





The Letcombe Register



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May 2021

VILLAGE DIARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 <u>Tennis Cardio</u> 9 - 10am Junior Tennis Coaching 10 - 2	2 (Communion 10am Kingston Lisle)
3	4 Revised Collection	5  Tennis Cardio 9 - 10 Coaching 10 - 11 Cricket 6pm	6	7	8 <u>Tennis Cardio</u> 9 - 10am Junior Tennis Coaching 10 - 2	9 Worship together 10am <u>Zoom Code</u>
10  Double Volume garden waste for subscribers	11	12 <u>Tennis Cardio</u> 9 - 10 Coaching 10 - 11 Book Buffs 8pm <u>Zoom Code</u>	13 Ascension Day Holy Communion 11 am St Andrew's Letcombe Regis	14	15 <u>Tennis Cardio</u> 9 - 10am Junior coaching 10 - 2 Cricket 1pm Gardening Club <u>Online</u> Plant Market	16 (Communion 10am Childrey) Cricket 1.30pm
17 APM & Parish Council Meeting (Zoom) 7.30pm	18  Yoga w Beth 0945-1045 Village Hall RG&VH Trust Meeting (Pavilion - TBC)	19 <u>Tennis Cardio</u> 9 - 10 Coaching 10 - 11 Cricket 6pm	20	21	22 <u>Tennis Cardio</u> 9 - 10am Junior Tennis Coaching 10 - 2	23 Worship together 10am <u>Zoom Code</u>
24 	25 Yoga w Beth 0945-1045 Village Hall	26 <u>Tennis Cardio</u> 9 - 10 Coaching 10 - 11	27	28	29 <u>Tennis Cardio</u> 9 - 10am Junior Tennis Coaching 10 - 2 Cricket 1pm	30 Holy Communion 10 am St Andrew's Letcombe Regis
31 Revised Collection						

* Most Events shown in the Calendar should still be booked in advance, and could also be changed at short notice. Please check the details before attending. (Items underlined in the diary are hyperlinked)

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Message from the Parish Council

There is much to look forward to with the lifting on the tight lockdown restrictions and the opening up of services and facilities. Social contact is beginning to return and with the onset of sunny days we can all see a brighter future. Please do remain vigilant though as we cautiously return to a semblance of normality. Free Covid19 Testing Kits are available, either by ordering on line or from local collection points. Our closest is the Beacon in Wantage. These can help keep you and others safe and are simple to use.

There are some key dates this May, with Local Elections taking place on 6 May, with our local voting station being the Village Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will also take place, via Zoom, on Monday 17 May, from 7.30pm. Please contact the Clerk requesting the link if you wish to join us. All are welcome. The Agenda appears elsewhere in this Register. This is followed immediately by the Annual Parish Council Meeting for those wishing to remain.

The improved Pavilion reopened its doors recently, and this now provides a super 'watering hole' especially during the summer months. All those living in the Parish are entitled to become social members for just £12 per year. Please contact letcombesportsclub@gmail.com for details.

It is expected that the improvement works to the Burial Ground will commence later in the summer and our sincere thanks go to Phil Hodgson for his vital assistance in getting this project underway.

There have been improvements works to the road drainage in the Bablakes area and we anticipate that there will be no more significant flooding along this stretch of road. A number of pot holes are continuing to appear however so please, please, help the Parish Council by reporting them on [Fix My Street](#). Your additional reporting brings the issue higher in the priority listing.

There has been some work undertaken to clear out the grips and the drainage throughout the village, and there is further finishing work to be done. We hope that this may go some way to help prevent the water laying on the roads during wet weather and thereby reduce the number of potholes.

You will have been advised by separate email that the 'boardwalk section' of the footpath on the boundary of Richmond Village has had to be closed temporarily for repairs. We will notify as soon as we hear the work has been completed. We are also engaging with Oxfordshire County Council to sort out repairs to the bridge over the Letcombe Brook to the back of the Millennium Green. Two boards are rotten and will need to be replaced.

Over the next couple of months we will be placing a bench to the side of the footpath between Letcombe and Wantage to enable those walking the path to take a break, and enjoy the wonderful views. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to the local landowner who has agreed that the bench can be placed on his land.

We continue to seek improvements to the Broadband in the Parish as we appreciate the flaky nature of the current arrangements. This is not an easy task, but please be assured we will be doing everything we can to take up any opportunities. Any developments will be communicated through the Register and the Village Email.

On a more sombre note, the Parish Council was saddened to hear of the death of HRH Prince Philip, and are grateful to all those who contributed to, and attended, the jointly planned Civic Service to mark his passing.

Finally, please contact the Parish Clerk letregispc@gmail.com if you have any issue you would like the Parish Council to consider.

Stay safe

Jeanne Lapsley
Chairman Letcombe Regis Parish Council.

Letcombe Regis

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Residents of Letcombe Regis are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday 17th May 2021 starting at 7.30pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8pm

Due to the Pandemic at their last meeting The Parish Council decided to continue with Zoom meetings for the time being.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a forum to enable villagers to discuss Parish Affairs and for the Council to explain their activities over the last year.

Anyone may attend but only registered electors in the Parish of Letcombe Regis may speak, vote or ask questions of the Council. An elector may also make suggestions and comment on parish issues, and may propose resolutions. Minutes will be taken and any matters arising will be dealt with at the next Council meeting

AGENDA



1. **Welcome by the Chairman Cllr Lapsley**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minutes of the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 18th May**
(There was no Annual Parish Meeting in 2020 due to Covid-19)
4. **Police Report update**
5. **Reports from our County and District Councillors**
6. **Parish Council Annual Report 2018/2019 - Cllr Jeanne Lapsley**
7. **Councillor's Reports for 2020-2021**
8. **Parish Council Annual Financial Report 2020/2021 – Parish Clerk**
Please send any questions on the financial report to the Clerk by the 10th May, otherwise they will be answered at the following Parish Council Meeting on 19th July 2021.

Letcombe Regis Parish Council – Unaudited Accounts from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

	Receipts	Payments	Total
Account Balance 1st April 2020			
Current account	3,622.84		
Deposit account	78,292.45		
VH Project account	1,357.93		
Big Lottery account	<u>12,472.84</u>		
Total	95,746.06		95,746.06
Receipts			
Precept	21,178.00		
Burial Ground Fees	450.67		
Bank interest	31.63		
Bequest	200.00		
Letcombe Register	494.00		
Wayleave payments	41.77		
VAT refund	1,656.77		
Grants	674.00		
Training refund	60.00		
			24,786.84
Payments			
Locum Clerk		128.25	
Clerk		5,786.34	
Parish Council NIC		9.80	
PAYE		822.20	
PC Mobile		262.78	
Room hire		58.00	
Covid-19 related expenses		1,375.43	
Office expenses		475.01	
Insurance		375.06	
Audit fees		340.00	
Subscriptions		249.89	
Grants & Donations			
VH & RGMC		1,776.00	
Letcombe Brook Project		700.00	
Community activities		806.00	
Running Costs			
Website		1,611.00	
Village Warden		1,710.00	
DO\$H, Microsoft, McAfee etc		124.99	
Burial Ground Maintenance		388.00	
Burial Ground Fees		1,794.00	
Millennium Green reinstatement		1,142.00	
Millennium Green grass cutting		600.00	
Millennium Green tree maintenance		999.00	
Defibrillator costs		489.24	
Christmas tree		89.99	
Assets Purchased			
Equipment & tools Community		839.05	<u>23,063.52</u>
Emergency expenses		111.49	97,469.38
Balance at 31st March 2021			
Current account	7,937.83		
Less unbanked cheques	-2,623.97		
Deposit account	78,324.75		
VH Project account	1,357.93		
BIG Lottery account	<u>12,472.84</u>		
Total	97,469.38		

STEP 3

At least five weeks after Step 2, no earlier than 17 May.

 Indoor entertainment and attractions.	 30 person limit outdoors. Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review).	 Domestic overnight stays.
 Organised indoor adult sport.	 Most significant life events (30).	 Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances).
 Remaining accommodation.	 Some large events (except for pilots) - capacity limits apply. Indoor events: 1,000 or 50%. Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50%. Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25%.	 International travel - subject to review.

Change of name for Wantage Independent Advice Centre

Wantage Independent Advice Centre (WIAC) have announced that as of April 2021 they have changed their name to Vale Community Impact or VCI



This is to better reflect their core remit that they are "In the Vale for the Vale".

They will continue to deliver their well-established services within the communities with the new name and logo.

Their address, phone number and Charity number remain the same but have a new email and website addresses as follows.

email: help@vci.org.uk and website: www.vci.org.uk

Love to Sing Course - June 2021



Do you love to sing? Would you like to try something new this year?

Harmony InSpires, the all-female a Cappella chorus based in Marcham, (near Abingdon, Oxfordshire) invites women of all ages and all levels of experience to join a FREE online 'Love to Sing' course over three evenings on 2nd, 9th and 16th June. No need to read music as we provide teach tracks to help you learn as you sing along!

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200 Club results

200 Club Draw — No 1		April 2021
23	Reg & Margaret PIKE	£50
92	Alan & Beryl DOMAN	£25
180	Robin GLYN	£15
233	Freddie TROTTER	£10
55	Eddie & Liz JENKINS	£5
Special Draw:		
128	Peter COLLINS	£25
14	Irene TOOMEY	£20
35	Judy VAUGHAN - WILLIAMS	£10
50	Deborah WALTER	£10
62	Pauline KOLINS	£10
168	Thérèse CLARKE	£10
335	Max STEWART	£10
New Numbers Draw		
239	Gill LAY	£5

200 Club Draw — No 2		May 2021
332	Jaqueline McLaurin	£50
115	Sophie Horrridge	£25
242	Stephanie Walmsley	£15
241	Ben Walmsley	£10
44	Karen Morton	£5
Special Draw:		
219	Sally Stainsbie	£25
139	Andy Yates	£20
182	Sarah Gibbard	£10
169	Nigel Bedford	£10
68	Bridget Benn	£10
8	Richard Taylor	£10
144	Alan Pullinger	£10
New Numbers Draw		
12	Paul Batchelor	£5

So far 238 numbers have been bought this year. This is the highest total in the 23 years of the 200 Club's existence. Not only have the vast majority of members renewed their subscription, but the response from new people moving in to the village has been very good.

You can join the 200 Club at any time. Contact Ian Taylor on 01235 764677 (letcomberegis200club@gmail.com)

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CONVERSION TO WINDOWS 10?

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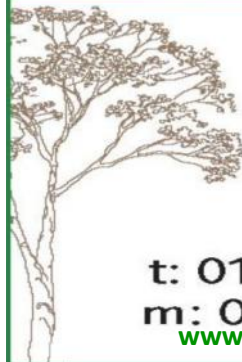


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Letcombe Football Club

We have returned to action at last. The Hellenic League abandoned the season, but introduced a new competition with teams of 5 in a mini league with the top two qualifying for the knock-out stages. It was arranged locally so we were put into a very strong group. Our first game was away to Hungerford Swifts and the game was goalless when one of our players sustained a very serious knee injury which caused the game to be abandoned. He has undergone a lengthy operation and faces many months of rehab. We then played Wantage Town development at home and drew 1-1. We play Kintbury at home on April 24th and then travel to play Shrivenham development on 1st May.

The North Berks league decided that clubs would play each other only once, so our reserves were left with just 3 games to play. We lost 2-1 to league leaders Watlington reserves, and still have to play Burghclere and Hagbourne reserves.

David Johnston, MP

I was the 135th speaker for the House of Commons motion to pay tribute to Prince Philip, but they only got to the 131st MP. Had I been able to speak I would have recounted an anecdote in James Callaghan's book in which he found himself squeezed into a small car with Prince Philip and Margaret Thatcher. Despite the fact he had been PM, he wrote "I recognised at once the force of their characters and decided that my best contribution to the general happiness would be to remain quite quiet." Sensible man. Few people will serve their country as long and as steadfastly as Prince Philip did ours.



So far, so good, on reopening post lockdown. I spent most of the first full Friday I could visiting shops and pubs who were, as you can imagine, pleased to have reopened – despite that snow on day 1! Just before the retail visits, I'd been at the Sylva Foundation and the Earth Trust in Little Wittenham and been inspired by what both are doing. Make sure you check out the brand-new Earth Lab the latter has been building, which will open in the near future, not least to admire its construction. It is built with glulam beams and has a rammed earth wall, straw insulation and a wildflower roof – I got a sneak peek and was very impressed.

I am among the MPs who has returned to parliament Monday-Thursday each week (parliament only sits on occasional Fridays). It's not exactly lively yet – many MPs are continuing to participate virtually and there are so many restrictions in every part of the building, including the continuation of the 50 person limit in the House of Commons, that you don't see many people in the way you used to. But important business continues to proceed, including the Domestic Abuse and Finance Bills.

Much continues to be by Zoom however. It has been a pleasure to continue to attend meetings of parish councils, most recently that of Aston Tirrold and Aston Upthorpe. I am always impressed with the dedication of people who sit on parish councils as there is not a lot of glory to the posts, but they're vital to ensuring that very local issues get the consideration they should. And, of course, parish councils played a key role in the community's response to Covid. I also continue to take searching questions from school children via Zoom – as I did just before Easter with Sutton Courtenay primary school. Some of the questions children ask you are tougher than the ones adults do.

The constituency and Oxfordshire have done very well from the Government's Culture Recovery Fund, with Didcot Railway Centre, Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra and Origin Technical Productions receiving a combined £400,000 in the latest round and 31 organisations receiving over £5 million overall – I hope we see them all flourish when they can get back to normal.

As ever, if I can help with anything then do contact me via david.johnston.mp@parliament.uk



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Letcombes Gardening Club

Topical Tips

As we enter May we are moving into late spring and lets hope this brings slightly warmer nights so our poor plants don't keep getting a cold shock!

May is the month when we should be able to start freeing up our greenhouses of all those tender specimens but don't do this at the beginning of the month as there is still a danger of a short cold snap or two.

It is still not too late to divide perennials so any of you who are thinking of participating in the Gardening Club online Plant Market take note; there is still time to generate some plants! Spring flowering perennials, like pulmonaria, will have 'done their stuff' now so clip them back and you'll get nice fresh leaves which are almost as attractive as the flowers.

You can have a go at some cuttings of pelargoniums and fuchsias now and this will provide you with lots of fresh new plants for later in the summer.

If you're in a tidying up mood then here's a little word of warning. Let the foliage of spring bulbs die down naturally as this gives the bulbs a chance to regenerate and thus you'll have more chance of flowers next spring. I know they look untidy but if you plant perennials around them then they will be hidden. Do lift spent forget-me-nots though if you don't want a forget-me-not monoculture next year!

Put plant supports in place now before perennials start to flop.

Any plants that you have raised from seed and cuttings and that are destined for outside can be hardened off this month. Do this over a period of about 10-14 days by just leaving them outside during the day to get them accustomed to the lower temperatures.

Another little tip before we leave the subject of flowers. If you want nice bushy chrysanthemums then pinch out the tops. If you leave them then you'll get tall thin sprays. Removing a few flower buds will give you larger blooms.

You can prune back more tender shrubs this month and clip evergreen hedges but do watch out for nesting birds.

If you have a clematis montana you will be aware that these can become huge. Now is the time to give it a trim if necessary. Don't be afraid of this. They take even hard cutting back very well.

Now I mustn't leave out the veg growers amongst you! You can sow climbing and french beans, sweetcorn, courgettes and squash under glass this month ready for planting out next month. This is a particularly good idea with beans as slugs and snails really relish the new shoots and sometimes eat them away completely if they are sown direct.

You can do successional sowings of salad leaves and radish and many sorts of brassica can be direct sown this month if you prefer.

Your rhubarb should be ready to harvest now and remember to keep cutting asparagus. What a treat!

Well, I think that's all from me for now so enjoy your garden!

Gardening Club (online) Plant Market

Monthly meetings for the Gardening Club have come to an end now for this season, as I'm sure everyone is far too busy outside in their garden! However, we are holding our online Plant Market as we did last year as Covid restrictions still prevent us from holding it at the village hall. This will take place over the weekend of the 15th – 16th May. All those of you who are members and/or on the Gardening Club email list will automatically receive a plant list and instructions as to how to participate in this event. If you are not on the list then just drop an email to meryl@dunstanlodge.co.uk to request the list and instructions.



The Letcombes Conservation Group

St. Andrew's churchyard has been a wonderful sight this Spring, full of wildflowers due to the dedication of Anne Williams. The delicate, purple and white Snake's Head Fritillaries,



Fritillaria meleagris, have spread gradually over a wider area dotted amongst the primroses. In past centuries these once common flowers were sold at Covent Garden and London children sold posies picked from the meadows along the River Thames for a penny or two, but now the plant is on the UK Red Data list and classed as vulnerable. On cue, the deep purple petals of a Pasqueflower, *Pulsatilla vulgaris*, opened on Easter Day to reveal its bright yellow, stamen-filled centre surrounded by feathery, grey-green leaves. Several more of these very rare flowers, also known as the 'anemone of Passiontide', opened

subsequently; their common name derived from the word 'paschal' meaning 'of Easter'. This is another flower classed as vulnerable on the UK Red Data List and restricted to a few nature reserves with undisturbed chalk and limestone grasslands, while internationally the Pasqueflower is classified as a threatened species.



Pale yellow oxlips, *Primula elatior*, stood taller than the primroses and now the brighter yellow, bell-shaped cowslips, *Primula veris*, are in full display. Traditionally cowslip



flowers adorned May Day garlands and were strewn on church paths for weddings. Watch out for other delights appearing in May including the Star of Bethlehem, *Ornithogalum umbellatum*, with white star-shaped, nectar and pollen rich flowers that attract bees and other pollinators.

The eastern grassy mound is buzzing with one of the UK's most distinctive solitary bees, Ashy mining bees, *Andrena cineraria*, which feed on the wide variety of spring flowers and shrubs. The female bee has two ash-coloured bands across the thorax and white hair on the head. The glossy black abdomen can look bluish in bright light, perhaps

explaining why some people mistakenly thought the churchyard had a plague of flies. The males have similar markings but are smaller. Each female creates their own nest burrow by excavating small tunnels in the soil, the entrance looking like a mini-volcano. Ashy mining bees often close this entrance over after foraging for the day and when it rains, or if they are disturbed. Females will lay eggs for a couple of months after they first emerge, then end their lifespan. They line and waterproof individual cells within the nest with a waxy substance, each cell holding an egg provided with pollen and nectar supplies for the larva to over-winter. A large nesting aggregation has been built up this Spring and the cycle will continue next year.



The Letcombes Conservation Group will participate in the *Churches Count on Nature* week, a conservation initiative promoted by *Caring for God's acre*, the Church of England and the Church in Wales. Recording sessions will be run in St. Andrew's churchyard during the week of 5-13 June to contribute to a nationwide database of wildlife in the UK. Do note the week in your diary and check the June edition of the Letcombe Register for details on how to join in.



Film Club Returns!

Good news! At last we are planning the return of Film Club to the Village Hall. The plan is to start our monthly film night on Wednesday 8th September after the summer period. We haven't yet decided on a film, but we want it to be fun! If you have ideas for films you'd like to see at Film Club, just let us know - email your ideas to - letcombefilms@outlook.com.

So put these dates in your diary for your monthly big screen experience, right here in Letcombe, when Film Club is up and running again.

Weds 8 Sept, 13 Oct; 10 Nov; 8 December.

We look forward to seeing you back at Film Club in September.

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Beth Trotter



Gentle Hatha Yoga to Ease and Release class restarts Tuesday 18th May, 9.45-10.45 in the Village Hall.



No News this month, but you can access the club's website for more information, including membership fees and court occupancy at <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LetcombeTennisClub>



Friends of the Letcombe Valley Community Nature Reserve

Summer visitors are here, and not just the two or four-legged variety that arrive to walk in the Reserve on fine days. 'Summer visitors' is a slightly misleading term for birds that fly to the UK in the spring to breed. During their stay, they will feed on plentiful insects and leave again in the autumn. Listening for the first cuckoo's arrival from sub-Saharan Africa is a tradition but sadly numbers in the UK have dropped by 65% since the 1980s. Researchers suggest the cause may be related primarily to a climate-induced time shift in nesting by host birds such as the Dunnock, Pied Wagtail and Reed Warbler and, to a lesser degree, to a decline in host species such as the Meadow Pipit due to lack of food and agricultural intensification. Other factors include a decline in caterpillar numbers here during the breeding season, and deterioration of conditions along the migration route and in the over-wintering grounds.

The list of summer visitors also includes Swallows, Swifts, and House Martins. These birds are insectivorous and catch insects in mid-air in wide-gaped bills. They drink also on the wing, scooping their bills across the surface of the brook and lake waters in the Reserve as they fly. Swallows, both male and female, have glossy, green or bluish feathers on their backs and red throats, but they are seen most often in silhouette and distinguished by their long, forked tails. The shape of the long tails indicates status – the females are apparently attracted by males with more symmetrical tails. Studies have discovered that 44% of swallow pairs reoccupy the same nests on return from Africa, a phenomenon called philopatry or 'nest-faithfulness'. This seems practical considering the number of flights and the time taken to build a nest from mud, and requires only a re-line by the female each year. An estimated one million swallows visit the UK each summer, 11th in world swallow populations.



Smaller than swallows at around 12 cm long with a wingspan of 26 to 29 cm, House Martins have a short forked tail, glossy blue/black feathers on the back with short, thin, black beaks. They can be distinguished from swallows by the white feathers on the underparts, rear and legs. The birds pair to breed but only stay together for one breeding season and do not pair up again the following year. Their closed nests, except for the entrance hole at the top, take around ten days to make from over 1000 beak-sized mud pellets and are often found in colonies. The two-year lifespan of a House Martin is short in which typically they raise only two or three broods, the first at the age of one. Unusually for birds, the young from the first brood will help to feed the second.



Swifts are the medium sized birds in this African group of superb fliers with long, curved, narrow wings and a short forked tail. They are dark brown apart from a pale throat but look black in silhouette as they swoop fast and low into crevices in buildings where they nest. Swift legs and feet are so small that they do not perch on telegraph wires or fences and even sleep in flight. Their call is a piercing scream but is only heard in flight, not on the nest.



The number of birds observed in the past month in the Community Nature Reserve is phenomenal: Blackbird, Blackcap, Buzzard, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff, Corn Bunting, Carrion Crow, Collared Dove, Stock Dove, Little Egret, Gadwall, Goldfinch, Little Grebe, Red Kite, Magpie, Mallard, Moorhen, Nuthatch, Pheasant, Robin, Rook, Hedge Sparrow, House Sparrow, Swallow, Mistle Thrush, Song Thrush, Blue Tit, Great Tit, Tree creeper, Grey Wagtail, Water rail, Whitethroat, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Woodpigeon and Wren plus two other summer visitors, Pied Flycatcher and Yellow Wagtail. *'Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints, kill nothing but time'*, sit or step quietly and you too will see the wildlife that thrives in this special place.



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Letcombe Sports and Social Club

The bar was open last Friday for the first time in a long time, which was enjoyed by a few hardy members into the evening. Thanks to all who turned up and supported.

The patio has proven a real success, and we all look forward to the doors being installed in the next couple of weeks, and also being allowed back inside in a few weeks. When we are allowed inside, then the plan is to return to our regular opening days of Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Exact timings will be sent out to members and will also be available on the S&SC Calendar here - <http://letcombesports.ddns.net/>

We are planning a joint event with the Football Club on Saturday 3rd July (Covid-19 dependent), which will involve some entertainment and music into the evening. Look out in the next months Register for more details.

The "Sponsor a Brick" fundraiser has started very well, but there are plenty more bricks available to sponsor. At just £5 a brick, it won't break the bank!

Some members have already renewed their memberships for next year. The membership year runs from 1st June - 31st May each year. If you are interested in joining, or to renew, then please contact the Secretary on letcombesportsclub@gmail.com.

Although many gardeners are crying out for rain, it would be appreciated if it stayed away whilst the bar is open and we have to sit outside!

Richard
Secretary, Letcombe Sports and Social Club

Letcombe Cricket Club

The first match of the season ended in a comfortable win for Letcombe against Holton & Wheatley. Playing a 35-over match, the visitors chose to bat first and scored a fairly decent total of 173-4. In reply, apart from losing one early wicket, Letcombe found the middle of the bat regularly, and ended up winning by 8 wickets with 5+ overs to spare. A day for the batsmen rather than the bowlers!



The **HOME** fixtures through May are below. All fixtures can be found on the Web Site calendar here - <http://letcombecc.co.uk/>

Wednesday	5th	6.00 pm	v	East Hendred
Saturday	15th	1.00 pm	v	Oxenfords's 111's
Sunday	16th	1.30 pm	v	Welford Park
Wednesday	19th	6.00 pm	v	The Bell Inn, Aldworth
Saturday	29th	1.00 pm	V	Cumnor 111's

Richard
Secretary, Letcombe Cricket Club

“Something new, something borrowed, and something blue”

June Subject “Letcombe History”



Blue - Damson and Sky - Jane Prior



Blue -The Girl in the Blue Hat - Dianna Waddington



Blue - Bradbury Hill, Farringdon - Kristine Hitchcock



Book Buffs

The next meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 5th May via Zoom.

We shall be reviewing *'The Good Father'* by Noah Hawley.

The new library book is delayed due to a hitch with the library services so I suggest we read our alternative choice, *'The Road Back'* by Liz Harris, while we wait for it to arrive. Please return *'The Good Father'* to the blue box outside Blandy's Barn as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Recreation Ground & Village Hall Trust



There wasn't a Trustees meeting in April.

Users have started to return to the Village Hall. Classes such as after school dance, and use by family groups is now permitted. This will extend to other groups from the 17th May, as long as the Government Plan for coming out of Lockdown continues on schedule.

If you are planning to use the Hall this year - or next, then please get your booking requests into Claire. You can check Hall availability on the Calendar here - <https://www.letcomberegishall.org/availability> before requesting a booking.

By the time you read this, the old Riding Club field will have been levelled. Due to the very uneven nature of the ground, the grassy path alongside the football goal also had to be included in the levelling. The area will be power harrowed, rolled, sprayed for weeds and then grass seeded.

When it is sprayed, there will be a fence and warning notices, although this will only be necessary for a couple of days.

If you have any questions, or points you would like to raise about the Village Hall or Recreation Ground, then please either contact myself, or one of the other Trustees.

Our next Trust meeting will be on Tuesday 18th May, which will probably be held in the Sports Pavilion, Covid rules permitting.

Richard Taylor

Chairman, Letcombe Regis Recreation Ground and Village Hall Trust

Photographic Club



The Letcombe Photographic Club June subject will be: ***'Letcombe History'***.
The deadline for submission is the 20th of May.

Please send your images (max 2 per resident) as an attachment to stevemikarics@gmail.com

Please use ONE of the following formats for your image - Bitmap (.bmp), JPEG (.jpg, .jpeg), PNG (.png) or your own camera's format.

The April *'Something new, something borrowed, something blue'* photos be found on previous page 14.

Francesca Engelmann,
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The views expressed in the Register do not necessarily reflect the view of
Letcombe Regis Parish Council

Deadline for inclusion is the 27th of each month.

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Items will generally appear in the
order they were received

Past Registers are available to view,
along with much more information,
on the Village Website:
www.letcomberegisp.org

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UPDATES
PLEASE CONTACT THE **PARISH CLERK:**
LETREGISPC@GMAIL.COM

Waste Calendar

May 2021						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 x2	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Revised					
Green recycling Garden waste Food waste		Double Garden for subscribers		Landfill Food waste		

I gather last month's waste
calendar was incorrect.
My apologies. Whilst I hope I
am correct this month,
You can also:

Download your own copy of
the 21/22 **Vale of the White
Horse Waste calendar** [Here](#)

Once you click on the download, it
will take you to a PDF along with
the holiday collection changes too.

Vale of Whitehorse Waste collection information
can be found [HERE](#)

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