. Once cooked use the pizza cutter to slice up into small squares.



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	
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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 28 July

Friday 4 August

Friday 11 August

Friday 18 August

Friday 25 August

Friday 1 September

Friday 8 September