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NEWSLETTER



Editor: stfilica@mail.com

- 01 May Coffee morning
- 2/5/19th Swinford Museum Open
- 04 May Swimming pool and Platinum Garden Opening plus Shop Bar b que
- 08 May Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting
- 27 May Fish & Chips

Golly, village life is hotting up, opening of the long awaited Platinum Jubilee Garden, the Swimming Pool, the Swinford Museum, plus NGS Gardens open , the start of Garden Club visits and a Morris Ceildh for goodness sake, we can't be accused of not having diverse interests! See inside for news and reviews and how the 80th anniversary of D Day will be marked, probably the most pivotal moment of the Second World War, and how we may commemorate this momentous milestone. Ed.



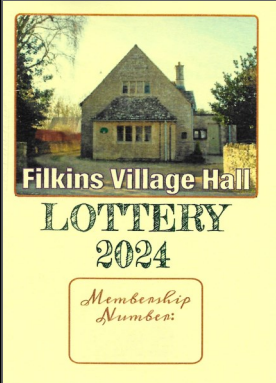
Calling gardeners, allotmenters, bakers, florists and crafters, the Filkins & Broughton Poggs Annual Produce Show will take place on

August 17th 2024. Time to get planting!

Schedules will be available this month. So have a look, new classes and something for everyone.

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

May winners: Collette & Ian Cutmore



All the money raised helps us to maintain our wonderful Village Hall. Lots going on in May...look out for the Morris men and supper event towards the end of the month...please support if you can. From Polling Station to a Party Venue, our hall is a great community asset for all to enjoy.

Pauline Care Peacock Farmhouse 01367 860969



THE CHURCHES OF ST PETER BROUGHTON POGGS CUM FILKINS

SERVICES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 12TH MAY – BROUGHTON POGGS

6 PM – EVENSONG

SUNDAY 26TH MAY – FILKINS

10.30AM – HOLY COMMUNION

On Easter Day the Communion Service in Filkins Church was led by the Revd Charles Chadwick, new to our parish but not to the wider area. Trish, his wife and our Benefice Administrator came along as well and together we celebrated this special festival. We are most grateful to Charles. The Church had been beautifully decorated with flowers and an Easter Garden, the stone rolled away from the miniature tomb early on Easter morning.

With lighter evenings and slightly less muddy paths we took to Broughton Poggs Church for our first Evensong of the year, led by the Reverend Roger Howells. A thorough cleaning and an enchanting display of spring flowers once again brought life into this very special church where we hold evening services on second Sundays all through the summer months.

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

SHILL VALLEY & BROADSHIRE BENEFICE

Filkins &
Broughton Poggs
Gardening Club



Although we've been short of sunshine, the wet and mild weather has meant that the growing season got off to a good start this year. Daffodils and narcissi have been especially good. Those planted by G.C. members around the village are looking more naturalised each year. Feel free to dead-head them if you spot any that need doing and they'll return stronger next year for us all to enjoy.

Do continue to send Lorraine (lorraine.chitty@btinternet.com) your suggestions for possible new planting places around our two villages and enjoy the art work of the plan drawn up in the '90's on the Gardening Page of the village website to stimulate ideas.

Of course May is the month for tulips. Last week I was at a lecture by Polly Nicholson, holder of the national collection of historic tulips at Blacklands, Calne near Marlborough. (www.bayntunflowers.co.uk). Here are some random tips for tulip growing from a real expert!

*Create free draining soil and plant 4-6 inches deep as late as possible (preferably after frosts get the dahlias).

*Use 1/3 loam, 1/3 compost and 1/3 sharp sand in containers.

*Have a 4 year rotation in raised beds.

*Watch for the tulip fire virus on bulbs – looks scaly (can stay in soil for 7 years!) Species i.e. wild tulips are less vulnerable to it.

*Species tulips are more sustainable; they are perennial and spread.

*It's worth giving annual tulips from containers a second life in borders.

*Feed with an organic seaweed mix every two weeks in the growing season.

*Tulips need to bake in the summer (if in ground don't water them), freeze in the winter and enjoy sun and rain in springtime.

*Use chilli powder to deter squirrels and chicken wire hats on containers.

*If lifting place on wooden racks to dry until October then take off dead material and store spaced out on sand until planting time comes again.

This May there are many N.G.S Open Days to go to e.g.:

Daylesford 1st May

Pasture Farm ,Upper Oddington 26/27th May

Visit ngs.org.uk or pick up a free county brochure at libraries and garden centres for more information.

Our club visits start in June with a trip to Spetchley Park Gardens south of Worcester on the 12th. Details for members coming soon!

Don't forget the opening of our Platinum Jubilee garden on the 4th May.

All adults living in Filkins and Broughton Poggs are welcome to join the Gardening Club. More information can be found on the Filkins website or please contact our membership co-ordinator Julie Tridgell (julietridgell@outlook.com).

Heather (hatkins@bluewin.ch)



An Update on the Platinum Jubilee Garden



HELP US BUILD A BUG HOTEL



Just a gentle reminder that the PLATINUM JUBILEE GARDEN officially opens on SATURDAY 4th MAY, 10AM in conjunction with the pool opening, so do join us for a celebration!

We are busy gathering twigs and logs (200mm length ideally), pinecones, bark and leaves to build our bug hotel! Please do bring some of these with you if you can and help us home some mini beasts!

Any questions, help, ideas, or donations, as always, please email

rosie@rosiehowenutrition.

Many thanks, Rosie



SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2PM – 6PM

Having opened last year to show off the Spring gardens, we move though the seasons and this year will be showing early Summer designs. 12 gardens, including the Jubilee Garden, in our villages will be opening to share their summer gardens on Sunday 2nd June

Come and see the amazing variety of gardens and allotments we have and to talk to our extremely talented and knowledgeable gardeners. It's always a great day out so why not ask some friends over too?

Last year the NGS once more raised over £3 million for the most worthwhile charities, including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Nurses and Parkinson's UK. As part of this our village gardens have contributed more than £30,000 over the past 20 years from our annual openings.

Tickets £8 on the day covering all gardens opening

Teas in the Village Hall in aid of the Village Churches

The Village Shop will be open for Ice Creams and treats

Thanks to all volunteers for making this happen every year – gardeners, allotmenters, car park attendants, cake bakers, tea helpers, village shop volunteers etc etc. You know who you all are!

Avril Payne



SWINFORD MUSEUM

The museum is opening on **THURSDAY 2nd MAY** at 2.00 so please come and see the new exhibitions. We have already had a couple of visitors to see Eileen Wise's Courtly Dancer dress, local villagers' well loved teddies and dolls, new on display is an oil painting of Filkins Hall painted by Sam Goodenough. There is the recently renovated bicycle belonging to Mrs Ede back in the 60s as well as a collection of various bells which are on display for the first time. Also the child's goat cart makes an appearance along with artefacts covering bee keeping.

The Museum has joined the 21st century with various audio and visual QR codes courtesy of Andy Hoad and Allison Swales. There will be a quiz for the children old or young. Please note our extra openings on the first **THURSDAY** of the month as we now have additional stewards to make this possible.

The museum is commemorating D-Day on **THURSDAY 6th JUNE** by having cream teas in the Village Hall. Do come and see our special D-Day display in the museum then to the hall for a scrummy cream tea, the cost of which will be £6 per head. Please book your cream tea now by telephoning me on 860504. There will also be a display in the hall of our other WWII memorabilia.

If you are new to the village and would like a short history walk of the village please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, Diane Blackett, on 01367-860504.
See you soon.



FRIN Filkins Relief in Need Charity

Local charity FRIN is pleased to offer every family in Filkins & Broughton Poggs with a child starting secondary school in Autumn 2024, £50 toward the costs associated with this. We know it can be an expensive time, with the possible need for bags, books, uniform etc. so we're pleased to offer help with these costs this year to those that need it.

A reminder too that FRIN is here to help with one off support of up to £200 to residents of all ages who need help. This could include help towards other education costs, a utility bill, or mobility equipment.

To apply for the £50 for children starting secondary school, or for other eligible support please contact Lucille Jones (Chair) 01367 860282 or see details on the village website.

<https://filkins.org.uk/filkins-relief-in-need-frin/>

You may also talk informally and confidentially with any of the trustees listed below:
Diane Blackett, Ena Constable, Mary Cover, Stephen Evans, Margaret Hambidge, Jane Martin, Charlie Payne.



An appreciation of Revue '24: *Filkins Theatre continues to entertain!*

Filkins Theatre have been putting on revues since 2000, when we were entertained by, amongst others, Shirley Coates, Liz Ferris, Pat Scott, Barbara Bristow, Eileen de Brandt & Peter Brown. *What memories!*

So we expected a treat on 6th April at the FT Revue '24, produced by **Lynne Savege** and **Richard Martin**. Theatrical magic, and a large backdrop of 18th century Rowlandson revellers set the scene, and **Jane Martin** got us away in style with John Betjeman's poem: *'The Village Inn'*. Particularly apposite, for in that first Revue 25 years ago, a very young Eleanor had read Betjeman's *'Hunter Trials'*.

Next up were **Alan and Baz Heath**, and dear **Hilary Skinner**, giving us Diane Blackett's take on the Southrop Swing Riots of 1830 (*look it up: exciting times!*) Then, Richard Martin (who was also the 'jolly publican' introducing the acts) read one his poems in tribute to absent FT friend Gill Baxter, who had really wanted to come and perform one of her stories, but couldn't quite manage it.

After that... Some real thespians, Miss **Judith Geake** and Mr **Trevor Milne Day**, lurched comically about Mr Coward's balcony in an excerpt from *Private Lives*. Judith also gave us a wonderfully animated music-hall song: *'Seaweed'*.

Renowned trio *'Jubovski'* played some of their Gypsy tunes, and got everyone smiling and tapping their feet as the music swirled. It was an honour to have **Jub, Peter Cowdrey**, and **Liz Cowdrey** take part....and an honour to listen to them.

Filkins has had its share of barnstorming schoolteachers (who can forget long-time FT friend Pam Assiter?), and tonight **Julia Neame** read us one of Joyce Grenfell's *'George, don't do that!'* stories. It's always good to see village newcomers strutting their stuff, and pianist **Mary Jawade** gave us a splendid rendition of Hans Zimmer's *'Time'* (*and see below*).

Hamish and Ted Mowbray barnstormed through a sketch about money, and some good old pub jokes... These are two young actors we'll see again, and one couldn't help noticing they scorned old-fashioned A4 and read their lines from their phones. And so it goes! Next was a more seasoned stage-campaigner, **Sally Peach**, who read, with great feeling, three poems about men: "... *They make me sick, they make me tired.*" (She doesn't really mean it, she loves 'em!)

Trish Poole and Richard gave us an unlikely but witty sketch explaining how Mr Shakespeare's *"To be or not to be..."* came to be written. Then Richard narrated *'The Walrus & the Carpenter'*, a highlight in that Alan was joined by **Michele Heath**, who is not usually a performer. But *'Revue'* gives everyone a chance to cavort in the limelight... And Michele took hers, and shone.

Then *the pièce de resistance*... Tango! With her assessment of this, and other acts that caught her eye, is Jane Dulieu, also in the audience that evening:

Invited to attend this year's Filkins Revue, what were we to expect? *Well, what a night...* As it transpired an evening with a huge variety of entertainment. It was great to see such an age range of performers, and hats off to the two young lads, Hamish and Ted, for participating in front of a full hall of people, many of them strangers. The pianist, Mary had everyone rooting for her during both of her lively renditions.

Clearly I am biased, as a group of us had come to support Lynne Savege dancing at the end of the evening with **Leroy Tango Cat**. For us to be able to share with your community our sheer joy of tango was a delightful privilege.

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The entire audience was spellbound as Lynne & Leroy coaxed one and all through Tango Negro by Juan Carlos Cáceres, by the end of which the room had erupted with stomping feet, clapping hands and happy smiling faces – what more can you ask for, eh?

We ended, as all raucous pub-nights should, with Peter at the piano, and **Paul Molyneux** and Jub leading the audience to sing: “*Knees up Mother Brown.*”

Of course, there was a glorious supper... Sausages, mash, and beans, with fruit Crumble pudding, the perfect thing for an Old English Inn, cooked to perfection by Michele and **Vicky, Gill Pagett**, Trish, and Lynne. And Alan and Hilary kept the bar humming.

A wonderfully entertaining village evening that was Filkins Theatre Revue '24.

Until next time, adieu!



PS That backdrop? Apparently 168 sheets of A3 paper, specially printed and then glued together by Richard Martin! Ed.

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 D DAY TRIBUTE



2—4 pm
 Swinford Museum will be open and also serving cream teas in Village Hall
 6 per person
 6.30pm
 Bell will ring at St Peter's, Filkins
 9.00pm
 St Peters Church grounds
 Reading of the Tribute
 Lighting of the Lamps of Peace
 Refreshments



FILKINS BOWLS CLUB



It has been a long and very wet winter but at last the bowls green is beginning to dry and Mick, our wonderful greenkeeper, has given us the go-ahead to start rollups (practice sessions) on Monday 29th April.

There will then be a rollup from 6pm every Monday evening, weather permitting. Rollup fee for non-members is £1.

We are always looking for new members and would love to welcome you, if you just want to come along for a try or to satisfy your curiosity you would be more than welcome. You don't need to know how to play, there will be someone to show you around, bowls you can borrow so all you need is a pair of flat soled shoes. Patience and a sense of humour are also good!

During the summer we will be playing 25 fixtures against teams from Oxfordshire, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire. We also have a couple of memorial trophies to play for so although you may not yet feel ready to join us, do come and watch us play.

Club Secretary: Annika Hansen 07775 093484 filkinsbowlsclub@gmail.com

Parish Council Meeting 10 April 2024 – report

Community Emergency Plan has been finalised and published on our website. We very much hope this plan will never have to be implemented but if it does the Council now have a process which OCC know we will follow to cover the first few hours before Emergency Services reach the village

ICE packs have been distributed – this is being sponsored and organised by Lions Club British Isles. Please complete the forms and put the bottle in your fridge

Speedwatch—traffic monitoring has been resumed

Bus ticketing- New countrywide scheme will be implemented 5-18 year olds £3.50 Adult - £8.50

Telephone Box – the door has dried out and been repaired and painted and new glass installed.

In 2024/25 the Council will undertake maintenance projects around the village

64 Bus - We are gathering comments on the service currently. We would appreciate if residents could comment on the service - timings, frequency, easy of use. Would you like it to run at

different times? More often? We may be able to influence some changes. Please ignore the service while the road was closed. Please let us know clerk@filkins.org.uk

Next meeting of the Parish Council will be the **Annual Parish Meeting on 8 May starting at 7.00pm in Filkins Village Hall. Please note the earlier time!** This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting

The date for the June meeting has been changed to 18 June at 7.30pm

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 86038

We understand that items of concern are discussed with friends, but please, if you have any issues please do contact the Parish Council, if we are not made aware of them, we cannot deal with them appropriately.

The
COTSWOLD
Makers
craft at the
Filkins Fair

Filkins Village Hall, GL7 3JQ

11am to 4pm, Saturdays 20th April, 18th May & 15th June

... and third Saturday of every month

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

No admission charge / Refreshments / Lovely village to explore

07818 440824 thecotswoldmakers@gmail.com

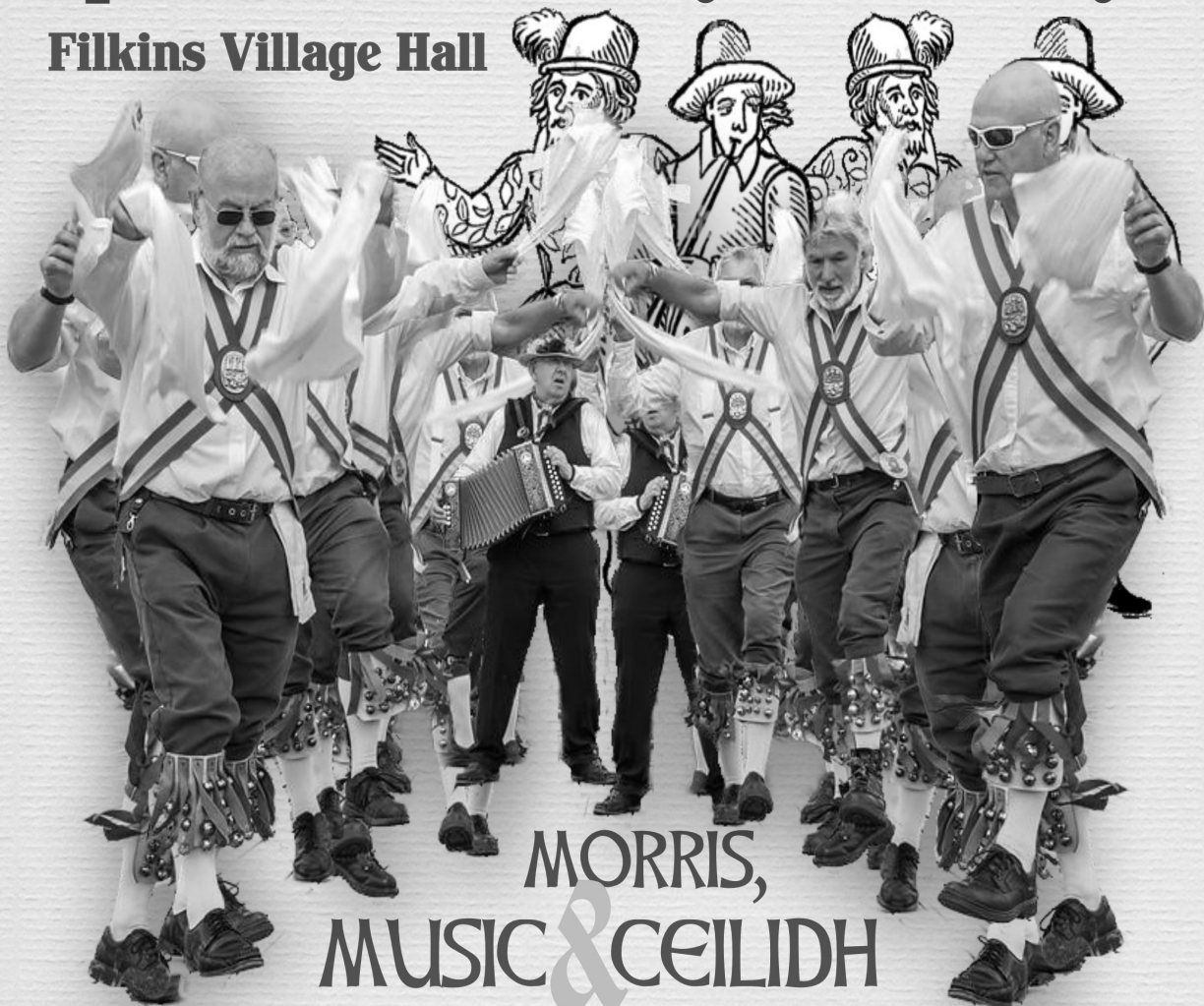
@thecotswoldmakers



KEMPS MEN of Norwich MORRIS & CEILIDH

7pm on Saturday 25th May

Filkins Village Hall



**MORRIS,
MUSIC & CEILIDH**

Plus the usual two-course 'excellent VH supper'!

All for just £12.50... Tickets from:

Filkins Shop or Cotswold Woollen Weavers

More info (or book): richard@naturalbest.co.uk

They'll dance, they'll play, we'll dance!

Super Fudgy Triple Chocolate Brownies

This recipe is courtesy of the wonderful Alice and Rosa Dunmall and their appraisal is that these are truly delicious, very moreish and probably the best Brownies they have ever eaten – so you have a proper treat in store!!!

Ingredients

2 Eggs
100g Light Brown sugar
150g Caster sugar
30g Cocoa powder
100g Dark chocolate chips
100g Milk chocolate chips
100g White chocolate chips
100g Plain flour
1 tsp Salt
170g Unsalted butter (melted and cooled)
125g Dark chocolate (melted and cooled)



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 170 degrees centigrade (fan).
2. Grease and line a 20cm (8 inch) square tin.
3. Add to the bowl your eggs, melted butter and sugar. Whisk with an electric whisk until it becomes pale and has a thick consistency. This bit does take a while!
4. Break the dark chocolate into small pieces and put in a microwaveable bowl. Melt the dark chocolate (we use the microwave but careful not to burn it - a minute is usually enough with stirring after 30 secs but it might need another 30 seconds if not quite melted). You can also melt it over a pan of boiling water. Leave to cool.
5. Once cooled add the melted chocolate to your egg mixture and gently fold.
7. Add your sifted flour, cocoa and salt to the bowl and gently fold.
8. Finally add all the chocolate chips and mix well.
9. Tip the mixture into your baking tin and place in the oven for 25-30 minutes. It should not wobble in the middle when ready.
10. Cool in the tin and then remove and cut into 16 pieces. Enjoy!



Day	Morning	After-noon
Monday	10 -11	3 - 4
Tuesday	10 -11	3 - 4
Wednesday		3 - 4
Thursday	9-11	3 - 4
Friday	10 -11	3 - 4
Saturday	10 -11	3 - 4
Sunday	11 -12	
	07587647771	



Saturday 4th May

Opening of the Swimming Pool & the Platinum Garden

The shop will be serving bacon baps, sausage baps and hot coffee from 10 'clock, do come and join in the fun

Hilary has ordered warm and sunny weather!!






Grey week



Rubbish



Food waste

Green week



Recycling



Garden waste



Food waste

Remember, fresh fruit & veg as well as fish & bread on Thursday mornings from the local market. Do contact Lynne if you would like to be put on the mailing list.

savegelyne@gmail.com

Do come and support your local village shop

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

Green/recycling grey/household

Friday 3 May	Friday 26 April
Friday 17 May	Friday 10 May
Friday 31 May	Friday 24 May