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CHURCH SERVICES THIS MONTH

Sunday 14th September 10.30am Parish Communion in Filkins

Sunday 21st September 6.00pm Evensong in Broughton Poggs

Sunday 28th September 10.30am Family Communion in Filkins

Our **Harvest Festival Service** is on Sunday 5th October at 10.30am.

Services are held in Filkins Methodist Church every Sunday at 3pm.

For other services in the benefice, please see The Parish Pump, or phone me on 01367 860846. *Liz Johnson*

Oxfordshire Historic Churches trust– Sponsored ride and stride. Saturday 13th September 2008.

The largest source of the Trust's income comes from the Sponsored Bicycle Ride - a National event which takes place on the 2nd Saturday in September each year (13th Sept in 2008)- recently renamed the Ride and Stride (StRide) in Oxfordshire to include walkers.

StRiders are sponsored for the number of churches they can visit in the day.

540 churches are visited by over 900 cyclists and walkers, and at least 2,000 people help keep these churches open from 10am to 6pm.

In recent years thousands of people from 550 churches and chapels in the County have participated in this popular occasion which provides the opportunity to visit churches as well as raise much needed money for the Trust and the churches. Many others welcome StRiders at their places of worship and sign their forms, and they too can be sponsored.

Since it was started in 1986 the annual ride has raised over £1.5 million, half of which has gone to the churches nominated by the participants and the other half to the Trust.

Jimmy, Sandy, Richard, Matt and Linda, Ros, Andy H, Julia, Sue and Andy M will be participating from our village. If you would like to join them or donate sponsorship please contact Jimmy on 01367 860082. Visit www.ohct.org.uk for more info

ROSTER FOR VOLUNTARY CAR SERVICE TO SURGERIES

Tuesdays

26th August	Mrs B Bristow	860195
2nd September	Mr A Heath	860129
9th September	Lady Allison	860787
16th September	Mrs J Geake	860534
23rd September	Mr A Woodford	860319
30th September	Mrs C Lauzier	860644

Thursdays

28th August	Mrs B Bristow	860195
4th September	Mrs J Higham	860197
11th September	Miss H Squire	860337
18th September	Mr A Woodford	860319
25th September	Mrs P Clark	860500

Charges: Surgery Runs: Carterton, Lechlade and Burford - £2.00; Fairford and Witney - £5.00. Hospital Runs: Cirencester and Swindon - £8.00, Cheltenham and Oxford - £10.00 (plus parking charge if applicable)

Patients should notify the nominated driver at least 24 hours in advance of their appointment. The Surgery Service only covers appointments up to 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All users of the service must be able to make their way to and from the car unaided.

For hospital runs contact Tony Woodford on 01367-860319.

A date for your diary – everyone invited

We would like to invite you to an Open Meeting of the Gardening Club at 7.30pm in Filkins Village Hall on Wednesday, 29th October. Chris Carter of Colvin and Moggeridge, the Landscape Architects in Filkins, will talk about some of the important gardens he has designed. There will be further details in next month's St Filica Newsletter or please contact a member of the Club.

Filkins &
Broughton Poggs
Gardening Club



For the August meeting, eighteen of us went on a "Garden Safari". We managed to choose one of the few dry days in the week. Seven local gardens were visited and we saw ponds, colourful flower beds and both mature and newly created garden designs. Each garden was quite different but all reflected the hard work of their owners. Everyone enjoyed a clotted cream tea midway and a glass of Pimms at the end of the safari. This month we are going further afield to look at a garden in Worcestershire. If you live in Filkins or Broughton Poggs and are interested in joining the Club please see the Filkins website (Leisure) for further information or contact Chris Woodford on 01367 860319 or myself on 01367 860282.

September is such a lovely month, especially for those of us who are fortunate to live with the mellow Cotswold stone to set off the vibrant colours of the flowers and fruits. I am writing this in early August and, so far, there have been precious few sunny days to laze in the garden and enjoy looking at the results of the hard work done earlier in the year but perhaps August will turn out to be a good month after its damp start. I hope so as September means a busy time again for gardeners.

Lucille Jones

DAY	AM	PM
Monday	Closed	3-5pm
Tuesday	10-12pm	3-5pm
Wednesday	Closed	2-4pm
Thursday	9-12pm	3-5pm
Friday	Closed	3-5pm
Saturday	9-1pm	3-5pm
Sunday	Closed	3-5pm

Volunteers

We are always on the look out for new volunteers to come and join our friendly team. Typically working a 2-3 hour shift, you can sign up to do as many or as few as you wish. It's a great way of meeting people across all the villages and of contributing to this great community project in Filkins. Contact Ann Choyce on 01367 860095 for more information. Shop contact Tel: 07796 064197 Out of opening hours: 01367 860998

Doggy doo doo

If you have a four legged friend PLEASE could you not deposit your pooh bags in the shop bins as it makes them smell
Thankyou

Filkins X factor's back!

Repeat of the highly entertaining and successful event.

27th September 7:30

£5 for entrance or to perform.

Bring your music or go 'unplugged'.

Bring your friends to watch you and get your moment in the spotlight.

Applications for volunteer judges considered.

Inquiries to Sue Ashford-Smith 01367 860229

Barbra Bristow 01367 860195

News from The Five AUs

British Success! Gold medals galore on the new bar TV plus another superb review for Rob the Chef!

The Oxford Times last Saturday gave us a wonderful full page write up with glowing praise for the "superb...gushing" chocolate fondant, great comments on the "elegant simplicity" of the main courses and "generous" portions of fish pie. To improve restaurant service we have also employed the services of Reffy, a very experienced and mature Restaurant Manager/ Maitre D' who has the best letters of commendation from his previous customers as well as employers that I've ever seen. Lewin from South Africa has joined us in Housekeeping and Emily and Sarah have come in to assist Michelle and Emma at the front of house. Welcome all to Filkins !

We have also started a Junior Chef sponsorship program as well as Bar training with the help of Cirencester College's Hospitality Academy with Richard Cadogan being the first intern.

Events please telephone 01367 860 306

Thursday September 25th 7pm

Charity Wine Tasting in aid of Help for Heroes

Tickets £12 to includes wine and light supper

Come and try some unusual and rare wines with experts on hand to give out useful advice

Every Monday Night

Recession busting £5 Steak and £5 Mussels and chips

bookings only please

Pub Quiz Sunday 14th & 28th September 8pm - cashews provided

We also have a wonderful Italian Night coming up soon too as well as a Smorgasbord Bridge Night, dates TBA

As the nights draw in the fire will be lit every night, deep amber guest ales will be gently poured, a new range of rich red wines will be on sale and a warming British menu will soothe you into a peaceful autumn.

I look forward to seeing you there.

P.S. On a more serious note I have received a letter about the live music on the Bank Holiday Weekend whilst I was away. I'm not a fan of this type of costly entertainment and was not made aware since I moved to the village 3 years ago that anyone objected to it. If your weekend peace was disturbed you have my apologies and my assurance that there will not be any further events of this type again.

Love Tom, Gerry & Camilla