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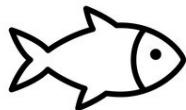


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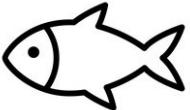
- 02 Aug Oneira Trio Concert
- 06 Aug Coffee Morning
- 16 Aug Produce Show
- 18 Aug Fish and Chip Van
- 19 Aug Parish Council Meeting
- 26 Aug Copy Deadline for September



School holidays are upon us and the delighted shrieks from the swimming pool may increase, but for children under 11 when the sun isn't shining, get creative and enter a class in the Produce Show, (schedules in the shop). When I first came to the village there were almost more children's entries than adults, now we have very few...so come on guys, it's fun and there are prizes!! Ed.



Make a note please all you fish & chip fans, the Cotswold Chippy will be here on Monday 18th August not the 25th, they are taking a well earned holiday!



Maybe you will receive this newsletter before the end of the month. If so there are still tickets available to hear the Oneira Trio Concert on Saturday the 2nd, Don't miss this musical treat. Contact Charlie Payne on 07810 158558 or another Churchwarden

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY AUGUST WINNERS: Heather & David Atkins

Congratulations to them. This is my last year selling lottery tickets but I hope you will continue to support the Village Hall in future. It has been a pleasure getting to know the two villages and meeting new and older residents. Thank you for your support.

My very best wishes, Pauline Care



THE CHURCHES OF ST PETER BROUGHTON POGGS CUM FILKINS

AUGUST SERVICES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST – FILKINS

10.30AM – HOLY COMMUNION

As usual in August there is only one service this month as holiday season is in full swing – as mentioned last month we will hopefully be taking the opportunity of a quiet couple of weeks to start the works on the flooring at Filkins church; more news on this next month.

Meanwhile...

HELP – Do you know a Pianist or Organist!!!!

As some of you will know Catrin our regular organist for many years suffered a stroke earlier on the year and as a result is cutting back her commitments – which means we now need to find a regular (paid!) organist to play for services at Filkins and Broughton Poggs. Services are usually on the 2nd Sunday (Evensong) and 4th Sunday (Holy Communion) with occasional extra services at Christmas etc.

PLEASE – if you or anyone you know can play the piano or even have some previous experience of playing the organ and would like to play for us we would be exceptionally keen to hear from you – and very happy to discuss an appropriate fee for each service. And if you are studying piano or keyboards at school tuition on the basics of how to play our two organs can be provided!

And of course – thank you Catrin for everything you have done for us, and we wish you and Ian all the very best for the future. You will be very much missed as both an organist and a friend.

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Associate Vicar:
Reverend Canon Dennis Stamps
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dennistamps@gmail.com

Churchwardens

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

SWINFORD MUSEUM



To think half of the year has gone already and the Museum has had a successful season so far, thank you to all of you who have visited. To those who have not made a visit yet there are only six more openings.

I have just returned from a holiday in Braemar and learnt of an interesting story of Saint Margaret (11th century). One day she was reading one of her books used for devotion and it slipped from her grasp into the river.

Remarkably it was found and it was bone dry. The book is now in the Bodleian library here in Oxford where it can be seen today.



This an illustration from the book.

Please don't forget to visit the museum, August 3rd, 7th and 17th, from 2 – 5 pm.

Diane Blackett

Filkins &
Broughton Poggs
Gardening Club



The Filkins & Broughton Poggs Gardening Club trip to Worcester College Oxford took place in June. We were met by Isabel Underhill of the Oxford tour guides trust who arranged for us to visit the chapel and the dining room, originally as a college for Benedictine monks in 1283. The buildings were rather marvellous. I was astonished that the older 'cottages' were destined to be demolished at one point due to lack funds but thankfully survived!

We were also treated to a personal tour by the Head Gardner Simon Bagnall who gave a most interesting and informative tour of the gardens including the Provost Rose Garden not usually open to the Public.

Worcester is one of the largest colleges in Oxford by ground area some 26 acres with its own sports facility.



Members of the Club also visited Chippy Flower Farm in 33 degrees of heat ! The grower and co-founder of the farm showed us round and told us how the business started 4 years ago and how it has evolved completely organically with the no dig system, and no watering (no water on site). A big thank you to Denise for organising this trip.





Tips for August

Towards the end of the month start sowing hardy annuals for next year. Plant biennials into a temporary bed or final flowering position if you can.

Sow salad leaves and hardy lettuce in a gutter for planting outside for autumn, winter and early spring picking. Along with chard.

Plant kale and winter leeks. And if you wish, plant strawberry runners in a new position

Happy Gardening All !

If you live in Filkins or Broughton Poggs and are over the age of 18 you can join the Gardening Club, please contact

Julie Tridgell - julietridgell@outlook.com

Calling all Filkins Musicians!

Are you a budding musician hidden away in our lovely village, perhaps secretly shredding air guitar to 80's anthems in your living room? Well, now's your chance to bring that talent into the open!

A local guitarist (competent, intermediate but new to the band scene) is looking for like minded souls to form a new band. We're talking **80's, 90's, and Noughties rock, pop and indie anthems**—think big singalongs, nostalgic vibes and good times.

The dream? To eventually fill the Five Alls with our tunes and get everyone in the village singing along. Probably...but for now it's about getting together, having a laugh and making, or at least trying to make, some great music.

Whether you play drums, guitar, bass, keys or have an amazing rock voice that needs to be heard, I'd love to hear from you. No pressure, just fun and a shared love of classic tunes.

If you're interested in joining our musical adventure, please get in touch with Don Reed don.reed@gmail.com or WhatsApp me on 07801 208309

Let's make some noise!

Don Reed





Filkins Doctor & Hospital Runs

**** IMPORTANT - NEW CONTACT DETAILS ****

With immediate effect all requests for a lift should be made in the first instance to **Sue Hitchcock** on **07877 566117** -

as before, if Sue isn't available, then call either **Freda Shrouder** on **07557 048667** or **Charlie Payne** on **07810 158558** or **01367 860529**

AND - NEW VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED, NOW!!

We would like to thank all those who sent us 50th Wedding Anniversary cards and attended our celebration in June. The day surpassed all our expectations and was made very special by all those who shared the day with us. Thanks especially to those who organised, helped, washed and tidied up, this was very much appreciated. To be honest it wasn't until we returned from our two weeks in Italy that we had chance to read all the wonderful wishes expressed in the cards. The two grandchildren have taken up our time but they and their parents have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all our friends in the village during their extended trip to Europe.

Michele & Alan Heath



FILKINS & BROUGHTON POGGS PRODUCE SHOW

SATURDAY 16th AUGUST

Schedules available from the Village Shop or CWW

Please take part, encourage your children and come along on the day



Crafty Villagers

An early reminder that our group will re-convene on

Thursday 25th September at 2pm in the Village Hall

Everyone Welcome

More details next month or contact

micheleheath@hotmail.co.uk or allisonswales1@gmail.com



FILKINS
St Filica Traditional Fete
Nunc Est Bibendum
1pm to 5pm Saturday
6th September
See you there!
More info: Stfilica@hotmail.com

The poster features the word 'FILKINS' in large, bold, dark letters at the top. Below it, 'Traditional' is written in a lighter shade of grey. The word 'Fete' is repeated four times in a stylized, blocky font, each time accompanied by a small crest with the text 'St Filica' and 'Nunc Est Bibendum'. The main event details ('1pm to 5pm Saturday', '6th September', 'See you there!') are written in large, bold, dark letters. At the bottom, there is a line of text 'More info: Stfilica@hotmail.com'.

Bang the drum, here comes Filkins Fete. We are marshalling all the village organisations and a lot more volunteers besides, to present Punch & Judy, face painting, pony rides, tombola and a whole host of games, from duck-fishing and welly-wanging, to Maggot racing, (I don't know either; you'll have to come and find out)

There'll be music as well from Witney Silver Band and of course copious tea and cakes

It should be a great traditional, village afternoon for everyone (1-5pm)

Volunteers or information, get in touch with Simon Yardley on stfilca@hotmail.com



THEY'RE BACK!

£15 Including SUPPER

FILKINS DRIFT

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM

FILKINS VILLAGE HALL

“Music, dancing & and supper”

Doors open 7pm

Intricate melodies from Wales to the Cotswolds

Seth & Chris weave old songs with new, on fiddle and guitar. Music from past generations they make their own, blending traditions for today's world.

And a mighty fine Filkins rustic supper of excellent ploughman's, and crumble and custard.

Get your tickets from Cotswold Woollen Weavers or Filkins Shop or from 07713 636415 / richard@naturalbest.co.uk

Seth & Chris return with their wonderful blend of traditional melody reworked for a new age. Of course they actually take their name from our very own Filkins....indeed their early publicity photographs were taken in the control tower on the old airfield, see poster, so there will be great live music, dancing and a splendid supper and Paybar, all for £15.

Do please buy your tickets now from the Village Shop or Cotswold Woollen Weavers. For more information ring/text 07712 636415 or email richard@naturalbest.co.uk

All proceeds to Village Hall funds

The Porter Recreation Ground Charity

together with



& Charlie Stanley-Evans

Invite you to a Wine Tasting Quiz

On Friday 19th September 2025 at 7.30pm

At Manor Barn, Broadwell, GL7 3QS

In aid of the Kencot/Broadwell Playground

Tickets are £25 per person

- A seated, light-hearted wine-tasting quiz. Eight glasses of wine with questions.
- Cheese and biscuits will be provided.
- Take part as a team or as an individual.
- Tables seat 8-10 people.

Please pay by bank transfer to The Porter Recreation Ground Charity, account 00170851, sort code 30-91-43 (put your name in the reference box), then send an email with the names of those who the tickets are for to: Henry Fyson (Kencot) henryfyson@gmail.com.

Tickets will be sold on a first-come first-served basis. Numbers are limited.

With huge thanks to Mr and Mrs Paul Molyneaux for the use of Manor Barn.



Parish Council Report meeting 15 July 2025

WODC Local Plan 2041

WODC are developing a new Local Plan to shape the future of the district to 2041. The current consultation sets out the Preferred Policy Options, including a vision, updated objectives and draft policies for housing, climate, transport, economy, nature recovery and infrastructure. This is not yet the draft Local Plan and it does not propose any new development sites – this will be released in November 2025. When these are released there will be a separate consultation on specific sites and spatial strategy.

The aim is to create a longer more ambitious plan that meets local needs and responds to the challenges of affordability, climate change and infrastructure delivery.

The consultation is open until 8 August 2025. You can take part online <https://yourvoice.westoxon.gov.uk/en-GB/folders/your-plan-for-the-future>

The Parish Council will be writing a response to the plan which will be published in due course – but we urge residents to also comment please. Our largest concern is that we have been classed as a Tier 3 village (as many have!) with much larger villages which currently means we can accept from 10-300 new houses. One of the

responses we will be making is for Tier 3 to be split into two parts for smaller and larger villages.

Our County Councillor Ted Fenton attended the meeting – we asked for his help regarding the motorbikes on A361 as TVP have told us they have no funding for a speed camera. He has contacted the Police and Crime Commission and they are looking at the problem for us.

OCC has now undertaken the last survey on the bund and found no otters, voles or newts.... We can therefore look at starting works on raising the side of the bund nearest the footpath. We do not have a date as yet but due to the hot weather it will probably be September.

The flood report commissioned by WODC and OCC is nearing completion and should be available soon.

SCAS have agreed to come and give a talk on the defibrillator and how to use it at our meeting on 21 October at 7pm. We have asked if they could do training for up to 8 people but we have not had confirmation as yet. If they cannot undertake training they will attend and demonstrate anyway. If you are interested please let the Clerk know.

The access gate to ECT land behind the kick about field is being left open several times a week. Can we remind residents that you cannot walk through the ECT field there is no public footpath and dogs are not allowed on the kickabout field or in the playground.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be 19 August (there is no September meeting) then 21 October, 18 November, 16 December .

If you have any items for discussion at the meeting please contact the Clerk – clerk@filkins.org.uk

Fragrant Thai Green Curry with Paneer

We have been making a fragrant thai green curry with chicken for years but recently, thanks to my stepson Tom who has adapted the recipe and way of cooking it, we now have a dish, meat free and with a twist. A lot of ingredients but it is easy to prepare and worth it!



Ingredients (serves 4)

400g Paneer cut into chunks.
 Vegetable oil
 400ml light coconut milk
 320g sprouting broccoli (trimmed) and if you like some sliced carrot
 2 sprigs of soft herbs such as mint, basil (chopped)
 1 tbsp soy sauce
 1 tsp fish sauce

For the paste

6 garlic cloves (peeled)
 6 fresh green chillies (seeded and chopped)
 Bunch spring onions
 2 lemongrass stalks (outer layer removed, bashed with back of the knife and chopped)
 Thumb size piece of fresh ginger (peeled and roughly chopped)
 1 tbsp coriander seeds
 4 lime leaves
 Bunch coriander and basil
 4 limes (one for serving)

Basmati Rice, and Limes to serve.

Method

Firstly, make the paste by peeling placing the garlic, chillies, lemongrass, and ginger in a blender. Trim the spring onions keep the green section and chop the white section and add to the blender. Add coriander seeds, fresh coriander (stems and all) basil leaves and lime leaves. Finely grate lime zest and squeeze juice from 3 limes and add to the blender with a good drizzle of olive oil. Blitz to a smooth paste.

Heat the oven to 200 degrees C(180 fan) and put a thin layer of vegetable oil onto a baking tray. Heat in oven then place paneer on baking tray and cook for 15 mins. Flip half way through to brown all sides.

In the meantime, heat a little oil in a casserole or frying pan. Add the rest of the spring onions and fry for a few minutes. Add the paste and allow to sizzle for a few more minutes. Stir in soy and fish sauce and cook for another 30 seconds then add the coconut milk. Cook for approx 15 minutes on a low heat. Add the broccoli and if using carrot after 10 minutes. Add the roasted paneer and stir in well and allow to absorb the taste for a few minutes then turn off heat and allow to cool a little before serving with rice, a slice of lime and sprinkled with chopped coriander and basil.



Day	Morning	After-noon
Monday	10-11	3 - 5
Tuesday	10-11	3 - 5
Wednesday		3 - 5
Thursday	10-11	3 - 5
Friday	10-11	3 - 5
Saturday	10-11	3 - 5
Sunday	11-12	3 - 5
	07587647771	

The Village Shop



Please don't forget your village shop for any essentials you may need. We stock everything from fresh bread, milk, cheese, sausages, bacon, fresh fruit & veg to wine, spirits & local honey.

Anniversary Celebration

In September, the shop will have been open for 20 years & we would very much like to celebrate this occasion. We are asking all past, present customers & volunteers to send (or hand in) any photos, memories or funny stories they may have, which we could display throughout the month to celebrate this event.

Please email me at sue.yardley@gmail.com

Any original photos can be scanned & returned, please indicate who they belong to. Thank you for supporting your village shop.

