







# The Letcombe Register



Issue 201

May 2022

## VILLAGE DIARY

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## Message from the Parish Council

This month the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7.15pm in the Main Hall of the Village Hall, followed by the Parish Council Meeting. The Agenda & unaudited accounts can be found on pages 13 & 14. You are all welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

We are beginning to see a gradual return to normal in the village, with many events being reintroduced and being very well supported. Whilst Covid -19 restrictions have been relaxed please remain mindful that the numbers continue to remain high so you may wish to continue to take steps to keep yourselves safe.

For those of you walking and enjoying our wonderful surroundings you may have noticed the next phase of the Burial Ground improvements. A beech hedge has been planted on the boundaries and infill hedging placed in existing gaps. The next phase will see the tidying and levelling of the land immediately behind the Lych Gate to provide a fitting entrance to the area. There will also be planting of roses and honeysuckle and the installation of two benches, but this will need to follow in the next few months. In the meantime if you are visiting please continue to use the entrance from the Bassett Road.

Plans are well underway for the Village Platinum Cream Tea, which will take place on the first of the bank holidays, Thursday 2 June. As we are offering this to the whole village we would ask that you **book your place at one of the two sittings** with the Parish Clerk [letregispc@gmail.com](mailto:letregispc@gmail.com), to enable us to manage the event. Full details in the poster on this page. There will be excellent live music performed by HUG – The Hendreds Ukelele Group, and also a ‘Letcombe Then and Now’, in pictures, display.

**If you have any photos/images you would like to share please email to [stevemikarics@gmail.com](mailto:stevemikarics@gmail.com) by May 21<sup>st</sup> (Further details appear on page 12 in the Register).**

We hope for good weather, and encourage all those wishing to stay after their sitting to bring chairs or picnic rugs to enjoy time with family and friends. Sincere thanks to all those who have volunteered to provide cakes, scones and help on the day. We look forward to a fitting celebration to mark the beginning of the extended Bank Holiday Weekend. To finish the day there will be a Beacon lit at Segsbury Camp on the Ridgeway at 9.15pm, to link with other Beacons being lit across the country at this time. It should be a spectacular setting, and we are very grateful to Sallie and Tessa Good for allowing this to take place.

Back to more mundane issues - noticeably the usual range of pot holes are beginning to emerge again around the village and we would urge you all to report these directly to the County Council website – <https://www.fixmystreet.com> This will ensure the urgency of the matter is reflected to the repair teams.

Finally, if there are any matters you wish to raise with the Parish Council, please speak to one of us, email or contact the Parish Clerk.

Jeanne Lapsley  
Chairman Letcombe Regis Parish Council.



Letcombe Regis Parish Council will be hosting a

## Platinum Jubilee Village Cream Tea

Please join us at the Village Hall, Thursday 2 June ,  
1.30pm – 4.30pm

( There will be two sittings from 1.30-2.30pm, and from 3-4.15pm )

Villagers and Guests Welcome but you must **book in advance** by letting the Parish Clerk know your chosen sitting, [letregispc@gmail.com](mailto:letregispc@gmail.com)

### HUG - Hendreds Ukelele Group

will provide live music throughout the afternoon, and a  
‘Letcombe Then and Now Photo Show’ will be displayed

Our grateful thanks go to all those who have volunteered to bake scones, and Cakes, and provide help on the day.



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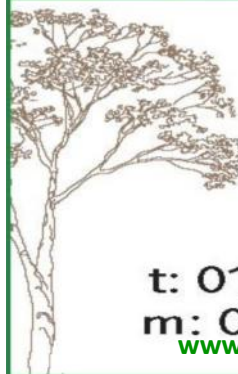


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200 Club Draw — No 1		April 2022
194	Ben BODEN	£50
235	Josh NEWALL	£25
123	Sharon BEDFORD	£15
182	Debbie BARTLETT	£10
132	Martin DUNN	£5
Special Draw:		
117	Michael GILLIBRAND	£25
77	Chris & Meryl FINCH	£20
205	Patrick CABLE-ALEXANDER	£10
101	Margaret STOCK	£10
125	Paul CAMPION	£10
5	David CARTER	£10
18	Sallie GOOD	£10
New Numbers Draw		
245	Inge AMERY	£5

200 Club Draw — No 2		May 2022
230	Angela HUXTER	£50
54	Mike & Lyn PRICE	£25
34	Doreen LEVY	£15
137	Kesia PULLINGER	£10
67	Emma MATTHEWS	£5
Special Draw:		
126	Kevin BAILEY	£25
159	Thérèse CLARKE	£20
197	Holly DUNMORE	£10
75	Dorothy & Brian HARRAWAY	£10
25	Nicky EREULT	£10
156	Thérèse CLARKE	£10
79	Graham THORNER	£10
New Numbers Draw		
244	Douglas FREWWER	£5

## Accounts - year 23

1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022

### INCOME

Numbers sold - 238 @ £24 2 @ £12	5,736.00
Donations (paid into bank)	<u>25.00</u>
	<b><u>£5,761.00</u></b>

### EXPENDITURE

Prizes	2,735.00
Transfer to Village Hall account	3000.00
Printing 200 Club letters	<u>10.00</u>
	5745.00
Cash in hand donations	<b><u>16.00</u></b>
	<b><u>£5,761.00</u></b>

Ian Taylor  
Treasurer 200 Club  
March 2022

I have reviewed these accounts prepared by the Treasurer and confirm they are in agreement with the underlying accounting records.

John Peskett  
Lime Tree House  
Letcombe Regis  
March 2022

At the time of going to press, there are still some numbers to be paid for.

Each number costs £24. Cheques or cash can be put through my letter box:  
Ian Taylor,  
Tara, Warborough Road, Letcombe Regis, OX12 9LD

Payment can also be made online. Instructions for which, and full details about the 200 Club, can be found in the April Issue of the Letcombe Register (pages 5/6).

If you no longer have your copy it can also be found, along with other past issues, on the Village Website:  
<https://www.letcomberegispc.org/newsletter>



The Women's Cycling Tour returns to the Vale of White Horse on Saturday 11 June.  
For more information please go to the following link: [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/womenstour](http://whitehorsedc.gov.uk/womenstour)

## Women's Cycling Tour



## Fired: Ceramic & glass exhibition

14 – 22 May 2022, daily 10am – 6pm  
Art Weeks venue 222

Oxfordshire Arts is so pleased to return for Oxfordshire Art Weeks 2022. After the runaway success of our first collaborative exhibition in 2019 it has felt a long time coming to reach this point.

We will be dusting off the marquee and it will once again be full of a selection of over 15 invited local potters and ceramicists. In addition, there will be a second marquee showing a range of fused glass and student work. Work ranges from functional to sculptural incorporating a range of techniques.

To make this a true Oxfordshire Arts experience there will be live demos of pottery techniques, hands-on taster sessions, ceramic supplies from Bluematchbox, Oxford Archaeology highlighting the origins of pottery and the essential cake and refreshments.

Free entry, all ages welcome, parking on site in a level field.

Approx. times of demos/taster sessions will be listed on our [website](#)/social media nearer the exhibition.

## Environment



To find out more about the environment in our area check out the [CPRE website](#) and their current campaigns including the government's energy strategy are also to be found [Here](#)



## Book Buffs

The next meeting will be held in the Greyhound at 8pm on Wednesday 4 May when we shall be reviewing:

*'Light Shining in the Forest'* by Paul Torday and the personal choice of any novel by Anne Tyler.

The library book is *'A Humble Companion'* by Laurie Graham, the alternative being: *'The Kennedy Moment'* by Peter Adamson.

## Football Club



April was a much more successful month for the football club. We began the month with two convincing wins against bottom of the league Cricklade Town, winning 6-0 at home and 10-0 away. We travelled to Fairford Town reserves where we scored two late goals to secure a 2-2 draw, and we followed this with one of our best performances of the season in the Faringdon Memorial cup semi-final to beat a strong Procision (Oxford) side 2-1. This game was played on a neutral ground at Faringdon, and we will return there on Thursday May 5th to play the final against Clanfield development. We ended the month with a 5-0 defeat away to league winners Highworth Town reserves where we had many regular players missing. At the time of writing we have two league games remaining, away to Wantage Town development and then at home to Faringdon Town.

We parted company with our manager, Garry Cook, by mutual consent at the end of March. We would like to record our grateful thanks to him for all his efforts throughout the last few years. He has worked tirelessly to improve the club both on and off the field, and we wish him well for the future.



### St Andrew's

**A**lthough everyone will be reading this at the beginning of May it seems right to begin with a mention of April in St Andrew's. Firstly on 2<sup>nd</sup> April the WI and St Andrew's held a very successful "Daffodil Day" in the church. Fortunately the sun shone - between sleet showers! - and the daffodils glowed in the sunlight throughout the village. The occasion was a happy collaboration between the church and the WI. A number of people took the opportunity to enjoy tea and delicious cakes which were provided by the WI, and Anne Williams had many plants for sale which were much appreciated by delighted gardeners.

On Palm Sunday we were lucky enough to have a service in St Andrew's and it was made more special with a reading of The Passion of Christ by seven members of the congregation. Easter Sunday was a warm and sunny day and the bells rang out as the congregation arrived in church. St Andrew's was full of beautiful flower arrangements, helping us to celebrate the most important day in the church's year. Fortunately the Rev Mary Harwood had recovered enough from her bout of Covid to be able to officiate at the service. The first reading of the banns of marriage for Emma Snell and Nathan Payne, who are to be married at St Andrew's in July, added to the joyful occasion. As we left the church, anyone who wished could take home a tiny jam jar - decorated in Ukrainian colours - which contained a sunflower seed to plant. The excellent idea is to fill the jar with money for Ukraine and return it to the church when you next attend a service, or give it to someone else to take for you.

Looking ahead to May. On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May our Holy Communion service will be taken for the last time by Andrea, our curate, before she leaves us to take up her new role in Ducklington. We are sure many of you will want to be there to wish her and her family well in the future. St Andrew's APCM will be held in the church at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May followed by the PCC meeting - everyone welcome to the APCM. On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May we shall be starting our new arrangements for Sundays with lay led Morning Prayer. The plan for the time being is for a service of Holy Communion on the second Sunday of every month and for lay led Morning Prayer on the fourth Sunday. Please note there will not be a Prayer Group or an Evensong service on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May as it is a Bank Holiday. [The Signpost lists all the services in the Benefice for the month.](#)

## Letcombe Regis Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust



**T**he Village Hall and Recreation Ground continue to be well used and popular with villagers and visitors. As the football season draws to a close, so the cricket season starts. Visitors to the Recreation Ground can not only enjoy the facilities and open spaces, but also occasionally hear the sound of leather on willow which is synonymous with English Village Life. A complete list of cricket fixtures was published in last months Register.

The sub-committee working on the Children's Playground refurbishment are progressing with plans, and we will all look forward to seeing the fruits of their labour when work starts, which is expected to be later this year.

I have decided to step down as Chair of the Trustees, and also as a Trustee. The Trust is therefore looking for a new Trustee to join, and also will need to appoint a new Chair. If anyone is interested in knowing more about becoming a Trustee, then please contact me, or one of the other Trustees.

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

(AGM Agenda can be found on page 15)



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## Letcombes Gardening Club

### *Topical Tips*

**W**e are now entering the final month of spring. This is one of my favourite times as all the plants are looking fresh, green and new and not flopping everywhere uncontrollably. There is the promise of many lovely flowers and plenty of delicious produce to come.

You do still need to be aware of late frosts though. There is a huge temptation to clear the greenhouse of all your tender plants but just be patient for a little longer. By the middle of the month you should be all right. You should also be able to plant out your dahlias and cannas by that time.

You can still divide herbaceous perennials this month, including bamboo, hostas and primroses (you can never have enough primroses). You can also cut back spring flowering perennials like pulmonaria as this will encourage new growth.

Do remember to leave daffodil foliage to die down naturally if at all possible as this feeds the bulbs. It can look very tatty so the temptation is huge to lop it all off. Another instance where patience is required!

I say this every year but do pull up forget-me-nots as soon as they have finished flowering. Don't worry. You'll still get loads the following year and they are very pretty but if nothing else, if you leave them too long the seed heads can get very irritating and itchy as you pull the plants up and stick to absolutely everything!

If you have any chrysanthemums then pinching out the leading shoots will give you bushier plants. If you are growing them as border specimens and not for cutting them this can make them less leggy and easier to control.

Make sure you keep on the look out for lily beetle and dispatch them asap. They're not difficult to spot as they're bright red and they reek havoc with your lilies. A more difficult pest to spot but even more destructive is vine weevil. Check your pot plants regularly and re-pot, disposing of the infected compost, if you do find vine weevil.

A question that is often asked is what to do with a Clematis montana. This type of clematis can get huge and very unwieldy. Now is the time to prune it if necessary. Take out any overcrowded, dead or diseased stems and then you can assess what you have. Don't be afraid to cut back hard if needed as this clematis is very tough and will come back again giving you an excellent opportunity to control it better a second time!!

You can also prune wall-trained pyracanthas now. Take out any shoots that are coming out from the wall and take new growth back to 7cm. This will encourage more flowering spurs.

On the veg front you need to be aware of 'mini droughts' at this time of year (we seem to be having one now). New seedlings are very vulnerable to this and so need to be kept irrigated. They can also be damaged by heavy rainfall so you need to be watchful and prepared to protect them.

You can sow your runner and French beans, corn, squash, cucumbers and courgettes under glass this month so that they will be ready to plant out next month. Some of the brassicas, like cabbage and kale, can be sown direct if you haven't already started them under glass.

The most important tip is to keep weeding. Weeds can quickly engulf young plantlets so although it's a rather thankless task it's very necessary.

I could think of lots more things to get you out into the garden but instead I'll just let the nice weather entice you out there, if nothing else to sit and enjoy!

### *Letcombes Gardening Club*

**T**he gardening club has finished it's season of talks but we held our annual fund raising Plant Market last month. I am very pleased to announce that we raised the magnificent sum of £969. Many thanks must go to all of those who worked so hard to make this event such a success and also to any of you who attended, bought plants and enjoyed a cup of tea and a piece of cake. Thank you all. We will be back in the village hall again in September for our first talk of the new season.





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## Yoga with Beth

I will be teaching yoga on Tuesday mornings throughout May (9.45-10.45am). Newcomers are very welcome.

I'm also teaching a Yoga Relaxation class on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 5.30-7.00 pm (£15). There will be an optional guided walk before the class around the beautiful Letcombe countryside from 4-5pm. Details are on my website [www.beyoga.co.uk](http://www.beyoga.co.uk)  
Please book any classes in advance.

### MILLENNIUM GREEN VOLUNTEER SPRUCE UP PARTY

Saturday 28th May 10am to 12noon

with Coffee and Cake

Please bring tools.



### Spring Adult American Doubles Tournament

It's a Fun Event, OPEN to all Abilities, American doubles (random mixing and rotation of partners).

**Sunday the 8th of May 2022, 10:00 am > 12:30pm**

**followed by a lunch Buffet and Drinks**

To just come for a buffet or take part, please either: ring Anne Jones on 763969 or email Letcombe tennis, otherwise just turn up at the courts.

### Junior Club Evenings.

Court 1 has been reserved especially for Boys and Girls 17 & under, Thursday evening from **5 to 7** pm, commencing **5th of May**, up to the end of October.

To ensure there is a supervisors and other juniors to play with, please text JS to 07772518938 or Email [letcombetennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:letcombetennisclub@gmail.com), to be added to a dedicated Junior WhatsApp group.

### Tennis Season is HERE

Courts are waiting there, for you to use this great village facility. The 2 courts are free to book, other than Saturdays up to 4 pm and we have made it easier to join up online via our website

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LetcombeTennisClub/Membership/Join>, (NB Adult membership is just £45 or £90 for a family, for 12 months of unlimited tennis) so no excuses, come on, get some exercise in the fresh air and make new friends.

**May, maybe the month you may play!!!**

### Keep fit Classes "in the open air"

Cardio Tennis a fitness class holding a racket, jogging around and sometimes hitting a ball, "anywhere"! Most of our new to tennis members started by joining our cardio sessions, it mainly is exercise in the fresh air but also gets you used to hitting a tennis ball.

The great thing with these classes is that they are designed so you can go at your own pace.

There is a 1 hour session from 9am with spaces on Saturdays.

Join on line via [Cardio Tennis @ letcombe](https://www.facebook.com/CardioTennis@letcombe).

## Women's Institute



The May meeting of the WI will be at 7.30 in the Village Hall on the 9th May. The title is 'Sustainable Wantage'.

Jez Elkins from The Mix is coming to talk about what goes on there and how we can all do our bit to try to save the planet.



## The Letcombes Conservation Group

On Sunday, 1 May, the traditional springtime festival, Morris men are up early with the dawn chorus to dance in Oxford. The date is known as International Dawn Chorus Day in celebration of the beauty of birdsong though, of course, it requires an early start to experience nature's 'hymn to the dawn'. May is the peak month in which to appreciate the phenomenon with sunrise around 5am, the times at which birds begin to sing relating to the extent of light in the sky. Being 'up with the lark' refers to one of the first species to respond to the light in the eastern sky, the Skylark, often accompanied by the melodic song of Blackbirds, but there is no fixed order of bird 'rise'. Other early singers at first light are the Rooks, their song described by some as 'soft, conversational notes' (a contrast to their harsh calls during the day), as well as the clear flute-like song of the Mistle thrush and the cooing of Woodpigeons. Shortly afterwards the early chorus is joined by garden birds common in the village,



such as Blue and Great tits, Chaffinches, Chiffchaffs (photo credit: Caroline Legg CC BY 2.0), Dunnocks and even Nuthatches, all creating a magnificent natural symphony. Once the birds begin to feed and settle to their day behaviour, the chorus fades away. Recognising bird songs and calls is a very useful aid to bird recognition, principally learnt through field experience but there are some helpful recordings online to listen to for those subtler differences such



as at: [Birdsong identification for beginners: 20 common songs and calls | Natural History Museum \(nhm.ac.uk\)](https://www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/birds/birdsongs/birdsong-identification-for-beginners-20-common-songs-and-calls) .

With Spring in full swing, not only are the birds singing, insects are emerging from winter hibernation, flowers are blooming and migratory birds are returning. The swallows are already here snapping up flying insects and swooping over water, but keep an eye open at dusk for the later arrival of swifts whose numbers have declined drastically in the UK during the past two decades. Their arrival this year was reported in Essex on 25<sup>th</sup> April after their mammoth flight of thousands of miles from southern Africa, across the Congo, the Sahara and the Atlas Mountains, over Spain, the Pyrenees and France. Swifts pair for life spending their life on the wing and return to the same nest site each spring which is the only place that they land. Cliffs and caves form natural nest sites, but swifts also construct simple nests of feathers, leaves, grass, seeds and flower petals in the roof spaces of buildings. Both male and



female birds build the nest, incubate the eggs and feed the young, (photo credit: Derek Middleton, Sussex Wildlife Trust). They use narrow openings to enter buildings, leave very few dropping below the entrance and come and go quietly, though at dusk the adults fly around the area near the nest at high speed (69.3mph has been recorded) with a characteristic 'scream' on mating flights. After 19-25 days of incubation, the chicks hatch and the adult birds catch up to 1000 insects at a time for them. The chicks build up their flight muscles over six to eight weeks in the nest by performing 'press-ups' with their wings getting 'in shape' to leave the nest before the adults

for the long flight south. To understand both where swift nest sites need protection and where new nest sites are required, the RSPB is mapping nest sites and groups of breeding colonies. To take part in this nesting project visit [Swift Mapper | The RSPB](#) , or to record sightings of swifts high on the wing, feeding over water or fields visit [Bird-Track | BTO - British Trust for Ornithology](#). To watch the swifts that nest in the Oxford University Museum of Natural History visit [Swifts in the tower | Oxford University Museum of Natural History](#) from May to September.



## Friends of the Letcombe Valley Community Nature Reserve

A wonderful display of cowslips, and some oxlips, are blooming on the west-facing grassland banks and some



bluebells in hues of blue, pale pink and white have survived underneath the horse chestnut trees next to the Reserve lake. Our **native bluebell**, *Hyacinthoides non-scripta*, is a lovely dark, violet blue with a drooping head and flowers that hang down on one side of the stem only. They are often associated with ancient or long-established woodland and it can take up to five years for a bluebell bulb to develop from a seed. Occasionally, within a population of bluebells, genetic mutations may occur which result in a white or pink flowered bluebell. It has been estimated that the proportion of blue to white flowered bluebells is 10,000: 1 so the white flowered ones are quite rare. The white variety has no pigmentation, unlike the original bluebell, and is often referred to as the **albino bluebell**; the **pink version is called a Rosea variety**. Cross-pollination with the Spanish bluebell is also possible creating a hybrid of different form as Spanish bluebells have thicker leaves and grow upright with the flowers arranged all around the stem.

Early butterflies are on the wing, the first ones being those that have spent the winter as adults such as Peacocks, Small tortoiseshell

and bright yellow Brimstones, photo credit Peacock on bluebell: Derek Harper (CC-BY-SA/2.0). Like queen bees, these insects need to find flowers for long drink of nectar to give them energy. Orange-tip butterflies are another common species seen in May. The adult males have bright orange wing tips but the females have black wing tips; both have mottled green underwings. The adults lay eggs on the food-plants for the caterpillars including Cuckooflower and Garlic mustard. Look out for Cuckooflower, also known as Lady's-smock or Mayflower, in the damper areas of the Reserve, photo credit: Jeannie Debs (CC BY 2.0).



The pretty, pink flowers with four petals bloom from April to June and are named due to coinciding with the arrival of the first Cuckoo - a sure sign that spring has arrived. Another plant associated with the arrival of the cuckoo and growing in the woodland areas is Cuckoo-pint, *Arum maculatum*, also called Lords and Ladies. This strange-looking plant is pollinated by flies and later in the year produces bright red berries that are eaten by birds but which are toxic to humans. The starchy tubers of Cuckoo-pint were used in the past to stiffen ruffs.

The next work party at the Community Nature Reserve is on Saturday, 21st May 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 mid-afternoon, but please take your own work gloves.



## Issue 201

### Village Platinum Celebration Thursday 2nd June.

On the Celebration day, there will be a running slide show of images of the village and the Royal family. If you like to contribute pictures, drawings or paintings you have created of the village and/or Royal family, then please send digital files or scans in jpeg format to [stevemikarics@gmail.com](mailto:stevemikarics@gmail.com) - by the 21st May.

## Film Club

### Dark Waters

Wednesday 11 May, 8pm, Letcombe Village Hall.



We have a change of tone for this month's film with **Dark Waters**, an excellent legal thriller based on the true story of a 20 year 'David and Goliath' style lawsuit against the powerful American chemical company DuPont. If you liked the film Erin Brockovich, played by Oscar winning actress Julia Roberts, you will love **Dark Waters**.

Released in 2019, the script of **Dark Waters** is based on a New York Times article titled "*The Lawyer who became DuPonts Worst Nightmare*", which was written in 2016 by journalist Nathaniel Rich. The lawyer in question is Robert Billott, brilliantly played by actor Mark Ruffalo. Billott originally worked for big corporate companies as a defence lawyer but changed sides to help a community in West Virginia take on DuPont and try to stop their town being contaminated by unregulated toxic chemicals.

The cast includes other A-list actors including Tim Robbins and Anne Hathaway, who plays Billott's wife. **Dark Waters** was popular with both audiences and critics, with one critic saying of Dark Waters "its as good as a factual historical drama gets".

We look forward to seeing you for another enjoyable night out at Film Club. Doors open at 7.30pm, film starts at 8pm. Come along early for refreshments - wine, beer, soft drinks and tea/ coffee.

Advance notice for our June film (Wednesday 8th) which will be our last screening until September - we will be showing **Belfast**, recently released to critical and audience acclaim and nominated for a host of awards. This is a great film to end our season, so put the date in your diary. More information in next month's Register.



## Letcombe Sports and Social Club

The Club continues to be popular with the members. If you are not a member, and are interested in finding out more, then please contact the secretary on [letcombesportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:letcombesportsclub@gmail.com) Membership is only £12 for 12 months, and the membership year runs from the 1st June.

Our second "Pizza at the Pavilion" event will take place on Friday 6th May. The usual system will be in place for ordering the day before. More details will be out on the village Facebook page.

Darts is still well supported, with James and Paul organising the 2 teams. There are new players who have recently joined, but there is always room for more if you are interested. Thursday night is darts night, but the 2 boards can be used whenever the club is open.

Richard  
Secretary, Letcombe Sports & Social Club

# Letcombe Regis

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Residents of Letcombe Regis are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 starting at 7.15pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8pm.

The meeting will be held in the Village Hall and also on Zoom.

*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 Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021
4. Police Report
5. Reports from our County and District Councillors
6. Parish Council Annual Report 2021-2022 - Cllr Jeanne Lapsley
7. Councillors Reports for 2021-2022
8. Parish Council Annual Financial Report 2021/2022 - Parish Clerk  
Please send any questions on the financial report to the Clerk by the 9<sup>th</sup> May, otherwise they will be answered at the next Parish Council Meeting on 18th July 2022

Elizabeth Jenkins  
Parish Clerk & RFO  
Letcombe Regis Parish Council  
Email address [letregispc@gmail.com](mailto:letregispc@gmail.com)

26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Letcombe Regis Parish Council – Unaudited Accounts from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

<b>Account Balance 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Total</b>
Current account	7,937.83		
Deposit account	78,324.75		
VH Project account	1,357.93		
BIG Lottery account	<u>12,472.84</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,093.35</b>		<b>100,093.35</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Precept	21,178.00		
Burial Ground Fees	1,890.00		
Bank Interest	8.51		
Bequest	300.00		
Letcombe Register	664.00		
Wayleave payment	41.77		
S106 Burial Ground payment from VOWH	<u>21,005.00</u>		<u>45,087.28</u>
<b>Payments</b>			
Locum Clerk		216.00	
Clerk Salary		4,859.38	
PAYE		772.40	
PC Mobile		118.99	
Office Expenses		425.16	
Insurance		375.06	
Audit Fees		340.00	
Courses, other training		126.00	
Subscriptions		251.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses		220.00	
Unbanked cheques from previous year		1,093.99	
<b>Grants</b>			
RG & VHC		1,808.50	
Letcombe Broom Project		700.00	
Community Activities		300.00	
Outside Village		200.00	
<b>Running Costs</b>			
Letcombe Register		118.28	
Website Costs		218.38	
Village Warden Costs		3,535.00	
DO\$H, Microsoft, McAfee etc		104.99	
Burial Ground Maintenance		215.00	
Burial Ground Improvement		73,707.32	
Millennium Green Wild Flower reinstatement		672.00	
Millennium Green Grass		600.00	
Defibrillator costs		95.88	
Community Emergency Plan		117.86	
Christmas Tree 2021 & 2022		179.98	
Zoom Costs		143.88	
<b>Asset Purchased</b>			
Community Emergency expenditure		<u>33.98</u>	
			<u>91,549.03</u>
<b>Balance at 31 March 2022</b>			<b><u>53,631.60</u></b>
Current account	1,467.57		
Deposit account	38,333.26		
Village Hall Project accounts	1,357.93		
BIG Lottery account	<u>12,472.84</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>53,631.60</u></b>		

**Letcombe Regis Recreation & Village Hall  
Management Committee**

**Annual General Meeting 2022**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May in Letcombe Regis Village Hall at 7.30pm**

**Agenda**

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting - 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Club reports
7. Election of villagers to Management Committee
8. Any other business

**Waste Calendar**

**May 2022**

Click [Here](#) for new calendar

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**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> MAY

*EXTENDED OUTDOOR DINING 12-4:30pm*

*LIVE MUSIC IN THE GARDEN*

*GIN MENU and REAL ALES*

*BBQ-INSPIRED MENU*



We'll be doing something similar on Jubilee Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Save the date!

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