

NEWSLETTER



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It seemed like a lot of 'ends of' last month....the end of the School holidays, the end of the Bowls Season, the end of our swimming pool season and the end of Summer. Some of these events were marked, (see inside), all inevitable but that's the way of the seasons, they might not be predictable weatherwise but in some ways it re-assures us that our wonderful world still keeps turning.

Looking forward, yes, the nights are drawing in and perhaps heating, fires and an extra blanket will be necessary (not till mid October in my house!), gardeners will reap and hopefully store the last of their summer crops and start tidying, bonfires with the delicious smell of woodsmoke; the farmers have harvested and drilled already, their manuring not quite so delicious a smell to the unfamiliar nose but all part of our rich country life. In our villages plans are afoot for Harvest Festival, Theatre productions, coffee mornings and film evenings so a lot to look forward to and Halloween before the shops fill with food, gifts, cards and music to hurry Christmas along! Ed

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

Congratulations to October winner: Keith Perry

THE LOTTERY IS COMING

Village Hall lottery tickets will be on sale from October...so expect a knock on your door very soon! The lottery is one of our biggest fund raisers and exists to help us maintain and improve our lovely hall and its facilities.

The Village Hall committee continue to keep our hall in a good condition but need your help to do so. Please continue to support us by buying one or two tickets or by hiring it out for a party or gathering.

Tickets cost £15 each and there are monthly prizes and a special Christmas draw of 4 prizes in December.

Prize winners' names are published each month in St. Filica.

We welcome all new residents to Filkins and Broughton Poggs and hope to see you soon.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the lottery please let me know.

All my best wishes and see you soon,

Pauline Care
Peacock Farmhouse
01367 860969



THE CHURCHES OF ST PETER BROUGHTON POGGS CUM FILKINS

OCTOBER SERVICES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER – BROUGHTON POGGS

6PM HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER – FILKINS

10.30AM – HOLY COMMUNION

HARVEST FESTIVAL – BROUGHTON POGGS

We haven't had a Harvest Festival at BP for many years, so do come along for what will be the last regular service of the year there. Afterwards there will be a chance for a catch up and a chat, wine, drinks & nibbles provided. As usual there will be a collection box in both churches for non-perishable food, in aid of Witney and West Oxfordshire Foodbank

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

As usual we will be assembling at the Broughton Poggs memorial in the Churchyard at 10.20 am for a short Act of Remembrance at 10.30 am, and will then proceed to Filkins for the Act of Remembrance at the memorial at 10.50 am. Following the minutes silence the Remembrance Service itself will take place at St Peters Filkins. Please do join us on this important day to remember those from our communities who served and made the ultimate sacrifice.

THE ONEIRA TRIO

Well what an evening that was! Once again we were 'sold out' in Filkins Church, and were treated by Emily, Isabelle and Elliott to a new program of works. Their musicianship was superb and their development as performers over the last year was a delight to see. It was also wonderful to have them visit the primary school to introduce the pupils there to their instruments and the pleasure of music making. Thank you to all who came and made it such a special evening, and to all who helped behind the scenes to make the event such a success; the Trio are firm friends of F&BP and we wish them well and look forward to seeing them again.

Rector

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harrymacinnes@yahoo.co.uk

Associate Vicar

Reverend Margot Hodson 01367 860555
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Churchwardens

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*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
Keats*

I love Autumn, the slight chill in the air in the morning, the dew on the grass and the changing colours of the trees, going back to school and regaining a certain rhythm with life.

This September we have had the most glorious week of sunny weather putting us all back in the summer. And the garden continues to produce tomatoes, green beans, carrots, apples, pears etc in abundance but they are starting to lose their first flush of freshness and tenderness. The roses have been splendid in their second flush which this year has been particularly spectacular.

We had the Garden Club end of season drinks kindly and graciously hosted by Julie & Gareth Tridgell and we could not have asked for a better day or garden which looked resplendent in the sunshine. Nibbles and wine flowed and it was so lovely to catch up with Garden Club members old and new and talk about the season or just a general gossip about life. We are extremely grateful to Julie and Gareth for their very generous hospitality and the occasion was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our season of visits has now ended and we have our Planning Meeting scheduled for the 26th January 2024 in the afternoon at The Village Hall. A date for your diary. Please think of where you would like to go or anything that you would wish to do. A reminder that The Filkins & Broughton Poggs Garden Club is a club run by its members for the benefit of members and it would be helpful if you could submit any ideas prior to the meeting so that we can discuss them. Any member who wishes to volunteer for any activity or organising a trip or visit is most welcome.

Tips for October

Start to clear the beds once harvested, they are best covered with mulch, compost or leaf mould or some form of sheeting to protect the soil structure and help it retain its nutrients. Its natural state is to grow so if left will soon be covered in weeds.

Sow broad beans, garlic and winter lettuce and overwinter shallots and onions.

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



Parish Council Meeting – September meeting

- Taylors Close – Kickabout field –Matt Simpson is replacing the fence then the surface will be disced and reseeded. PLEASE NOTE THE FIELD WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE WINTER
- B4477 – resurfacing not due to start until 2024
- New bus service from Carterton to London due to start October 2023
- Gigaclear still working in village – register your interest via their website.
- Speedwatch reported average speed for cars through the village is 41mph. Speedwatch area signs to be erected.
- 20mph speed limit -Further to our article in last months newsletter – thank you to those people who have contacted us. We would still like to hear your opinions.
- Emergency Plan is being drafted
- 2041 Plan is out for consultation via WODC website – we would urge villagers to respond
- 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.
- **CHANGE OF DATES: Next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 12 October at 7.30pm in Filkins Village Hall Committee room.**

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 BP 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.

In parallel, we will be supporting a Lions initiative called, 'The **Lions Message in a Bottle** scheme', which is a simple idea designed to encourage people to keep personal and medical details on a standard form and in a common location - the fridge. Whilst it is focused on the more vulnerable people in our community, anyone can have an accident at home, so this scheme can benefit anyone. More details will follow next month.

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



SWINFORD MUSEUM

The 2023 season has drawn to a close and it has been a very successful one. We have had nearly 400 visitors from far and wide, New Zealand, Thailand, America etc. It is now time to pack away 2023's exhibition and get ready for 2024.

During the winter we will have more time for family history research so do please get in touch, 860504, to book your slot. We are asking for donations of £15 an hour but with an introductory offer of £12 until January. We will try to discover information about your ancestry and maybe help you to start a family tree.

We are always trying to find ways to raise funds so with Christmas coming we are having a stall at the November coffee morning in the hall on WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER at 10.00am. Please come and buy your stocking fillers and presents and support us and the coffee morning team.

Looking forward to either hearing from you or seeing you in the near future. Thank you.

Diane Blackett

Dear Residents, re: The Community Led Plan

We are now heading towards the completion of the consultation on our Community Led Plan. I say 'our plan' because it belongs to all of us... And that includes you!

As part of the Plan Committee, I have been tasked with hearing your views about planning, building, etc. in short, 'The Built Environment'. but not too many views have been put forward. I find this quite surprising, given the possibility of development up on Burford Road, or even in the centre of the village. Many local villages are earmarked for development and Filkins would not be exempt, which is why we need to address planning in our CPL.

Some say it won't happen, because there isn't enough infrastructure, ie mains sewage. Perhaps I could put it out there that a small development of say 6-12 modern houses operating on a clear water system is far more sustainable, and therefore possible, than a development even a few years ago with sewage going into a mains system already overloaded, spewing into our rivers and the sea. It is also now far more sustainable to build new houses, insulated and with heat pumps, bigger radiators and solar panels than trying to convert old buildings that can never meet the evolving targets.

This leads me onto water run-off. While you could put in an argument for water harvesting etc. undoubtedly some will end up in the stream, adding to the risk of flood water reaching parts of Filkins and Broughton Poggs. So due consideration should be given to these sorts of issues!

This is not to say developments shouldn't go ahead, but we should make sure these sorts of issues are thought through properly beforehand and dealt with, by putting this into the plan we stand a better chance of having it addressed.

This is your chance to put these types of concerns forward. It's true, it may have no effect whatsoever on future plans whenever they arise but if you say nothing, then it definitely won't! Previous committees have worked hard to come forward with a Plan and have been unable to achieve one. It would be good to come forward with one now that the community has participated in fully – and that includes you!

As I said, this is just my subject as I have experience in this field. We would welcome your input across all topics. Any member will take them or via the website: www.filkins.net

Remember, saying nothing and then moaning afterwards is a pointless waste of energy so do please have your say! It's up to you. **Ian Grey, on behalf of the Community Led Plan**

FILKINS BOWLS CLUB

Clive Gould Memorial Competition Sunday 10th September 2023



The Bowls Club gathered to celebrate and remember Clive, a long standing and valued member, who is still greatly missed. Watched by his widow Sheila, their son Steve and daughter Chrissie plus various in-laws and grandchildren, twelve club members played for the Trophy. Two sections in which each player played five games (3 bowls, 4 ends for the technically minded) then the highest scorer from each section played in the final.



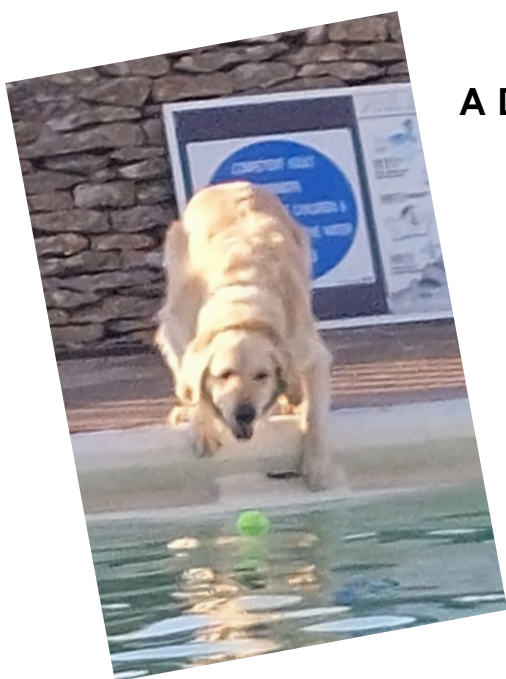
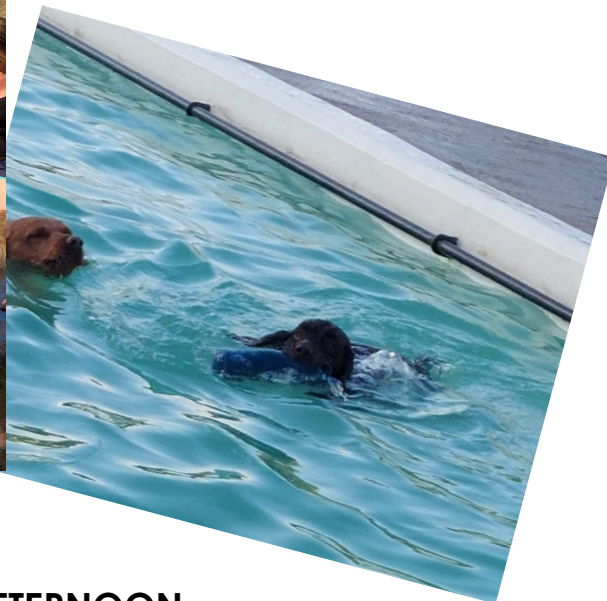
Competition was fierce, friendly and at times downright hilarious when torrential rain and thunder managed to stop play but not before several bowlers got soaked....weather had looked fairly settled so some hadn't brought coats. However after around 30 minutes play resumed with much towelling off of bowls and a very different playing surface. It has to be said here that Mick our groundsman has done a sterling job all season and having swished off the worm casts in the morning it was fun to play on the green with all it's challenges!



A sandwich lunch was taken between games and the final was followed by an 'end of season' bar b que, kindly overseen by Steve and generously sponsored by Sheila.

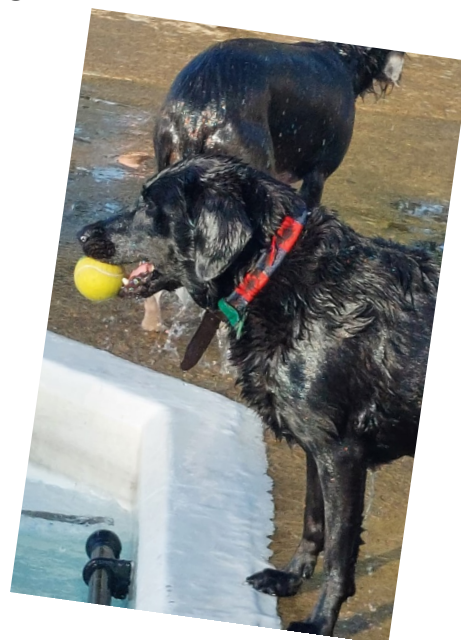
A fitting and fun end to the season, watch this space for next year!





A DOG DAY AFTERNOON

Who'd of thought so many dogs would converge on Filkins Swimming pool to close the season with a splash! Seemingly a great idea and perhaps it will become an annual event. I fancy it was as wet watching as it was in the pool!





Dates for your diaries



Quiz and Curry Saturday 14th October 2023 7 for 7.30 start

Teams of up to 8 - £17.50 per head, to cover the cost of the curry

Pay bar – payments can be taken by cash or card on the night

Please pay for tickets in advance – payment details from

Amy Geschke stfilica@hotmail.com

Please email to book your team - MichelleWoodworth@sky.com



Advent Windows – by popular demand!

We have been asked to organise the advent windows again this year.

You know the drill, pick your date from 1 - 23 December

Any theme you want! Don't forget to include the number in your window

Please book date with Michelle: Michelle.Woodworth@sky.com

to let her know and light your window from your date until Christmas Day



Summer Ball 2024



Yes, we know it's early but we want you to save the date!

Saturday 29th April 2024

Be ready to book your tables of up to 12



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

7.30pm Tuesday 10th October

Community Led Plan

WE'VE had many excellent contributions to our village plan from many people, and the *Filkins & BP CLP Group* thanks all concerned.

We're winding towards the end of the 'idea gathering' phase, but one of our number wishes further to investigate ideas for our village 'built environment', so do please look out for Ian Grey's piece elsewhere in this issue.

We make it 'OUR Community Plan' by ALL taking part, so do please visit www.filkins.net where you can register, and help answer the question: 'what next for Filkins & Broughton Poggs?'

THE Carter Club is back in business, and the second meeting is on Tuesday 10th October from 7pm, with a film at 7.30. We're not sure what it will be, but look out for the poster, or just turn up anyway...


... For isn't 'film' a wonderful thing? How often we either don't enjoy a film we expect to, or really enjoy one we didn't expect to!

And don't ALL films taste better when viewed with other people? And (lastly) there is a bar!

What's not to like? See you at The Carter Club. For more information:

07713636415 or

richard@naturalbest.co.uk

An invitation to...
Catch-up 
Coffee
Coffee, tea, cakes, biscuits... & chat!
10am to 12noon
Wednesday 4th October
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"
"Catch-up Coffee" runs on the first Wednesday of each month. We (Gill, Michele & Trish) hope to see traditional favourites return, plus some innovations...
Watch this space!
For more info (ring or text): 07976 055308



F_T presents

"Comedy to enjoy... with your eyes shut!"

**THREE VINTAGE
RADIO PLAYS**

"and a damned good supper"

FILKINS VILLAGE HALL

7 for 7.30pm

Saturday 21st October



Play 1: Marlowe wears a panama hat.

Play 2: Clare's wedding might fall flat.

Play 3: Sir Rumpus is no diplomat!

**Tickets: £12.50 (including two-course hot supper)
from Cotswold Woollen Weavers & Filkins Shop**

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



Rosie's Pilates Plus Roll out the mat!

BEGINNERS MAT PILATES starts in Filkins Village Hall from 1st November, daytime and evening classes.



Places also available for
Tuesday mornings in October

Sign-up and improve your flexibility, mobility and strength - time to focus on precision, breathing and control - and have some fun!

Advancing years not a barrier !

For more information, call ROSIE on 07879 668175
or pop an email to rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com

Rosie

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 or alicedunmall@gmail.com or 01367 860795

We are also available to waitress for private functions.

Cotswold Makers Craft Fair

Filkins Village Hall. Saturday 21st October, 11am to 4pm

A cocktail is not just for Summer!

As summer 2023 creeps off stage right after a very disappointing performance I would like to share with you a drink that brought a little sunshine into my summer this year – Aperol. No I don't ski; I don't frequent the 'Sloane Pony' in Parsons Green and the only 'Summer House' we have is at the end of our garden....

FYI Aperol is an Italian bitter apéritif made of gentian, rhubarb and cinchona, among other ingredients. It has a vibrant red hue. Its name comes from Aperò, a French slang word for apéritif. Aperol was originally created in 1919 by Luigi and Silvio Barbieri after seven years of experimentation. It did not become widely popular until after World War II.

Below are two Aperol recipes (if you can call them that) the first is the best traditional Aperol Spritz and the second is the extraordinary Strawberry Aperol Frozé.

Traditional Aperol Spritz

The secret to making an exceptional Aperol Spritz is in the mix ratio, one, two, three:

- One measure of Soda Water
- Two measures of Aperol
- Three measure of Prosecco



Methodology

Fill a large glass (Red wine glasses work well) with ice, pour in the Aperol, then add a generous slice of orange, add the Prosecco, followed by the Soda Water and finally squeeze in the juice of half a lime. Stir well and serve with a straw.

Mixologist's Tip: Use a spirit measuring cup (Jigger) to ensure the correct ratios, 25ml if you have work the next day, 50ml if you don't!

Strawberry Aperol Frozé (Serves 6)

This cocktail is a belter and guaranteed to impress! You will need the following ingredients:

- 200g strawberries, chopped.
- 50g caster sugar
- ½ bottle Rosé wine.
- 100ml Aperol.



Methodology

Mix the strawberries and sugar together, then whizz in a liquidiser or a hand blender until completely smooth. Strain through a sieve into a large, freezer proof container. Stir in the wine and Aperol, then cover and freeze overnight/until solid.

Once frozen break the mixture up with a serving spoon and liquidise again in 2-3 batches to create a thick, smooth mixture with evenly sized crystals. If it's too solid, leave out of the fridge for 10-15 minutes first, then pour into 6 glasses and serve.

Mixologist's Tip: Serve with a small 'pretty' strawberry and a leaf of mint and drink a toast to Luigi and Silvio....



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



Coffee Morning

in aid of breast cancer

Saturday 8th October

from 10.00am, please join us for

Coffee, cakes and a raffle

(Please bring your own mug)

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

Do come and support your local village shop

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

Green/recycling

grey/household

Friday 22 September	Friday 29 September
Friday 6 October	Friday 13 October
Friday 20 October	Friday 27 October