



Issue 202



June 2022

VILLAGE DIARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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			<u>Jubilee - Village Cream Tea</u> 3pm & 4.30pm	<u>Greyhound Jubilee Garden Party</u> Outdoor Cooking Live Music 12-5.30pm	<u>Tennis Cardio</u> 9 - 10am Junior Tennis Coaching 10-2 Cricket 1pm	
		<u>Book Buffs</u> 7.30pm Greyhound Inn	<u>Junior Tennis</u> 5-7pm <u>Beacon</u> 9.45pm Segsbury	<u>Sports & Social Club Jubilee BBQ</u> Pavilion 4 pm	<u>Pizza at the Pavilion</u> Live Music 4.00-8.30 pm	
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<u>Collection Change</u> <u>Evensong 3 pm</u> <u>Voices of the Vale</u> 7-9 pm Village Hall	<u>Yoga w Beth</u> 0945-1045 Village Hall	<u>Tennis Mix in Session</u> 10am - 1pm Cricket 6pm <u>Film Club</u> 8pm Village Hall 'Belfast'	<u>Pilates w Rachel</u> 9.30 am Village Hall <u>Yoga w Diana</u> 11.15-12.30 Village Hall <u>Junior Tennis</u> 5-7pm		<u>Tennis Cardio</u> 9 - 10am Junior Tennis Coaching 10-2	<u>Holy Communion</u> 10am St Andrew's Cricket 1pm <u>Greyhound Inn Quiz Night</u> Big Dave 8 pm
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Message from the Parish Council

The PC held its Annual Parish Meeting in May and were pleased to welcome villagers in person. In the following Parish Council Meeting I was elected to remain Chairman and Cllr Loretta Light was elected as Vice Chairman. The Annual Report appears later in the Register and gives highlights of the Year, more details can always be found in the PC Minutes which are available on line and on the Notice Boards.

We are nearing the Jubilee Village Cream Tea, scheduled to take place in the Village Hall on Thursday 2 June. We have had a terrific response, but if you haven't already done so there is still time, please contact the Parish Clerk via email at letregispc@gmail.com. Please only arrive for the sitting you have booked, either at 3pm or 4.30pm, so we can manage the numbers correctly. You may well have noticed the Posters that have been put around the village advertising the event, and also on page 9 of the Register. We are very grateful to George Barber for designing these for us.

We have had a tremendous response for cakes and scones and we are grateful to everyone who has volunteered to help support this village event. We look forward to seeing you there for what we hope will be a good start to the special Jubilee Weekend.

In addition to the Tea, a Beacon will be lit that evening on the Ridgeway at 9.45pm, to link us to all the other Beacons being lit across the country. We are grateful to Sallie and Tessa Good for arranging this, and we are advised that the beacon will be in front of Segsbury camp in the field to the right at the top of the hill. Parking will be available to the left but as there is a steep entrance so some people may wish to be dropped off on the road before parking. We suggest making your way up to the Ridgeway for 9pm to ensure you do not miss the lighting.

Finally, with the arrival of some longed for rain there has been a rapid growth of plants and hedges alongside our many footpaths. To keep everyone safe please keep your boundary hedges trimmed of any overhanging growth. Thank you.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place in July and we will be returning to face to face meetings. We look forward to welcoming you.

Jeanne Lapsley
Chairman
Letcombe Regis Parish Council.

Letcombe Regis Parish Council Annual Report 2021 – 2022

This year saw the country emerging from the strict Covid-19 restrictions and village life began to return to some level of normality. Several regular events were re-established, eg the Annual Plant Sale, The Daffodil Tea, and interest groups began to meet again in person, all of which show the desire to come together in our special community.

In a further year as Chairman, with Cllr Loretta Light as Vice Chair, there has been no let up in the work needed to be undertaken on your behalf. Our regular 6 meetings continued via Zoom and we were pleased to welcome a number of villagers to these. Both our district Councillor Paul Barrow, and our County Councillor Yvonne Constance were regular attendees and appraised the Parish Council of wider initiatives and proposals. We are most grateful for their continuing support. The new Manager of Richmond has also been welcomed to our meetings as have police representatives.

The normal ongoing workload of the Parish Council has continued, including planning issues; BOAT issues; drainage and water issues; road marking issues; Letcombe Brook maintenance; etc etc.

Specific works have been undertaken to improve the PC Burial Ground on the Bassett Road, and a Lych Gate has been erected together with hedge planting and better parking and access. Sincere thanks to all those involved and a specific thank you to Phil Hodgson, our resident specialist on all things engineering, for his significant support. These improvements will eventually enable those using the facility to have safe and easier access.

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The electronic version of the Register has enabled a colour larger edition to be produced, and our thanks go to Francesca Engelmann who continues to compile this on a monthly basis, We are aware that there is a desire for a simpler printed version to be available upon request and we will look into this further this year.

Of the number of initiatives set up for the Platinum Jubilee Year, the village has taken up the Queens Green Canopy project, which links to the VH & RG Trusts proposals for the Old Riding Field, and grant funding has been applied for. Thanks to Mike Light for following up on this. In addition the PC is hosting a Celebratory Platinum Village Cream Tea, free to all villagers. A huge number of villagers are involved, contributing cakes, scones, helping on the day and we are looking forward to a Memorable Village Event. Thank you to all those volunteering to help.

Conscious of the ongoing efforts to keep the Parish tidy and clean we have been working to draw up a works specification, and the VH & RG Trust have been invited to include their requirements. Meetings with interested parties will commence this week with a view to securing a contractor by later this year.

The PC remains in a positive financial position and all Section 106 monies, gained from the Richmond development, have now been spent on the identified projects within the specified timeframe. We have kept the precept with no increase for 6 years, but there is likely to be a need to increase this in the next financial year to specifically support the regular maintenance of the Parish.

Other areas of work include responding to electric charging point consultation; response to the changes in Wantage Boundary consultation; response to the proposal by Thames Water for a new Reservoir; raising concerns with our MP re proposals relating to Chalk Streams; lobbying for the validity of electronic meetings; setting in place plans for the Death of a Senior Royal; contributing to the Parish Civic Response on the Death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh; responding to the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan; lobbying for the re-opening of Wantage Hospital. Representing the Parish on the Neighbourhood Action Group; The Letcombe Brook Management Committee; the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils Executive Committee; the Ambulance Trust; LR & RG Trust; Young Carers Management Group; together with other joint PC meetings as required. We maintain strong links with CPRE and BBOWT.

Proposals for Broadband improvement work caught us unaware in the early months of 2022. After a concentrated effort, and much negotiation led by the PC over a two day period, the initial proposal for telegraph poles to be erected along the entire length of Court Hill Road was overturned. With the agreement of a local landowner, the cables were dug in, preventing significant detrimental harm and impact on our AONB and Heritage landscape. The PC sincerely thanks all those involved in preventing such a prospective disaster. Final works are now taking place along Warborough Road, and apart from one new pole, all cables will be underground. These works should mean we all benefit from faster reliable broadband connectivity.

Once again it has been an extremely busy year and my sincere thanks go to my fellow Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk for their unfailing support and dedication in undertaking the huge workload. Thanks also go to all those of you who contribute to the ongoing wellbeing of the community, be it litter picking, keeping hedges trimmed, supporting village events, managing the Burial Ground, and those who quietly continue to support through acts of kindness and consideration.

What will we be doing next year ?

We will continue to fulfil our duties and provide support to our community

We will continue to respond to proposals effecting our community

We will review and improve the PC Website

We will seek out grant funding where possible.

Cllr Jeanne Lapsley
Chairman Letcombe Regis Parish Council
15.5.22

200 Club

200 Club Draw — No 3		June 2022
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55	Liz & Eddie JENKINS	£15
193	Dominic LAMB	£10
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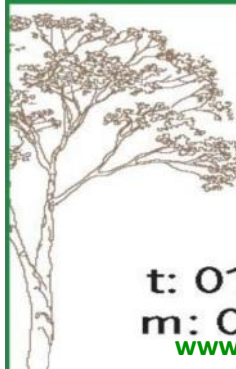
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The Letcombes Conservation Group

Recently, whilst pottering in their garden, a resident heard “an incredibly loud noise that sounded like an advancing army”. The source turned out to be masses of honey bees swarming on a spurge bush. The next morning the bees were still there and had formed a huge pendulous mass, (photo right). The local British Beekeepers’ Association’s approved swarm collector, Mark Hepden from Artisan Bees of Wantage, came to the rescue in his beekeepers suit. Mark cut off the branch of spurge, scooped up a section of the swarm which he thought contained the queen and placed this group in a temporary travelling hive. If, as he rightly surmised, he had got the queen, the rest would follow into the hive. The hive was left undisturbed all day and Mark returned to collect it in the evening, by which time all the bees had left the



spurge and gone into the hive. Although the swarm had only been on the spurge for a short time, they had already begun to lay down wax, (photo credits: Vivien McCoubrey). This year more oil seed rape is being grown locally than ever in the surrounding fields. The rape flowers are so plentiful during May to June that they become “fast food for

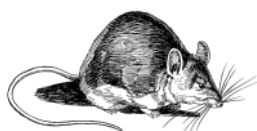
bees”. Well-fed bee colonies expand, become too big for their hives and form breakaway swarms. So there are likely to be many swarms throughout June and even into July. If you get a swarm in your garden, please contact Mark Hepden on 07557 764195 or email artisanbees@outlook.com.



The European or Western honey bee, *Apis mellifera*, is the most widespread species of honey bee in the world. It is the main species which has been ‘semi-domesticated’ to live in hives due to its natural habit of building nests of wax combs in cavities within rocks or hollows in trees and has been associated with humans for at least 5,000 years. The species is characterised by colonies of tens of thousands of bees that can survive in a very wide range of climates with 10 to 20% of the summer numbers of bees living through even cool temperate winters. This is possible by building up considerable stores of honey (regurgitated nectar) gathered through the summer months by using a very wide range of food sources – hence their importance as pollinators.

The UK native sub species, the Northern or Dark honey bee *Apis mellifera mellifera* (photo credit: S. Rae CC BY 2.0), recolonised northern Europe after the last Ice Age and came to the UK with the migration of hazel and lime across the land links that existed. These non-aggressive bees vary in colour from jet black to dark brown when pure bred, but most have a slim, sandy thorax and black abdomen with golden-amber bands. Each colony consists of a queen, which can lay up to 2,000 eggs a day, and the infertile, female workers. Larvae pupate in the hexagonal wax cells of the honeycomb and the first new queen to emerge may sting subsequent queens to death. She will either take the place of her mother, who leaves with a swarm of workers, or she will create a new colony herself. In summer, male drones will also hatch, their sole purpose is to mate with queens after which their sexual organs detach and they die. Any remaining drones are expelled by the female workers who huddle together for warmth and feed the larvae on stored pollen and honey through winter. In spring, a new generation of bees emerge.





Friends of the Letcombe Valley Community Nature Reserve

Watching a Grey heron on the brook, the expectation is that it is waiting for fish. In the 1980s, Mr Tubb who lived at Regis Cottage described how as a boy he would be given 6d (pre-decimalisation!) for a dead heron by owners of the lakes along the brook in an attempt to preserve their fish stocks. Times have changed! Herons,



however, are omnivores and partial to small birds, such as ducklings, amphibians and even small mammals. Whilst watching a heron at the watercress beds in late April, Stephen Burch (photo credit) realised that the heron's patient wait had been rewarded by a catch that did not look like a fish. Mark Bradfield, Letcombe Brook Officer, confirmed the identification of the catch from the zoomed-in photo (left) that clearly shows it was an unlucky water-shrew, Mark also confirmed that water-shrews are present along the brook, though rarely seen being mostly nocturnal and normally particularly active before dawn.

The water-shrew, *Neomys fodiens*, has a pointed snout, small ears visible as white tufts of fur, tiny eyes and a distinctive white underside to the body demarked clearly from the silky, dark brown upper fur (photo credit: Håkan Söderholm CC BY-SA 4.0). They live in extensive networks of small burrows and chambers, about 2cm wide, in the banks which they line with grass and leaves and hunt for invertebrates. Much of their time is spent underwater swimming to catch mainly Caddisfly and Mayfly larvae as well as snails and crustaceans. Though the feet are not webbed, stiff silvery hairs on the margins of large hind feet, and on the underside of a long tail that acts as a rudder, aid swimming and diving to depths of 70cm. Other adaptations to an aquatic life are the short, waterproof fur and the ability to close their ears; this is the only shrew that is likely to be seen in water. It is also the largest of British shrews. The water-shrew is unusual amongst mammals due to the poison in its saliva that is strong enough to paralyse frogs and small fish with a bite from red-tipped teeth, tackling prey up to 60 times heavier than itself, including newts and frogs.



Water-shrew breeding season extends through April to September, with a peak in May and June. One or two litters of 3 – 15 young are born each year and some females may breed in their first calendar year. The young are weaned at about four weeks, but stay with their mother for a further two weeks. Occasionally water-shrews are found up to 160m from water's edge in rough grassland, scrub, woodland and hedgerows, usually as the young are dispersing.

Water-shrews do not hibernate and are active through the winter, but have short life spans of a year or two with many adults dying at the end of the breeding season. The main predators on water-shrew are owls, kestrels, foxes, large fish and domestic cats.

The population densities of water shrew are low compared with most small mammals, but they are found throughout the UK especially associated with the banks of fast-flowing, clear, unpolluted water and watercress beds in southern and central England. They inhabit the larger islands of the Isle of Wight, Anglesey, Arran, Skye and Mull, but not Ireland, the Isles of Scilly or the Channel Islands. They are a rather under-studied mammal, protected under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act and, though the population trend is unknown, scientists fear their numbers may be declining due to habitat loss through water pollution. A downloadable fact sheet on water-shrews is available from [Water-Shrew.pdf \(mammal.org.uk\)](http://mammal.org.uk) on the Mammal Society website.

Work parties continue in the Community Nature Reserve on Saturday, 18th June from 13:30 to 16:30. Please meet near the lake notice board by 13:20 for the tasks and safety briefing. Tools will be provided, and refreshments too mid-afternoon, but please take your own work gloves.



Letcombe Football Club

The football season is finally over, and we can have a rest for a couple of months until training for the new season starts again in July. Bare areas of the pitch have been re-seeded, and we are watering it during dry weather to help germination.

Our final match of the season saw us lose 2-0 to Clanfield development in the final of the Faringdon Memorial Cup, although they strengthened their team with some first team players. We finished in mid-table in Division Two South of the Hellenic League.

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From: 3-4.15pm	From: 4.30pm

*Please note revised timings

Featuring: HUG - Hendred's Ukelele Group, providing live music throughout the afternoon. And a 'Letcombe then and now' photo display.

Villagers and Guests welcome, please contact the Parish Clerk at letregispc@gmail.com

Jubilee Beacon will be lit at Segsbury Camp at 9.45pm. Parking available.
Thanks to Sallie and Tessa Good

Donations to Ukrainian Appeal



Women's Institute

The next meeting of the WI will be on June the 13th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Andy Kempe, Emeritus Professor of Drama Education at the University of Reading will talk about 'The Curious case of Greenham Common'. Asking "what was Noah's Ark doing on Greenham Common?" A lively canter through the history of the Common, from pre-history to the present.

Visitors welcome and new members encouraged.



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Letcombes Gardening Club

Topical Tips

June is here! This is traditionally when English cottage gardens are at their best. I hope yours is looking glorious. These last few weeks have been tricky as it's been so dry but hopefully your plants have survived.

Any tender plants that you still have in the greenhouse can safely be put outside now. Another point to bear in mind is that the greenhouse can get very hot so you might want to put some shading up to protect any plants you still have in there.

If you have been restrained and not hacked off all the foliage from your spring bulbs, thus allowing the bulbs to swell, then you can breathe a sigh of relief this month as you can now chop it all off!

While you are in 'chopping mode', cut off the spent flower heads from euphorbias now. This will control the bigger varieties and prevent unsightly mildew on varieties like robbiae. You can also completely cut back oriental poppies, as they can look rather ugly when the flowers have finished.

You need to keep hoeing to keep on top of the weeds. Watch out for bindweed. It grows very fast and seems to operate in 'stealth mode'! One day nothing, the next day as you're wandering round it seems to be at the top of your favourite perennials and shrubs. You can get rid of it by giving it a pole to grow up and then spraying it with weed killer if you are 'in to' chemicals. If not you just have to pull it up which is almost impossible. To be honest, life is too short and, although I'm sure Gardeners World would severely chastise me for saying this; just breaking it off when you see it hides it from view. Out of sight, out of mind and I like to kid myself that I'm weakening it by doing this!!

You can prune deciduous magnolias now and also clip evergreen hedges and shrubs.

Now onto the knotty issue of suckers! Some shrubs and trees (figs are a huge culprit for this) produce a healthy crop of these. You need to remove them, digging them out if at all possible.

If you have any favourite or rare shrubs why not try your hand at propagation? All the fresh new growth will root much more readily.

Make sure you keep an eye on your clematis and keep tying/winding it in. They can quickly get out of control.

Now for a quick foray into the world of edibles. You should be regularly harvesting salad crops by now. Don't forget to sow in succession. You can sow beetroot in this way too.

Any remaining tender veg that you have raised in the greenhouse can be planted out now.

The main jobs are keeping those weeds down and keeping the crops watered. If you want a less arduous task then spend a little time training in your beans!

Well the sun is shining at the moment and the garden beckons so the topical tips lady is heading outside. Why don't you join me and enjoy!

The Letcombes Gardening Club

The gardening club has an evening trip this month on Wednesday 22nd June, to Kidmore House Garden, Kidmore End near Reading. It is a 14 acre landscaped garden with a ha-ha, a walled garden, a rose garden and a small vineyard. The visit commences at 6.30pm at the garden and entry is £6.00. You do not need to be a member to join us on this trip but we would appreciate it if you let us know if you intend to come (contact on the village contacts list) so that we can keep a track of numbers.



St Andrew's

Last month events from April came first in St Andrews news and now May news comes first in June! Sunday 8th May was the last service in St Andrew's for Rev Andrea Colbrook, our wonderful curate for the last three years.



The church was full for this special occasion and Andrea was presented with flowers and two large boxes - of which more later. After the service most of the congregation repaired to the Richmond café (open thanks to Diane Ockwell) for coffee and biscuits. Andrea opened the boxes which contained an attractive jug and bowl decorated with hearts, an ideal gift, as Andrea will remain in all our hearts.

It was a beautiful morning for the first of our new lay led services on Sunday 22nd May. It was the first time for about two years that we have had one of these services and those who attended were grateful to David Allchin for his leadership.

June will start with many Platinum Jubilee events, of course, and bell ringing will be the main St Andrew's contribution to the festivities. In accordance with the wishes of the Royal Household and the Church of England all six bells of St Andrew's will ring out to celebrate the Queen's amazing 70 years on the throne. There will be a collective bell ringing session on

Friday 3rd June for the Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St Paul's Cathedral. Great Paul, the largest church bell in the country, will be rung between 10.50 and 10.55 am. It was made in 1882 but fell silent in the 1970s due to a broken mechanism. Since its restoration in 2021 Great Paul has been rung eight times but this is the first royal occasion on which it will ring. The peal of bells



at St Paul's will follow. St Andrew's bells will be ringing between 10.30 am and 11 am that morning so we can all feel part of the celebrations. Another Jubilee event for the whole benefice is a Pentecost Celebration in Kingston Lisle on Sunday 5th June at 10.30 am. There will be a Holy Communion Service and the congregation is encouraged to bring a picnic and enjoy festive activities after the service. More about this can be seen in the Signpost, as well as details of all the services in St Andrew's. These are regularly: Prayer Group on Monday at 10.30 am, Evensong on Monday at 3 pm and Holy



Communion on the second Sunday of the month and lay led Morning Prayer on the fourth Sunday.

Book Buffs



The next meeting will be held in the Greyhound at 8pm on Wednesday 1st June. We shall be reviewing 'A Humble Companion' by Laurie Graham and 'The Kennedy Moment' by Peter Adamson.

The new library book is 'The Bookseller of Kabul' by Asne Seierstad and the alternative, which we have read previously, is 'My Name is Lean' by Kit de Waal', a very thoughtful book which will soon be screened as a TV drama.

Courier fraud

What it is

Courier fraud occurs when a fraudster contacts victims by telephone purporting to be a police officer or bank official. To substantiate this claim, the caller might be able to confirm some easily obtainable basic details about the victim such as their full name and address.

The caller may also offer a telephone number for the victim to telephone or ask the victim to call the number on the back of their bank card to check that they are genuine. In these circumstances, either the number offered will not be genuine or, where a genuine number is suggested, the fraudster will stay on the line and pass the victim to a different individual.

After some trust has been established, the fraudster will then, for example, suggest;

- Some money has been removed from a victim's bank account and staff at their local bank branch are responsible.
- Suspects have already been arrested but the "police" need money for evidence.
- A business such as a jewellers or currency exchange is operating fraudulently and they require assistance to help secure evidence.

Victims are then asked to co-operate in an investigation by attending their bank and withdrawing money, withdrawing foreign currency from an exchange or purchasing an expensive item to hand over to a courier for examination who will also be a fraudster.

At the time of handover, unsuspecting victims are promised the money they've handed over or spent will be reimbursed but in reality there is no further contact and the money is never seen again.

Protect yourself

- Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to verify your personal details or PIN by phone or offer to pick up your card by courier. Hang up if you get a call like this.
- If you need to call your bank back to check, wait five minutes; fraudsters may stay on the line after you hang up. Alternatively, use a different line altogether to call your bank.
- Your debit or credit card is yours – don't let a stranger take it off you. You should only ever have to hand it over at your bank. If it's cancelled, you should destroy it yourself.

Spot the signs

- Someone claiming to be from your bank or local police force calls you to tell you about fraudulent activity but is asking you for personal information or even your PIN to verify who you are.
- They're offering you to call back so you can be sure they're genuine, but when you try to return the call there's no dial tone.
- They try to offer you peace of mind by having somebody pick up the card for you to save you the trouble of having to go to your bank or local police station.

How it happens

You may get called on your mobile or landline by someone who claims to be from your bank or the police. They say their systems have spotted a fraudulent payment on your card or it is due to expire and needs to be replaced.

They might suggest that you hang up and redial the number of their bank or police force to reassure you that they're genuine. However, they don't disconnect the call from the landline so that when you dial the real phone number, you're still speaking to the same fraudster.

They'll then ask you to read out your credit or debit card PIN or type it on your phone keypad. They may ask for details of other accounts you hold with the bank or elsewhere to grab more information.

Then they promise to send a courier to you to collect your bank card. The fraudster will have your name, address, full bank details, card and its PIN, and withdraw cash using the card and may even use the information to commit **identity fraud** in your name.

How to report it

(Red denotes [hyperlink](#) to website)

Report it to us online or call 0300 123 2040.

If you've given your bank details over the phone or handed your card to a courier, call your bank straight away to cancel the card.



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Let's celebrate



FRIDAY 3 JUNE
Letcombe Sports
& Social Club

BBQ from 4pm

The Sports & Social Club continues to be busy when events are on and on Friday evenings. With the Cricket season now well under way, we have also had a few villagers enjoying watching the matches when they are on. Details of events are on the calendar here - <https://letcombesportsclub.org.uk/>

We have a BBQ organised for the Bank Holiday Friday 3rd June from approx 4.30pm, and "Pizza at the Pavilion" together with live music by the group "Subway" on Saturday 11th June.

The next Pizza event after that is on Friday 1st July.

A reminder to our current members, and anyone who wants to join new, the membership is still only £12 for 12 months, and is due at the beginning of June. Many members have already paid, but if it has slipped your mind, please can you renew. The easiest way to do this is at the bar.

Richard
Secretary, Letcombe Sports and Social Club



Issue 202

Film Club

June Film: *Belfast* (12)
Weds 8 June

We have saved one of the best films of recent years for our last screening before the summer break - '*Belfast*'. If you've missed it at the cinema now is your chance to see it on the big screen in Letcombe. And even if you have already seen it, it's well worth a second look!

This multi award winning film is based on the early life of the actor and film maker Kenneth Branagh who was born and lived in Belfast until the beginning of the Troubles in 1969. With 7 Oscar nominations, one of which Branagh won for Best Screenplay, as well as winning the BAFTA for Outstanding British Film, *Belfast* cleverly conveys the sadness which sectarianism brought to Northern Ireland, while remaining funny and up-lifting.

The stellar cast features Ciaran Hinds, Judi Dench, Catriona Balfe, and Jamie Dornan but the newcomer Jude Hill outshines them all, stealing the show as the young Branagh, schoolboy Buddy. Through the day to day life of Buddy we see the beginning of violence on the streets of Belfast which changed lives for the next 30 years. Despite this, *Belfast* is a heart warming film that we think you will really enjoy, especially if you are a Van Morrison fan, as many of his great tunes are the backdrop of the film.

We look forward to seeing you there. Come early for a drink and chat to friends. Doors open at 7.30,

Village Hall & Recreation Ground



I am sure we are all looking forward to the Jubilee celebrations which are planned for the coming week. Details of the various events organised are elsewhere in The Register.

After deciding to step down from the Trustees, I am delighted to say that there have been a couple of applications from Villagers to join. I am sure whomever comes in will bring some new and fresh skills to the role.

I would like to thank all the Trustees for their support over the previous three years, and am sure that the Trust will continue to manage the Hall and Recreation Ground successfully.

The Annual Report and Finance details will be published in the July Register.

Richard Taylor
Chairman,
Letcombe Regis Recreation Ground and Village Hall Trust

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June Waste Calendar

Click [Here](#) for new 2022/23 waste calendar

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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			
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