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# NEWSLETTER



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05 April	Village Litter Pick
09 April	Parish Council Meeting
10 April	Swimming Pool AGM
19 April	Cotswold Makers Fair
24 April	Copy Deadline for May
26 April	FT Murder Mystery
28 April	Fish & Chip Van

Did I dream it or did we just have a beautiful week, blue blue skies, dancing daffodils and a bit of warmth on our backs.... the sound of lawn mowers out for the first time ....could this be spring? Even if by the time you read this it has passed, it was a little bonus. Speaking of daffodils, the ones planted by the Gardening Club on the Gassons green are glorious.

Village life seems full of AGM's, coffee mornings, super evenings, Quiz Night, Murder Mystery et al, good to get the social calendar sorted, not long until the VE Day celebration and the pool opening!

A time to say some goodbyes and some hellos too. Ben & Jules Morley leave Goodfellows in the near future, the end of a two generation dynasty, but are not going too far, we wish them, their boys and Boris the labrador every happiness in their new home. Demarca, once the home of Laura Farmer becomes home for her niece Sarah who knows Filkins well and we wish her a happy return to village life.

As I write I am recovering from a great St Filica Quiz & Curry Night not from alcohol consumed but brain fatigue, 'knowing' the answers and retrieving them are two different things! What fun it was. Well supported and such varied rounds with questions both challenging and clever, but then what would you expect from Quiz Master Charlie Payne. Delicious curry supper provided by the Bilash and a well used bar, thank you to the St Filica committee. Ed.

## VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

### APRIL WINNERS; Lee & Rachel Avery

**Congratulations and my thanks for your continued support  
The Village Hall committee wish you all a very Happy Easter with lots of eggs, especially  
the chocolate sort!**

Pauline Care Peacock Farmhouse 01367 860969



**THE CHURCHES OF ST PETER  
BROUGHTON POGGS CUM FILKINS**

## **APRIL SERVICES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **EASTER SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – FILKINS**

**10.30AM – HOLY COMMUNION**

### **SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – FILKINS**

**10.30AM – HOLY COMMUNION**



### **Easter Sunday**

As Lent builds up to the central moment in the Christian year there will be a 10.30am Holy Communion on Easter Sunday at St. Peter's Filkins, with Reverend Canon Dennis taking the service. We look forward to welcoming you, your visiting friends and family to celebrate this important day in the annual cycle of the Church and the Village.

### **Filkins Churchyard Work**

As you may have seen the trees at Filkins churchyard have had a prune to take out some of their dense lower foliage, and the amount of air and light it has let into the churchyard is amazing.

Thank you to all of who have commented so favourably on how it now looks, and particularly all those who answered the call and turned out to help cutting, carrying and shredding – it was a hard couple of evenings work but it was good fun too – and particular thanks to Jim Cover for masterminding operations and to Ralph Maule from Alvescot for bringing down his tractor and grain bin to cart it all away.

And a second thank you to all of you from the Gardening Club who donated snowdrops 'in the green'. They have now been planted in their new homes either side of the porch and around the ornamental cherry tree, where hopefully they will 'make' in years to come and bring an early touch of spring to the churchyard.

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**Reverend Harry MacInnes 01993 845954**

**harrymacinnes@yahoo.co.uk**

**Associate Vicar:**

**Reverend Canon Dennis Stamps**

**01367 860555**

**dennistamps@gmail.com**

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**Gill Allison 01367 860787**

**gillian.allison@zen.co.uk**

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**broughtonpoggs@hotmail.co.uk**

## APRIL

The signs of Spring are now evident with warmer days and bulbs now showing colour and bringing joy. Life is also emerging in the garden unfurling those dreams imagined in the winter months. One can almost hear the chatter of seedlings jostling for space as they poke their heads through. Many lawns have now had their first cut and beds are being sown and prepared and planted for the beginning of the garden year.

Many of you will have seen the bulb planting at Gassons Green and lots of people have said how lovely it looks. The Gardening Club's plan is to continue the planting to enhance our village and the community with further planting in the Autumn. We plan to address the Broughton Poggs entrance to the village in the first instance. Again, if you wish to contribute to this project please contact Michele Heath our Treasurer on [micheleheath@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:micheleheath@hotmail.co.uk) who can provide details of the gardening club account.

The Gardening Club's calendar has now begun with our first visit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Owlpen Manor Estate expertly arranged by our lovely member Theo Hodges. This promises to be a fantastic visit with private tour by one of the gardeners.

### Tips for April

Prepare your beds for planting but watch out for the weather, frost can still damage the hardiest of seedlings. Weed and aerate the soil creating a nice fine tilth, then mulch with compost. There are so many things you can plant artichokes, basil, beetroot, french beans, broccoli, brussels, kale, leeks, onions, lettuce, parsley, parsnips, peas, potatoes.

And not forgetting the flowers marigolds, poppies, dill and cerinthe. Cosmos can be planted out in sheltered spots; I would suggest to the end of the month.

Happy Gardening All !

If you live in Filkins or Broughton Poggs and are over 18 you can join the club

Contact: [Julietridgell@outlook.com](mailto:Julietridgell@outlook.com)



## Parish Council Report meeting 12 March 2025

Flooding mitigation – after much negotiation OCC have agreed to clear the drains in Broughton Poggs by end of March

.Kerb at The Gassons – is once again deteriorating. We are still chasing the maintenance with Cottesway

New groundsman has been appointed and will commence works on 8 April

Cllr Nick Leverton OCC attended our meeting for the last time. As the election boundaries have changed he will not be our representative if he is re-elected. Parish Council thanked him for all his help over the years.

Development of REMA North site in Carterton will go ahead with 256 RAF homes being built

Now spring is here we will pursuing the motorbikes on A361 with TVP

Toilet door has been damaged in the village centre so we regret we have had to close the toilet until this is repaired

RAF Brize Norton runway is due to be re surfaced- we will be meeting to discuss lorry movements not coming through our villages

**The next meeting will be on 9 April 2025 and then the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7pm on 14 May. The APM is a meeting for you so please come along.**

From June 2025 our meetings will move to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month so 17 June, 15 July. There will be no September meeting this year so this will be held on 19 August instead.

Please look on website for full minutes

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](mailto:clerk@filkins.org.uk) or phone 07379 378402. Please, if you have any issues concerning our villages please do contact the Parish Council, if we are not made aware of them, we cannot deal with them appropriately. [clerk@filkins.org.uk](mailto:clerk@filkins.org.uk) but do remember the Clerk is not always on duty!

### **Communication**

Thank you to all the residents who have completed the online form. It is still available if you have not done so.

We are trying to improve communication to residents and have set up an online form to be completed giving us permission to contact you and stating how you would like us to do this. There is a link (please copy and paste into your browser) and QR code below to complete the form. There will also be printed forms in the Village Shop if you want to complete in person. Please leave at the shop and the Clerk will collect <https://forms.office.com/r/9S4X1FfiwN>





MARCH NEWSLETTER 2025  
SWINFORD MUSEUM

Thank you to all of you who came to see the beautiful WI quilt. We had about 30 visitors and I think they were pleased to see it. If there are others still interested to see it please get in touch as we can hopefully arrange something. Ring me on 860504 please.

It is time to book your ticket for our Commemorative afternoon of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. It is being held on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May in Filkins Village Hall at 2.00.** It will follow the form of a cream tea at the price of £6 per head or if you feel peckish a full afternoon tea could be purchased for £10! Please ring me on the above or e mail me on [r.d.blackett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:r.d.blackett@hotmail.co.uk)  
We are going to donate 10% of money raised to the British Legion so please help make it a good profitable afternoon.

If you can't wait to see our exhibitions the Museum will be open on Thursday 1st May at 2.00pm and again on Sunday 5th May at the same time.

Diane Blackett



**FILKINS BOWLS CLUB**



Would like to thank all those who turned out for our Beetle Drive at the end of February... you helped raise £335 which will go towards the upkeep of our green and preparing it for the season ahead.

Weather permitting we should start Monday evening 'roll ups' in May, to which everyone is welcome. I've said it before, bowls is fun, not only the sport of those 'of a certain age'!! We are planning to have another 'Villages Day' in June when all comers can have a go and enjoy a bit of friendly fun...you might even get hooked. We as a club have a shrinking membership and as there has been a Bowls Club in Filkins since 1936 it would be a terrible shame if we had to close.  
Even before May, if you are interested please contact our secretary, Annika Hansen: [filkinsbowlsclub@gmail.com](mailto:filkinsbowlsclub@gmail.com) or 07775 093484

**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

# Village Litter Pick

Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2025

Meeting at

Village Hall at 2pm

Please come and give an hour or two to keep our village looking at its best

Bags provided. Please bring sturdy gloves, high-viz jackets. Some picking sticks provided but please bring your own if you have one.

Cars will drop people at various points around the village to work their way back to Filkins Village Hall.

Complementary Tea & Cakes  
from 3.00pm

Please call or email Roger (07802 345483 or [roger.chitty1@btinternet.com](mailto:roger.chitty1@btinternet.com)) if you are able to attend or help with the refreshments

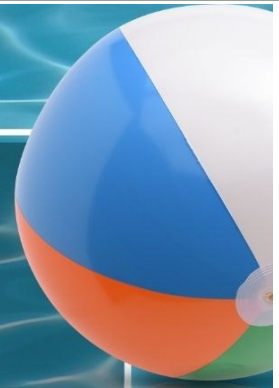
**10  
APRIL  
2025**

**FILKINS & BROUGHTON  
POGGS**

**SWIMMING POOL  
AGM**

**7.30 pm  
FILKINS VILLAGE HALL**

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US  
FIND ABOUT THE 2025 SEASON**



## Filkins and Broughton Poggs Relief in Need (FRIN)

FRIN is a small local self-help charity with roots in our villages going back well over a hundred years. It exists to provide financial support to village residents in times of hardship and personal crisis. It is independent of all other organisations in the village and has its own board of Trustees.

If you, or anyone you know, would benefit from its help then please contact the Trustees, either directly as below, via the post box outside the Village Shop, or else by email on

**frincharity@gmail.com**

All applications are treated in strictest confidence. FRINs work is quiet, responsive, and under the radar, and it is always there to help out in times when help is most needed.

- Chair:** Lucille Jones lucille68@btinternet.com 01367 860282
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## **Rosie's Pilates Plus** **Time to roll out the mat!**



**KEMPSFORD Village Hall: Mon 10:00**  
**BRADWELL Village Hall: Tues 09:30 & 10:45**  
**LANGFORD Village Hall: Mon 17:15 & 18:30, Wed 17:15**  
**NORTHLEACH Westwoods Centre: Wed 09:00**  
**BAMPTON Recreation Ground Pavilion: Wed 11:00**



**Come along and try a session!**  
**This is for beginners through to intermediate abilities but don't worry if you are a novice - now is the time to start!**  
**Pilates will improve your flexibility, mobility and strength and we do have some laughs along the way!**

**For more information, call ROSIE on 07879 668175 or pop an email to [rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com](mailto:rosie@rosiehowenutrition.com)**



 **An evening with Filkins Theatre**



**MURDER MYSTERY**  
**On the red, red Carpet**

**SUPPER & SLEUTHING**  
**Saturday 26th April at 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £12.50 from Filkins Shop & Cotswold Woollen Weavers**  
**Book a table (up to 8), or join a table on the evening**  
**Ticket includes excellent Supper. Pay bar**  
**Telephone / text for tickets & information: 0771 3636 415**

**We are at The Awards Evening, and all are agog to greet the winners... When, what's this? Instead of applauding the make-believe world on the silver screen, we are plunged into into the real world of murder and mystery! Your help is needed... Filkins Village Hall**

*The*  
**COTSWOLD**  
*Makers*  
*craft* *at the*  
**Filkins Fair**  
Filkins Village Hall, GL7 3JQ  
*10am to 4pm, Saturday 19th April 2025*

Ceramics, textiles, jewellery, candles, print & lots more...  
No admission charge  
Refreshments nearby  
Lovely village to explore

*"By Hand with Design"*

07818 440824 [thecotswoldmakers@gmail.com](mailto:thecotswoldmakers@gmail.com)  
f @thecotswoldmakers  
*... and other dates throughout the year*

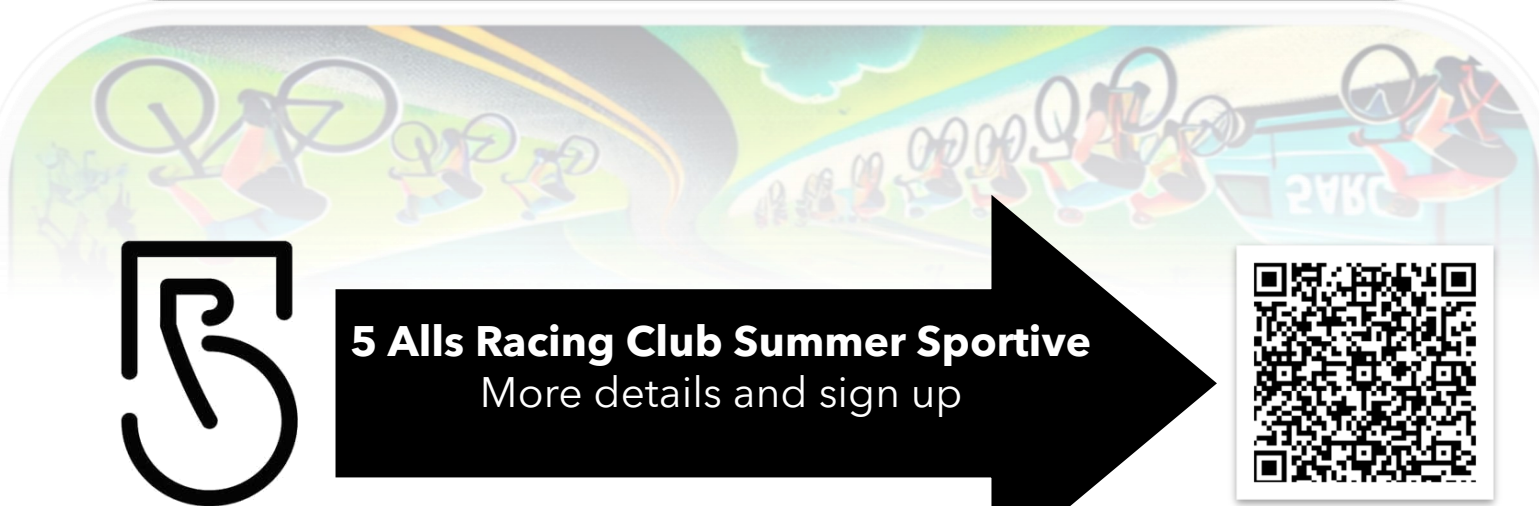
**80th ANNIVERSARY**

**VICTORY IN EUROPE**  
TO CELEBRATE THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY H.M GOVERNMENT OF THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN EUROPE

**A 20 PIECE SWING BAND AND DISCO**  
WILL TAKE PLACE AT  
**FILKINS VILLAGE HALL**  
ON  
**10th May at 7:30pm**  
♦ FISH AND CHIPS WILL BE SERVED ♦

<b>PRICES OF ADMISSION</b>	<b>£5</b> PER PERSON	<b>£3</b> CHILDREN UNDER 14	<b>FISH AND CHIPS INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE</b>	<b>PAY BAR</b>
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TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM VILLAGE SHOP OR [Sffilica@hotmail.com](mailto:Sffilica@hotmail.com)



**5 Alls Racing Club Summer Sportive**  
More details and sign up



**Start Location:** The 5 Alls Pub (GL7 3JQ)  
**Support:** Professional assistance from Road Room available at the start  
**Feed Stations:** Strategically placed along all routes  
**Navigation:** Self-guided using provided GPX

**Choose Your Challenge**

- Full Pint** - 100km Route
- Three-Quarter Pint** - 70km Route
- Half Pint** - 50km Route

## Seafood and Sweetcorn Chowder (serves 4)

This has become a bit of a weekday favourite as pretty much all the ingredients are staples in the fridge or freezer. You can pretty much use any chunky white fish you like (whatever is reasonable and looks good!) I use smoked haddock, but cod or unsmoked haddock work well. It looks like a lot of ingredients, but it is all quite quick and easy.

### **Ingredients:**

50g butter  
tbsp olive oil  
2 sticks celery chopped into slices.  
1 onion finely diced.  
1 leek finely diced.  
250g floury potatoes, peeled and diced.  
1 tbsp plain flour  
1 bay leaf  
150ml white wine  
600ml\*stock (I use a fish or veg stock cube)  
200ml double cream  
Good handful of peeled raw prawns  
200g chunky white fish, cut into chunks.  
8 scallops (optional)  
120g frozen or tinned, drained sweetcorn  
Salt & Pepper



\*I tend to add the stock slowly and stop when I have the right consistency (or use less cream) – all depends how thick or soupy you want the sauce to be.

### **Method:**

Melt butter in a large pan over medium heat. Add a tbsp olive oil. Add celery, onion, leek and potatoes and fry gently for 10 mins. Stir in the flour and allow to cook for a couple of minutes. Add bay leaf, stir in the white wine, and let it bubble. Add stock and cream and cook until potatoes are tender.

Add sweetcorn, fish, and prawns, allow to cook for 5 mins till cooked through, remove bay leaf, season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve in bowls sprinkled with a little more parsley.

My original recipe made some croutons and cooked off some lardons to add at the end.. all optional and based on time available! Chunky bread for serving is a good accompaniment.



Day	Morning	After-noon
Monday	10 -11	3 - 4
Tuesday	10 -11	3 - 4
Wednesday		3 - 4
Thursday	10 -11	3 - 4
Friday	10 -11	3 - 4
Saturday	10 -11	3 - 4
<b>Sunday</b>	11 -12	
	07587647771	

The Village Shop



We are continuing to pop into Carterton market on a Thursday to supply the shop, and any customers who wish to place an order for fresh fruit, veg, bread and flowers, please let us know if there is anything we can get for you.

Saturday morning bread order is getting popular with Blakes Sourdough & cinnamon buns top of the list. We also can purchase baguettes and croissants freshly baked from the Co-op.

Our weather seems to be improving, and for any impromptu barbecue don't forget we sell delicious Kelmscott sausages and of course plenty of wine, beer and cider!!!

**Please note we will be open as usual on Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April but will be closed on Easter Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April.**

Thank you for supporting the Village Shop.

sue.yardley@gmail.com

Green/recycling      grey/household

