



September 2023 Issue 236



NEWSLETTER

goodbye, august
hello, september

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28 August	Fish & Chip van
06 Sept	Catch up Coffee
12 Sept	Carter Club Film
16 Sept	Craft Fair
16 Sept	OnarioTrio concert
19 Sept	Parish Council meeting

It seems quite a lot happened in the village during August one way and another, some reports inside and judging by the number of posters included September could be busy. Do support these events when you can, it takes ideas, planning and organisation by the promoters to bring this wide range of music, film, get-togethers and fairs and it's what really makes our village pretty special. All these gatherings are opportunities not only to enjoy what's on offer but to meet with others and perhaps make new friendships, particularly if you are recently moved here.

The 'summer' weather has been sadly absent for most of last month, a good day here and there (I know I witter on constantly about weather but I'm English for goodness sake) it hasn't seemed to dampen attendance at the swimming pool judging from the shrieks of delight I hear, or is it the shriek from hitting cold water? - in 41 years here I have braved the pool twice, I am not a natural water baby and I did not go in willingly, I think I was bribed. Some 'caring' parent suggested that if my (then) small child jumped in at the deep end I would have to go in too - she did, I did and I thought I would die! Water has to be bath warm, clear as a bell and shallow to entice me, think palm fringed beaches. Enough, I hope those of you who have been to sunnier climes or indeed on holiday generally have enjoyed yourselves, perhaps there are still some to come, September and October can be beautiful, a good back end. At least our gardens haven't needed constant watering and no hosepipe bans, some consolation. Onward and upward! Ed

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

Congratulations to September winners:
Joan & Tim Hambidge

**We offer a great space with excellent facilities for parties & family gatherings.
Volunteers to help with the lottery are always welcome...tickets will be coming your way soon.
Thank you all for your continued support.**

Pauline Care
01367 860969



THE CHURCHES OF ST PETER BROUGHTON POGGS CUM FILKINS

SERVICES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER – BROUGHTON POGGS

6 PM – EVENSONG

SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER – FILKINS

10.30 AM – HOLY COMMUNION

ONEIRA TRIO – FILKINS CHURCH 6.30 PM SAT 16TH

SEPTEMBER

Tickets are still available for the return visit of the hugely talented Oneira Trio but going fast so please buy 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.

OHCT RIDE AND STRIDE – SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

The annual Oxford Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride' takes place on Saturday 9th September; the aim is to visit as many churches as you can on foot, on bike or on horse-back and raise much needed funds for the maintenance of historic churches in the county. Both our churches will be open; if you would like to either take part, or can help by taking an hours slot at either church to welcome visitors, then please contact Gill. Once again stalwart Rider and Strider Julia Neame will be setting off on her bike and will be grateful for any and all sponsorship – Julia is on julia.neame@btinternet.com

BROUGHTON POGGS ORGAN REPAIRS

We have been carrying out the repairs identified at the last tuning of the organ at Broughton Poggs church. Many thanks to Heather Atkins for organising (!) and to Brian Carlick our expert organ tuner and consultant for taking such good care of our two fine instruments.

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.com

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



Our gardens have been loving this summer – a little rain, a little sun, a lot more rain!

I am hoping that through September the sun will shine so we can all sit out as much as possible before Autumn rolls in.



Our hydrangea paniculata Limelight, pictured here, has come into its own this year with a mass of beautiful blooms which turn gorgeously pink as they age. If you fancy adding one to your garden, Autumn is a good time to plant up a new hydrangea, so it has time to settle in before the cold weather hits – and paniculata varieties are quite hardy and self-reliant.

After a rush of Club trips in May, June, and July, we often have a lull in August before we meet up for our annual club drinks in early September and we have one last trip to Upton House, near Banbury, at the end of the month.

Time now to potter in our own gardens. Here are some tips for the coming weeks:

Keep harvesting your fruit and veg as fast as they ripen – before any pests get there first! Be sure to have pinched out any new shoots so all energy goes into the crop. Plant up pots of narcissus bulbs for winter flowering. Stake tall herbaceous plants for when the winds pick up. Keep tidying any fallen leaves or blooms to discourage disease. Watch out for late potato blight which attacks the foliage and tubers of potatoes (and also affects tomatoes), causing rotting – it is most common in warm, wet weather.

All adults living in Filkins and Broughton Poggs are welcome to join the Gardening Club – we now have nearly 60 members! It is a wonderful way to make new friends especially if you are new to the village and enjoy gardening or even just looking at gardens! No expertise required! The Gardening Club provides opportunities to go out together to visit gardens and to meet to discuss gardening issues.

Members of the Club also kindly volunteer their time to help to plant and maintain tubs and flowerbeds outside the Village Hall, the Village Centre and opposite the Bowling Club lawn. We are happy to have been able to provide this support to these community areas over the years but would always welcome the help of any new volunteers in picking up some of this work going forward. Do let us know if you would like to help.

More information can be found on the Filkins website or please contact our membership co-ordinator Julie Tridgell (julietridgell@outlook.com).

Rosie j.tarr113@btinternet.com



Parish Council Meeting – no August meeting

- Platinum Garden – they now have a just giving page – please see website and newsletter for details if you would like to donate for the wild flowers or a plant in memory of someone.
- Taylors Close – Kickabout field – Matt Simpson is replacing the fence then the surface will be ploughed and reseeded. PLEASE NOTE THE FIELD WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE WINTER
- The Parish Council exists to represent the views of all residents and best interests of the village. The Council can always be contacted through the Clerk, Cris Hoad, by email clerk@filkins.org.uk or phone 01367 860388. We 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.
- Thank you to all the residents who have emailed with their thoughts on the 20mph limit.
- **CHANGE OF DATES:** Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 19 September at 7.30pm in Filkins Village Hall Committee room. October's meeting will now be held on Thursday 12 October

An Emergency Plan for Filkins and Broughton Poggs

The Annual Parish Meeting in May included a short presentation from Carol Mackay of Oxfordshire County Council on Emergency planning. The initial reaction of the Parish Council was that we could perhaps do more in terms of planning at a local level and this was reinforced a few weeks later when a gas leak brought about the evacuation of Broughton Poggs residents from their houses. Whilst, thankfully, occurrences such as this and the floods of 2007 are extremely rare, it doesn't appear to be a huge amount of work to put in place some very basic arrangements to cater for anything that crops up in the future.

Rather than focus on imagining 'what might happen', the Emergency Plan will initially concentrate on providing a safe location that people could relocate to, should they need or wish (noting that in many situations staying at home is the safest thing to do). Early conversations have drawn us to both the Village Hall and Filkins Parish Church as buildings that could be used as a place of safety in future, with WODC offering grants for resilience items ranging from generators to crockery and colouring books for children.

At this stage the PC just want to bring your attention to this work, with more to follow in the next newsletter. In the interim, any suggestions or ideas will be gratefully received.

Cllr Andy McIntyre andy.mcintyre@filkins.org.uk

Babysitters available

We are two enthusiastic and responsible 13 year olds available to babysit in Filkins and surrounding villages. We recently attended a babysitting first aid course provided by Wiltshire First Aid, for parental peace of mind.

Competitive rate of £6 per hour.

To book either Rosa or Alice please contact us on the following:

rosadunmall@gmail.com

alicedunmall@gmail.com

01367 860795

We are also available to waitress for private functions.



SWINFORD MUSEUM

The museum closes this month so if you haven't seen the exhibition of George's fabulous carvings then do please visit. We are open Sunday 3rd September and Sunday 17th September from 2.00 pm. Of course if your family or friends would like a private viewing we can accommodate you and provide a cream tea for a small charge.

Some of you may remember Mr and Mrs Bendall who lived in Hietts Gardens here in Filkins but even if you don't you may be interested to know we have been given Mrs Bendall's doll which once belonged to her mother who was born in 1902. It is stuffed with straw and has, what I think, is a wax head. Sadly she is missing a foot which we are told was burnt on the bonfire when the house was cleared. The family wondered what the foot belonged to and it wasn't until after it burnt that they discovered the doll. I have re-joined the arms and washed her dress and she is proudly on display amongst the other toys in the museum. I hope to get a new foot made to compensate!

Diane Blackett (860504)

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



This pretty little white bud vase was left behind in the marquee at the show on Saturday 19th. Too sweet not to be reclaimed. Also a royal blue baseball cap left in the hall. Both items at Inns Cottage.

Jane Martin
07857 912466





AUGUST RAUCOUS

Sunday 6th August



Billed as wine, canapes, conversation and gentle audience participatory entertainment, August Raucous once again proved to be highly enjoyable. The weather was kind at the end of a rainy week and we were able to sit outside in the early evening sunshine at the Woollen Weavers courtyard.

Richard did a brilliant job of researching memorable literature - excerpts from plays and novels, speeches, jokes, doggerels - participants picked up three and chose one to read to everyone. Not everybody read, some just sat back and enjoyed listening. We had wonderful performances from our youngest players, Ted, Hamish and Kate and great contributions from others, even off-the-cuff jokes from Alan Law!

Everyone enjoyed drinks and canapes, generously provided by Filkins Theatre members and a wonderful time was had by all. We look forward to the next one.

Lynne Savege





Saturday 19th August 2023

The St Filica boys had kindly erected the marquee on the paddock on Thursday evening and Saturday morning dawned fine for the start of this year's show.

Exhibitors arrived with arm and car loads of produce and by 11.30 all was ready for the team of judges to begin their somewhat unenviable task of deciding the winners. And it was difficult in many cases, although fewer entries in some categories, some were overflowing...so many French beans, so many dahlias and so many cherry tomatoes! Cakes abounded, floral art arrangements were simply stunning and such a variety of talent in the drawing and photography classes... but our judges came to their conclusions and scores were compiled and sorted before the show opened to the public at 2.30pm. Thank you to everyone involved.

Congratulations to our Cup Winners: Vegetable & Most points cups: Pauline Care.

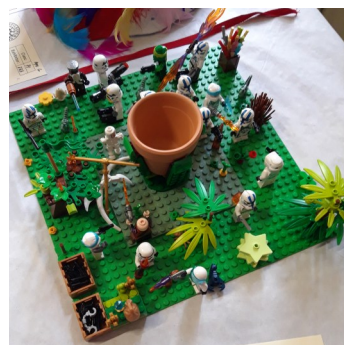
Flower & Floral Art cups: Emma Somerfield

Fruit: Denise Barry-Smith. Craft: Jane Martin Children: Adem Ali

Most Classes entered: Lynne Savege



Six year old Adem Ali with his cup and his amazing take on a decorated flower pot. Star - wars figures et al!



An invitation to...

Catch-up

Coffee

"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"

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

10am to 12noon

Wednesday 6th September

FILKINS VILLAGE HALL

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

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

broughtonpoggs@hotmail.co.uk

The
COTSWOLD
Makers
craft *at the*
Filkins Fair

Filkins Village Hall, GL7 3JQ

11am to 4pm, Saturday 16th September 2023

... and third Saturday of every month

"By Hand, with Design"

Ceramics, textiles,
jewellery, candles,
print & *lots more...*

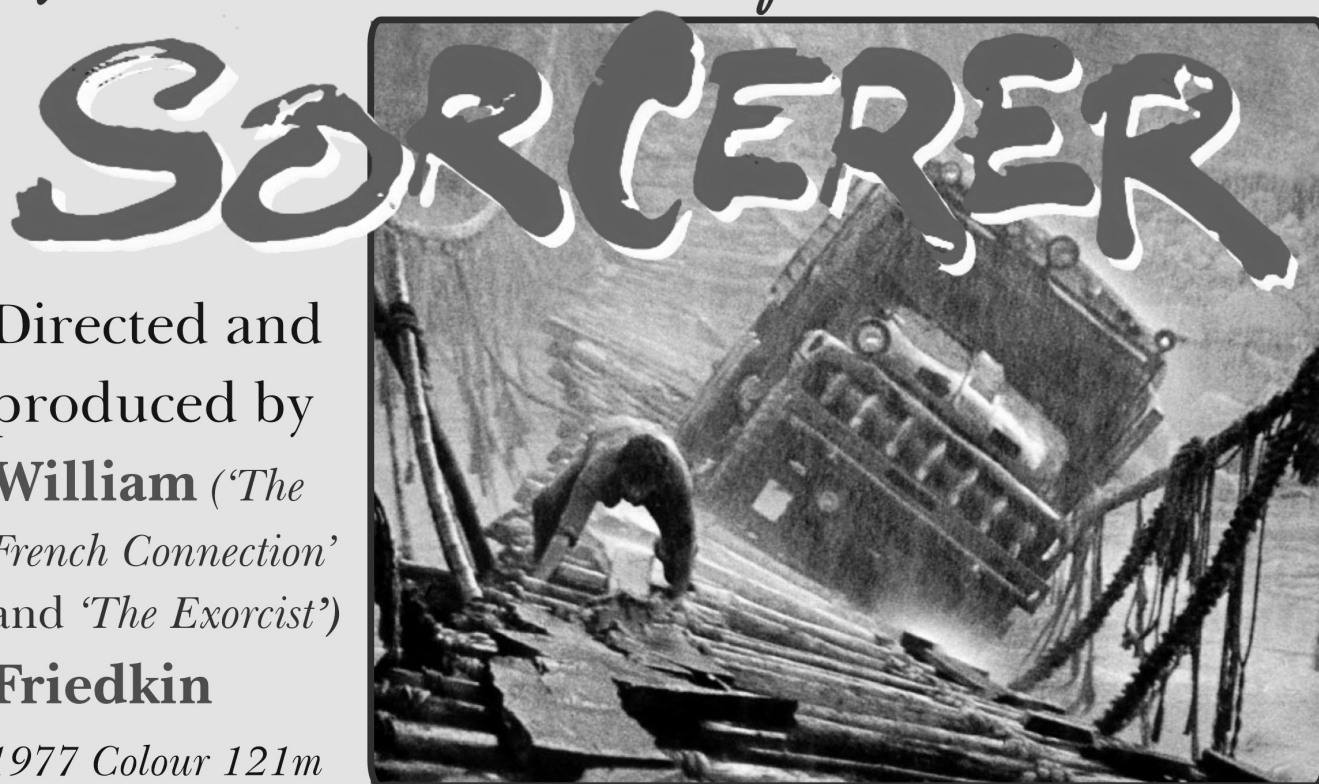
No admission charge
Refreshments
Lovely village to explore

07818 440824 thecotswoldmakers@gmail.com

@thecotswoldmakers



The
CARTER CLUB
We're back!
From time to time
Filkins Village Hall
7 for 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th September



Directed and
produced by
William (*'The
French Connection'*
and *'The Exorcist'*)
Friedkin

1977 Colour 121m

Four renegades in South America are offered \$10,000 to transport unstable explosive through a land full of enemies. 'Sorcerer' bombed when it came out in 1977: some said it was because it lost out to 'Star Wars', and others said it was because the film was crap! Now, many hail 'Sorcerer' as William Friedkin's finest film, and a masterpiece.

Please join us at the Carter Club, see the film, and make up your own mind

Donations welcome Pay Bar Film matters!

Info ring 0771 3636 415, or email number coming to carter@naturalbest.co.uk

SLOW-COOKED SAUSAGE PASTA courtesy of Alan Law

This recipe is an update on a 1995 River Café recipe - (back when Jamie Oliver was in the kitchen). I have replaced the expensive bottle of red wine with a more affordable one and I have removed the gallon of double cream that most of the recipes of the period included.

**Ingredients (serves 4)**

- 2 tbsp Olive Oil.
- 6 spicy sausages (I recommend Cutler & Cashin's Merguez)
- 1 Red Onion peeled & chopped
- 2 garlic cloves peeled & chopped
- 1 red or green chilli chopped
- 2 bay leaves
- 250ml robust red wine
- 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- ½ a nutmeg , freshly grated
- Parmesan cheese
- 180g Penne Pasta

Method

Remove the skins from the sausages and break the meat up with a fork. Heat a large, heavy bottomed pan, add the olive oil. Add the sausage meat and fry at a low temperature, stirring and breaking up the meat. Once the meat is almost brown add the onion, garlic, chilli and bay leaves.

Cook gently for almost 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour in the red wine, increase the heat a little and cook until the wine has almost evaporated.

Now add the tinned tomatoes, lower the heat and simmer gently for 45- 60 minutes (until you have a thick sauce), stirring occasionally. Prior to serving, season with salt & pepper and add the grated nutmeg.

Cook your pasta, plate up, spread the sauce over the pasta and grate a generous amount of parmesan over the top.

Cook's Tip: Now that you have opened a bottle of wine, you may as well finish it off!



Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	10 - 11	3 - 4
Tuesday	10 - 11	3 - 4
Wednesday		3 - 4
Thursday	10 - 12	3 - 4
Friday	10 - 11	3 - 4
Saturday	10 - 11	3 - 4
Sunday	11 - 12	
	01367 860 239	

The Village Shop



Grey week



Rubbish



Food waste

Green week



Recycling



Garden waste



Food waste

Winter hours return from 11th September as the pool closes, one less hour in the afternoons

Tempting home bakes on Mondays

Don't forget we sell stamps, local honey & a wide selection of deli foods such as pesto, sun dried tomatoes and olives.

Remember 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 25 August

Friday 8 September

Friday 22 September

Friday 1 September

Friday 15 September

Friday 29 September