








The Letcombe Register



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VILLAGE DIARY

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* 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.
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Message from the Parish Council

The Parish Council will be meeting via Zoom on Monday 15 November, 8pm. Please let the Parish Clerk know in advance if you wish to attend and joining details will be provided. The Burial Ground improvements are nearing completion and the new Lychgate is currently being erected. Landscaping will follow in the spring.

We are pleased to support this years Firework Night Celebration on Saturday 6 November, on the Recreation Ground. Please be mindful of others and wear face masks where possible. Covid rates are high in the area and by each of us taking this simple step we will help prevent the spread of the virus. Please also continue to keep an eye out for neighbours to support them through this latest surge. If you need help the PC is also able to respond, so please contact the covid email. letcomberegis.virussupport@btinternet.com

If you have any issues or concerns you would like to raise please contact the Parish Clerk at letregispc@gmail.com

Stay safe
Jeanne Lapsley
Chairman Letcombe Regis Parish Council

Household waste recycling centres set for refresh in November



Read the story on the Oxfordshire County Council [website](#) or below:

People planning to use Oxfordshire's household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) next month are being warned about a series of short closures to enable essential work to be carried out.

For safety reasons, Oxfordshire County Council will be shutting each of its centres for two days – although never at the same time – to allow for deep cleaning and essential maintenance to take place. This includes jet washing the sites and structures, repainting lines and safety areas, as well as other general work to improve the customer experience.

The closing dates are:

- Alkerton, near Banbury: Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 November
- Ardley, near Bicester: Thursday 4 and Friday 5 November
- Dix Pit, Stanton Harcourt: Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 November
- Drayton, near Abingdon: Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 November
- Oakley Wood, near Wallingford: Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 November
- Redbridge, Oxford: Thursday 18 and Friday 19 November
- Stanford, near Farringdon: Thursday 11 and Friday 12 November.

All closures are on quieter weekdays to minimise disruption, and sites will reopen at 8am the following day. Residents are asked to plan ahead, ideally holding on to their waste until the site reopens or, if that is not possible, visiting one of the neighbouring sites.

More information can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council [website](#), including details of your nearest alternative site during the closures.

Residents with van or trailer permits can use these at any of the HWRCs.

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31	Jaqueline McLAURIN	£15
154	Murray CHARLTON	£10
226	Peter COLLINS	£5
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230	Angela HUXTER	£20
135	Sophie FITZPATRICK	£10
181	Chris KAY	£10
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214	Jennifer BREAKSPEAR	£10
41	Gordon LUNDIE	£10
New Numbers Draw		
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Saturday 6th November

**Bonfire 6.00pm
Fireworks 6.30pm**

- Entrance free (there will be a bucket collection in aid of Recreation Ground funds on the night)
- Clubhouse open for food and drinks
- Sparklers on sale

To help towards a more balanced display, villagers are encouraged to contribute advance donations of money towards the fireworks.



Please donate by Monday 1st November to:
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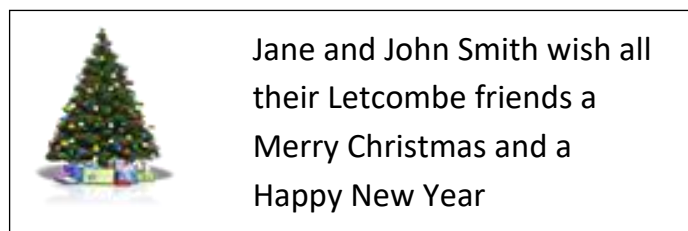


Christmas Greetings

Chances are that as you're reading this, world leaders are gathering in Glasgow for the conference on climate change. The link between Cop26 and the *Letcombe Register* may not seem apparent at first but here's how you can make a small difference in reducing your carbon footprint.

For many years now, the December edition of the *Register* has carried Christmas messages from readers to their friends and neighbours in the area. This year, more than ever, it makes sense to save actual paper cards for those who live at a distance, whom you're not likely to see over the festive season, and use the *Christmas Register* to send village greetings.

For new readers, here's how it works: compose a brief Christmas message; add a seasonal decoration if you want to and make sure that it's no bigger than the LadderAds, that's approx. 3x6 cms. Here's an example:



Email it to register@oldstableyard.co.uk. no later than the deadline of November 27th. Earlier would be preferable to allow for what we hope will be a bumper crop.

I'm not particularly tech-savvy but if there's anyone reading a print version of this who doesn't have easy access to the internet and would like to send a greeting, I'd be happy to help. Write down what you'd like to say and pop it through our letter box at 12 Mill Paddock or phone me, Vivien McCoubrey, on 01235 762253. (But please make sure you do it before the *Register* deadline so I can get it to Francesca in time.)

The PM, quoting Kermit the frog, said, "It's not easy being green." This is easy, it's free, it's festive and it's fun.

Richmond Walkway Repair



Our intention is to replace the existing wooden walkway with a stone path following, As much as possible, the same line as the existing walkway, allowing for surface slope and contour. The start and end points will be the same as the current location, and we may change the gate at the nature reserve end to improve access. We will be using a honeycomb type construction method to minimise affect on tree roots and earth bank. Subject to planning approval (currently in decision phase) and availability of contractors and materials, we hope to have the path fully open for residents and public use by the end of December. To clarify, the path is a permissive path, not a public right-of-way.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

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Annual General Meeting

Our 11th AGM will be held on Tuesday the **16th of November** from 8 to 9 pm at the Sports Pavilion Letcombe Regis.

Our membership this year has topped 150 and to meet LTA requirements we need at least 10% attendance, so **please, please**, pop along, get a brief update of goings on and have your SAY on the club's future.

For any specific topics to be raised or application for a post, please email Jane Ellis at letcombetennisclub@gmail.com ASAP.

Wednesday morning Adult Coaching **Cancelled**

Regrettably, due to low numbers of attendees, the Wednesday morning Cardio keep fit classes & the Stroke Clinic Coaching, has been withdrawn by NTA, as from 27th of October. However the 9 am Saturday Adult Cardio class has a few vacancies and anyone wishing to transfer or join can do so by going online at www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/LetcombeTennisClub.

Wednesday Evening Roll-Up sessions

As from the end of October our Wednesday evening Roll-up sessions will stop until next April (we have no floodlights!). However the keen regular attendees have transferred to Wednesday mornings from 10 am to 1 pm, commencing from the 6th of November. This is an Open Club session for all too just turn up and play.

There is a WhatsApp group covering these session, plus the all year round Sunday morning Roll-up, which enables you to know prior who and how many will be going, if you would like to join this WhatsApp group, please text Geoff on 07222518938.

Call my Bluff Wine Evening

On Friday 3rd of December at 7:30pm
Letcombe Regis Village Hall

Come and have a bit of light-hearted fun, enjoy some gentle competition and learn a little about wine:

Suitable for anyone who enjoys wine from those who feel they don't know much to those that feel they know more - a friendly welcome awaits everyone!

Volunteer hosts, Andrew and Lizzie Shaw are Letcombe Basset's resident wine trade professionals, who will provide their expertise.



The detail

- 🗣️ For each wine, you'll be provided with three different potential options. Your challenge will be to test your team's collective palates and work out which is the right answer for each wine.
- 🗣️ Prize for the winning team.
- 🗣️ You can come individually and we'll create a team for you, or you can book a whole table of 6.
- 🗣️ Team Size recommendation 3-6, but for guidance only.

Tickets:

- 🗣️ £15 per person which includes wine, interval cheese, wine & accompaniments.
- 🗣️ Tickets from: the Greyhound, or text CMB to 07772518938 with your name and how many tickets, alternatively email the Tennis club on <mailto:letcombetennisclub@gmail.com>



Women's Institute

We have had two stimulating meetings this autumn, and hope very much that it's "back to normal" from now on. At our October meeting, Fay Pendell gave a most interesting account of her father's experiences in the war, and the garden at the Chelsea which commemorated the Normandy veterans. This featured a stone statue of her father as an old man, sitting on a boulder and watching the transparent ghosts of soldiers coming ashore. Who would have thought you could make life-sized statues out of little metal washers welded together? Unique!

Next meeting, on 8 November, Anne Batchelor will be coming to demonstrate some Christmas Crafts and decorations.

Meeting at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Visitors Welcome.

Letcombe Litter Pick

Many thanks to those who came to join the litter pick on Thursday 21/10. The weather was much kinder than the forecast had suggested and with a dozen or so people, the roads in and around the village were cleaned up quite easily. We all agreed there was much less litter than in the past, which may be a result of being out of lockdown, but much more likely to be the result of the several faithful people who take a bag when they go out and pick up litter on a regular basis. Thank you to all those concerned, it is lovely to know how many people care about the environment and put their concerns into action. I am sure we will plan another general clean up in the spring, but for now we can enjoy the colours of autumn on our walks, rather than the colours of crisp and paper wrappers in the hedgerows

with best wishes

Alison Phillips



Letcombe Football Club

A disappointing end to an otherwise very successful October. We opened the month with one of our best displays for a long time to beat local rivals Wantage Town development 3-1 away in the Faringdon Memorial cup, and this was followed by three league victories. We beat Fairford Town reserves 4-2 at home before a trip to Shrivenham development resulted in a 3-1 victory. Another close game at home to Newbury saw us win 2-1, but we were then beaten 5-0 away to Hungerford Swifts, although we were hampered by two early injuries to defenders.

November fixtures already announced are :

Saturday	6 th Nov	Letcombe	v	Highworth Town Reserves	league	2.00
Saturday	13 th Nov	Hazlemere	v	Letcombe	Berks & Bucks Cup	2.00
Saturday	20 th Nov	Newbury	v	Letcombe		2.00



St Andrew's

November is an important month for St Andrew's. Our saint's feast day is on the 30th and during the last weekend in November there are various events to honour St Andrew. On Saturday 27th there will be a Gift Day when villagers, whether churchgoers or not, are invited to call into church in the morning and make a donation for the upkeep of our beautiful and historic church. A letter will be going out with further details, so please look out for this.

It is also a tradition to give the churchyard some TLC. Christine Birch has taken on the task of coordinating this and she writes:

Anne Williams has been busy all year in the churchyard and her husband, Gavin, will work on the compost heap this month. Fallen branches and twigs have been removed whilst leaving selected piles to act as 'bug hotels'. As in the past, assistance would be appreciated at **St. Andrew's Churchyard clear-up on Saturday 27th November between 10:00 – 12:00noon**. Leaves will be collected plus grass and weeds cut from close to the memorial stones i.e. beyond the reach of the mower, and all added to the compost heap. Anyone who is available to help for an hour or so with this task would be most welcome. Please bring gardening gloves and any suitable tools such as a wheelbarrow, garden broom, rake, secateurs and/or hand shears and observe physical distancing from anyone not in your household. Refreshments will be available in the church.

The last weekend in November is always significant for St Andrew's but especially so this year as it marks the retirement of our rector, Leonora. She has ministered not just to St Andrew's but to all the Ridgeway churches, all six of them, on joyful occasions and in sad times, coping with covid restrictions and seeking to navigate a way forward. We hope that she may be able to be present in church for part of the Gift Day and would, I'm sure, love to have villagers pop in to wish her well.

There will be events at Sparsholt that weekend to mark Leonora's retirement – please see *Signpost* for further details.

November 28th is the end of the church's old year and the beginning of the new. There will be a service for Advent Sunday at St Andrew's at 10am that morning. (This year's crop of Advent calendars seems to contain more inappropriately themed calendars than ever. There's even a Pork Crackling Advent Calendar with pork scratching for each day of Advent. Our Lord would have loved that.) St Andrew's service will be more traditional.

Looking ahead, there will be an Advent Quiet Day on December 8th at Wantage Convent and a special Advent Evening on December 22nd. More details next month and in *Signpost*.

St Andrew asked to be crucified on a diagonal cross, saying that he wasn't worthy to die on the same shaped cross as Jesus. This cross, or saltire, is said to have appeared in the sky before a bloody battle at Athelstaneford in 832AD. We wish you a rather more peaceful St Andrew's Day.





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Book Buffs

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd November at 8pm in The Greyhound. we shall be reviewing:

'Pereira Maintains' by Antonio Tabucchi and 'One August Night' by Victoria Hislop.

The new library book is: '

Bookworm - A Memoir of Childhood Reading' by Lucy Mangan. The alternative is 'The Midnight Library' by Matt Haig.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



There will be a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan on Saturday 20th November in the Village Hall from 10am to 12 noon.

All national charities are suffering financially this year so please come along and support this worthy cause. Offers of cakes and/or help on the morning would be most welcome.

Please contact Freddie on 767772.

We look forward to seeing you and re-establishing contact after the lockdowns.

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Letcombe Regis Village Hall,
Wednesday 10th November

Tickets £5 Doors open 7.30pm
Film starts at 8.00 pm

Refreshments - Soft Drinks, Wine, Beer and Tea/Coffee



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Letcombes Gardening Club

Topical Tips

We're well into autumn now and I'm sure many of you are already busy clearing away all those leaves. What fun!

We have had a pretty mild October so you may well, like me, have taken advantage of this and left some of your tender plants outside to enjoy the display for a while longer. However I think we'll all be pushing our luck rather as we enter November and so those tender plants need to be brought into the greenhouse. If you do decide to leave some of your pots outside then you may want to raise them up onto pot feet (bricks will also do the job although I suppose they don't look so aesthetically pleasing) to prevent waterlogging.

I think I say this every year but it's a good idea to clip a third off the top of your roses to prevent wind rock.

You may think you've got away without planting bulbs this year, or 'missed the boat' as it were, but November is actually the ideal month to plant tulips so get out those catalogues and put your order in quickly. Stocks are running low!

You can still lift and divide perennials and also lift your cannas and dahlias once they have been hit by the first frost. Remember to label them! The number of years I've had to grow many of my dahlias on in pots until they've starting flowering purely because I've forgotten to do this. The leaves all look remarkably the same I find!!

You shouldn't feed any of your plants now but mulching is still permitted and is essential for borderline hardy plants.

You can still plant containerised trees and shrubs now and it's also a good time of year to move them so if you have a shrub in the wrong location and it's been annoying you all year then get out there and shift it.

On the fruit and veg front the most important thing to do is protect your brassicas with netting! We have a good number of big fat pigeons in the village and they will love to feast on your sprouts and purple sprouting etc. if they can get at them. Such an easy meal!

If you have empty areas of your veg patch then do cover them. This will save a huge amount of weeding at the beginning of next season and will also warm the soil a bit thus giving your crops a bit of a head start.

You should be harvesting cabbage, sprouts, kale, leeks and parsnips through winter. Parsnips are best left until after the first frost as they will be sweeter then.

Well I think that's it for now. There's plenty more that you can be getting on with but I don't want to put you off. Enjoy!

Gardening Club

We have our final meeting before the Christmas break this month. Our first face-to-face meeting in the village hall went very well last month when we had an excellent speaker talking about climbers. Our talk for November is on Wednesday 17 November at 7.30pm in Letcombe Regis village Hall. Robert Jacobs will be talking on 'A year Behind the Scenes at Waterperry Gardens'. Robert worked as horticultural manager at Waterperry from 2003 to 2017 and so has a wealth of knowledge on the subject. I'm sure he will give us a fascinating insight into a wonderful garden. Do come along.



Film Club

The Keeper (15)

Wednesday 10 November

Another bumper turnout for our October Film Club and what a popular film “Official Secrets” turned out to be. Many thanks for all the great feedback on this very powerful film.

We have an equally emotionally charged and powerful drama for you this month. As with all the best films, it’s based on the true story of the legendary goal keeper, Bert Trautmann. While being held as a German prisoner of war in a POW in Lancashire, he was spotted by a local football manager for his goal-keeping prowess and ultimately went on to legendary status as a top league footballer. As well as being the first foreign footballer to win “player of year”, Bert Trautmann went on to win accolades for his work to improve Anglo-German relations.

Don’t panic if football isn’t your scene! This is primarily a romantic drama about Trautmann’s experiences as a German in post war Britain. The largely unknown cast in this Anglo-German production are excellent, powerfully conveying all the emotions of overcoming prejudice on all sides. This is a really good film, so come along, football and/or film fans alike, for what will be another great evening out at film club.

Refreshments available from 7.30pm, film starts at 8pm. We are keeping the same COVID safety measures as last month.

1. We ask that masks be worn while moving around the hall
2. If you can, please bring exact money for entry and ideally change for refreshments
3. No free pop corn but small packets available to buy
4. Please try to maintain social distancing when queuing.

Future dates for your diaries are:

8th December: *Dream horse*

Friends of the Letcombe Valley Community Nature Reserve

BBOWT have published their view of priorities for the government to fulfil climate change targets at home ([COP26 | Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust \(bbowt.org.uk\)](https://www.bbowt.org.uk)). These include restoring 30% of land and sea for Nature by 2030 and 100% of upland peat before 2050; introducing a new ‘Wildbelt’ designation into the English planning system to protect land in recovery; introducing a legally binding and funded ‘State of Nature’ target into England’s Environmental Bill; using England’s new Environmental Land Management schemes to support and incentivise sustainable land use practices; and designating 30% of all Marine Protected Areas as Highly Protected with appropriate policies and planning to contribute to enhancing blue carbon stores. Join BBOWT on Sunday 7 November ([COP26 | Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust \(bbowt.org.uk\)](https://www.bbowt.org.uk)) for a free online event about COP26.



Please email letcombevalley@gmail.com to join the volunteers’ circulation list for the next monthly work party on the Reserve on 20 November between 13:30 and 16:30.

The Letcombes Conservation Group

November 2021 is a momentous month: COP26 was postponed from 2020 and will be hosted by the UK in Glasgow in partnership with Italy which hosted the pre-COP preparatory meeting in Milan in October. 'COP' (Conference of the Parties) is the annual meeting, since the 1995 COP1 in Berlin, of governments signed up to the UN Framework Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC) to discuss how to address climate change jointly. As well as world leaders, ministers, and negotiators, COPs are attended by representatives from civil society, business, international organizations, and the media.



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Almost all countries signed up to an international treaty, The Paris Agreement, after COP21 in Paris in 2015. This treaty aims to keep the rise in the global average temperature to 'well below' 2 degrees above pre-industrial levels, ideally 1.5 degrees; to strengthen the ability to adapt to climate change and build resilience; and to align all finance flows with 'a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development'. Each signatory country decides by how much they will reduce their emissions by a certain date and targets are communicated to the UNFCCC in the form of 'nationally determined contributions' (NDCs). The signatories are expected to submit new and more ambitious NDCs every five years, as a 'ratchet mechanism'.

To have a chance of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees, global greenhouse gas emissions must halve by 2030 and reach 'net-zero' by 2050. These goals will not be achieved by the 2015 NDCs so one of the main 'benchmarks for success' in COP26 is that as many governments as possible submit new NDCs which, when put together, are ambitious enough to put the world on track for 'well below' 2 degrees. The 2021 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change latest report published in August 2021 ([Climate change widespread, rapid, and intensifying – IPCC — IPCC](#)) emphasises that it is still possible to achieve the 1.5 degree target, but *only* if unprecedented action is taken now. This the last decade for action.

With five days to COP26, 116 out of 192 signatories have submitted new or updated NDCs: the UK has pledged to reduce emissions by 68% by 2030 compared to 1990 levels, and 78% by 2035; the EU target is for a reduction of at least 55% by 2030 relative to 1990 levels; and the US target is a reduction of 50-52% compared to 2005 levels. However, the NDC updates only narrow the gap to 1.5 degrees by 15% at most and data released by the UN World Meteorological Organization on 25 October shows that all the key greenhouse gases rose faster in 2020 than the average rate for the previous decade and this trend has continued into 2021 ([WMO Greenhouse Gas Bulletin \(GHG Bulletin\) - No.17 | E-Library](#)). Carbon dioxide emissions, mainly from fossil fuel use, fell slightly in 2020 compared to 2019, but the Covid economic slowdown did not have any discernible lasting impact on overall atmospheric levels of greenhouse gases, which include methane and nitrous oxide, or their growth rate which quickly increased again beyond 2019 levels and are now at their highest on our planet for 3 to 5 million years with the global emissions rate estimated by the UN to rise by 16% by 2030.

The planet has been hotter and sea levels higher in the geological past but there were not 7.8 billion people living on Earth then. Our responsibility as a developed country to finance climate action in developing countries was recognised by Boris Johnson in September, ‘ We started this industrial revolution in Britain: we were the first to send the great puffs of acrid smoke to the heavens on a scale to derange the natural order.... We understand when the developing world looks to us to help them...’ ([PM speech at the UN General Assembly: 22 September 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)). In 2009 the developed countries promised \$100 billion per year by 2020 to support climate action in developing countries. Although official figures will not be available until 2022, it is clear that figure was not met by last year and more mobilisation of finance will be needed on top of the recent announcement from the US to increase its contribution.

Another important element of COP26 is the ability of countries to adapt to climate change impacts including economic and non-economic harms which cannot be avoided through adaptation or mitigation. These impacts are complex and wide-ranging across the natural physical world, wildlife and human populations. The Climate change risk assessment 2021 published by Chatham House in September 2021 ([Climate change risk assessment 2021 | Chatham House – International Affairs Think Tank](#)) is a detailed discussion on water, food and migration amongst other impacts.

Whilst historical emissions are important, almost 66% of the emissions of fossil carbon dioxide in our atmosphere have occurred since 1980 and 40% since 2000; it is current and future emissions that are in governments’ control now. Comparisons depend on the parameters chosen but the UK is in the top 10 countries for cumulative emissions 1850-2021 whether or not population size is factored in. Recent reassessments of changed land use including rainforest deforestation and fires ([Analysis: Which countries are historically responsible for climate change? - Carbon Brief](#)) has placed Brazil and Indonesia in the cumulative top 10 emitters if population size is not considered; the Amazon Basin is no longer a net absorber of carbon dioxide.

Many scientists think COP26 decisions will determine whether future generations see this month as when we finally came to our collective senses and took action – or as the last, missed chance. To reach ‘Net Zero Carbon’ by 2050, Green technologies must come on stream at an even faster rate. The limits on the remaining time, financial capital, and human capacity constrain what can be achieved in the next 29 years. A recent comment from **Professor Neil Harris, of Cranfield University and the Royal Meteorological Society, is germane**, ‘If a technology is going to take 10 years to develop, 10 years to make into an economically viable, large-scale equivalent and 10 years to roll out at global level, it will make very little contribution to the Net Carbon Zero Target in 2050 regardless of how much difference it makes after that. If it absorbs huge amounts of financial or human capital, is it the best option to promote now? *Large reductions are required now if we are to stay on track, so resources have to be deployed now*’. David Attenborough is hopeful about COP26 because the ‘unparalleled’ severity of the problems are shared by all nations and media technology means people globally can see the impacts of climate change, so it is to all nations’ advantage to agree to take action in a unified way. For younger generation’s sake, we must hope his optimism is well-founded.



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Letcombe Sports and Social Club

October has generally been a quieter month, now that cricket has gone into hibernation until April, and the patio is less appealing when the Sun isn't out. Work on the grounds is still taking place though, particularly on the cricket square and the football pitch.

The Wantage & District Darts League restarted in October, and the S&SC have 2 teams entered, one in Division 2 and one in Division 3. There is room for additional players, if you think you are a budding Eric Bristow, Phil Taylor, or Fallon Sherrock, or just might like an evening out on a Thursday, then please contact the S&SC Secretary.

You will know from last month's Register that the annual Bonfire and Fireworks is taking place on Saturday 6th November. The bonfire is being lit at 6pm, and fireworks will be from 6.30pm. There will be a BBQ serving hot dogs and burgers from the Sports Pavilion patio, as well as the Bar being open for drinks for all. Fingers crossed for reasonable weather.

As always, if you are interested in finding out more about the Sports and Social Club, or becoming a member, then please contact the Secretary - letcombesportsclub@gmail.com

Richard
Secretary, Letcombe Sports & Social Club

Pilates with Rachel



Pilates at the village hall Thursday's 9.30 for established beginners/ intermediates. Please call if a beginner as private lessons available.

New Men's Pilates class planned for Friday mornings. Excellent compliment to other activities like cycling and golf as well as general fitness and flexibility. Please register your interest by calling Rachel on 07801 824293.



Letcombe Regis Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust

Bookings for the Village Hall continue to be busy, and we are getting many compliments about the Hall. With the leaves coming off the trees, clearing them away will need attending to. If you are walking through the car park, or around the Village Hall, then please be careful, as wet leaves can be very slippery.

We have discovered a small leak from a tap in the Warborough Room, which means that temporarily it is out of action, but the Main Hall, kitchen and toilets are all available as normal.

With the Annual Bonfire and Fireworks planned for Saturday November 6th, we do hope that as many villagers as possible are able to attend. The bonfire will be lit at 6pm, with the fireworks from 6.30pm. There will be hotdogs and burgers available to buy from a BBQ on the Sports Pavilion patio, and we all hope that the weather will be kind to us.

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Deadline for inclusion is the 27th of each month.
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www.letcomberegispc.org

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Waste Calendar

November 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	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
Green recycling Food waste Brown Garden Waste *Double volume			Grey Landfill Food waste			

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

Brown Bin

Garden Waste Collections have returned to the normal, fortnightly collections (as of 25th October)

See full information [HERE](#) - in short:

Please **do not exceed the capacity of the bin** on normal recycling weeks, however there will be another scheduled double volume collection on **8th Nov**, (in lieu of the non collection at New Year)

3 months have also been added to subscriptions as a goodwill gesture.

Check out the 21/22 Vale of the White Horse Waste calendar [HERE](#)