













The Letcombe Register



Issue 213

May 2023

VILLAGE DIARY

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Message from the Parish Council

This month marks a significant change to our monarchy with the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. You will be aware that there is a free Afternoon Coronation Tea, arranged for Monday 8th of May by way of a community celebration. The PC is extremely grateful for all those who have stepped forward to help and support this event and would urge those thinking of booking to please do so soon to avoid disappointment as places are going fast. The Parish Clerk is coordinating the bookings and can be contacted on Letregispc@gmail.com.

There are serious problems throughout the country with significant pot holes appearing on our roads. This is also being experienced in and around the village and the PC would urge you to log any you spot on [Fix my street](#) and also email our Pothole Champion, Gordon Lundie, via the Parish Clerk. Perhaps more importantly please take care when driving and be considerate of those drivers and cyclists having to take action to avoid damage to their vehicles.

This month Elections will be taking place on Thursday 4 May. Please do not forget to take a form of ID with you to the polling station, this must carry your photograph, and could be a passport, driving licence. Without it you will not be able to register your vote.

Again a reminder date for your diary, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Warborough Room of the village Hall on Monday 15 May at 7pm, and will preceded by a short one hour training session on the use of Defibrillators, commencing at 6pm. This is a great opportunity to refresh your skills so please do come along. The APM will also see the stepping down of some existing Councillors and the welcoming of new Councillors to the Parish Council.

Finally this year sees the Village holding its biannual Letcombe Regis Gardens Opening Day on 25 June, between 2.00 and 5.30pm and anyone wanting to take part, or contribute with offers of help, should contact Cllr. Paul Batchelor who will be very happy to provide further information.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Coronation Tea.

Cllr Jeanne Lapsley
Chairman
Letcombe Regis Parish Council



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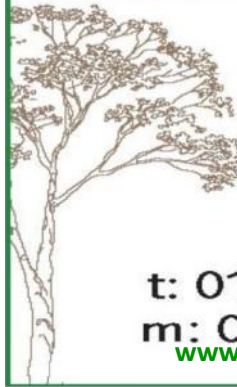
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Book Buffs

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 4th May in the Greyhound at 8pm.

We shall be reviewing the *'Tin Man'* by Sarah Winman and any novel by Jojo Moyes.

The new library books have been delayed but hopefully will be with us in time for our meeting on the 4th. Please RETURN the previous month's book to 1, MILL PADDOCK if you will not be at the meeting as early returns are essential.

St Andrew's

It was a perfect spring morning for our Holy Communion service on Easter Sunday. The bells rang out and the path to the church was lined with flowers. It was lovely to see the church so full and beautifully decorated by Judy Vaughan-Williams and her band of flower arrangers.



We were delighted to welcome Revd Robin Lapwood who conducted the service with an engaging mix of gravitas and humour, drawing on his experience as a hospital chaplain to show how light can be found even in the darkest moments. As the service drew to a close there was a delicious smell of hot cross buns wafting from the back of the church. People stayed to chat to Robin over coffee and lingered to enjoy Joe Barber's uplifting organ voluntary before spilling out into the sunshine feeling truly blessed.

The next special service was on 13th April in the Church of the Holy Rood, Sparsholt. This was another joyful occasion as Revd Ness Brunner-Ellis was installed as the new Rector of the Benefice. The church was packed and many visiting clergy, the Bishop of Dorchester and the Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire were present. Ness was welcomed by representatives of the Ridgeway and other local churches. A lovely moment was when she was welcomed by children who held small toys aloft to symbolise that we are all children of God. After some time without a Rector it is a delight that we now have Ness amongst us. But we should not forget the wonderful service of many, particularly Mary Harwood, who is meant to be retired but has been working more than full time for the last few months. Everyone is most grateful to her.


On St George's Day, 23rd April, Gill Thompson, Anna Chaplain to the Benefice, presided over the service. She gave a Reflection on the Road to Emmaus which made us think of both the literal and spiritual journey. The banns of marriage for Oliver O'Hanlon and Madeleine Wiggins were read for the second time and we wish them both well for their future together.

On Coronation Day Saturday 6th May, the church bells will be rung in celebration. During May the services on 2nd and 4th Sundays and on Mondays will continue as before. However a new service planned by Revd Ness Brunner-Ellis, our new Rector, is Morning Prayer once a fortnight on Thursdays at 9.15 am. The first of these will be on Thursday 4th May. This service will be using the Daily Prayer App - Ness is happy to help anyone who needs help with finding or downloading the app! The church APCM will be held on 23rd May in St Andrew's at 7.30 pm.

200 Club Draw — No 1		April 2023
89	Alison ROBINSON	£50
47	John HOWARD	£25
20	Camilla REID	£15
206	Patrick CABLE-ALEXANDER	£10
86	Catriona GALBRAITH	£5
Special Draw:		
72	Emma MACKILLIGIN	£25
65	Mick & Sue DARBY	£20
199	Mathew TAYLOR	£15
6	Sarah STAUNTON-LAMB	£10
207	Jane CABLE-ALEXANDER	£10
90	Alison McCLINTOCK	£10
New Numbers Draw		
2	E. TAYLOR	£5

200 Club Draw — No 2		May 2023
129	Helmut GROSS	£50
134	Jane CABLE-ALEXANDER	£25
124	Paul CAMPION	£15
77	Chris & Meryl FINCH	£10
168	Thérèse CLARKE	£5
Special Draw:		
51	Karen HOHNSON	£25
120	Martyn REED	£20
46	Martin & Jane SAMUEL	£15
31	Jacqueline McLAURIN	£10
8	Richard TAYLOR	£10
226	Peter COLLINS	£10
New Numbers Draw		
3	E. TAYLOR	£5

A new member - 'E TAYLOR' has won both the April and May *New Numbers Draw*. Unfortunately they paid online but didn't return a completed form. There are, therefore, no exact details of who they are or, particularly, an address to receive the £10. If this is you, or perhaps you know E. Taylor, could you contact Ian Taylor (no relation) on 764677.



Letcombe Regis Parish Council
will be hosting a **FREE**

KING CHARLES III CORONATION TEA

On Monday 8th May , 1.30pm – 6.00pm
In the Village hall




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(Our grateful thanks go to all those who have volunteered to bake
scones, and cakes, and provide help on the day)



LETCOMBE FILM CLUB

**Letcombe Regis Village Hall,
Wednesday 10th May**

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

Refreshments on sale - Wine, Beer and Tea/Coffee

TTRO - JUNE 2023

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Bill Cotton,
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Date: 18 April 2023

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Letcombe Football Club

So near and yet so far! An excellent Hellenic league season has finally ended in disappointment. We lost 4-1 away to Hungerford Swifts when our regular goalkeeper was not available, but beat rivals Faringdon Town 3-0 at home. We then won 6-0 at Bourton Rovers reserves and 6-2 at Marlborough development leaving us with two vital games to decide our season. We lost on penalties to Woodcote after a 3-3 draw in the semi final of the Chairman's Cup (for all 46 division 2 teams), and then lost a league decider 2-0 against Swindon Supermarine development. We play Saxton Rovers next week in the semi final of the Faringdon Memorial cup, with Shrivenham development waiting for the winners in the final. One last chance of silverware after a season that promised so much.



Letcombes Gardening Club

Topical Tips

We are now in late spring and I always think May is a great time as there's an abundance of fresh growth. Nothing looks tired and floppy!

You'd be forgiven for not believing me though as it isn't very warm at the moment and everything seems so far behind.

Don't be fooled if we get a warm spell. We can still also get frosts and new growth and blossom are particularly vulnerable. You should wait until nearer the end of the month to put tender plants outside. Any borderline hardy plants should be protected with a double layer of fleece if frost is forecast.

Remember that if you have 'hardy' plants in pots they are not going to be quite as hardy unless you wrap the pot in bubble wrap.

You should be getting back into your lawn mowing regime now, which probably means once a week, and weeding is an absolute must as they will be growing as fast as your plants!

If you have clumps of overcrowded daffodils (you'll probably find that they will stop flowering) then now is the time to lift and divide them.

You can continue to lift and divide perennials this month and, in fact, hostas should be lifted and divided as they start coming into growth.

If your stocks of pelargoniums have become rather depleted then you can take softwood cuttings this month and this should provide you with plants later in the season. The same goes for fuschia and argeranthemum (the plant with silvery feathery foliage and daisy flowers).

Some judicious feeding of your spring bulbs will ensure a better display next spring.

If you have a very large and unruly clematis montana then now is the time to tackle it. Don't worry if you end up cutting off more than you intended. It won't mind. Be bold!

If you have a greenhouse then remember that it can become overbearingly hot very quickly on warm days so do be vigilant and open the door and vents if this happens. Your plants will thank you for it! You will also have to check for watering more frequently than you did in the winter.

Talking of which, if you have a veg patch or an allotment then any young seedlings will be especially vulnerable to drought so keep watering.

You should be harvesting rhubarb, purple sprouting broccoli and asparagus this month.

If you don't raise your brassica seedlings in a greenhouse then you can sow them directly outside now. This month is the latest you can sow peas and parsnips. You can also sow lettuce, radish and spinach direct and do you know that if the weather gets too hot and you have flagging/zero germination turnips, then switch to kohlrabi. It will cope better with the heat.

Well I think that will do for now. Here's hoping for some great weather and great gardening days. Enjoy!

(Plant market update on the next page - 8)



Pilates with Rachel Lock

Ladies class Thursdays 9.30am (NB 4th May relocated to The Beacon in Wantage due to local elections)

Mens class Fridays 9.30am

please contact Rachel if you would like to join our friendly classes on 07801 824293

Plant Market update

It won't have escaped your notice that we held our annual Plant Market on the afternoon of Saturday 22 April. We were astonished that the queue before the doors opened at 2pm was right across the car park and into the riding club field! As you can imagine, when the doors opened there was quite a scrummage around the plant tables and many of the plants were sold in the first 15 minutes. I would like to thank any of you who supported us and attended the event to buy plants and have tea and cake. There was a wonderful 'buzzy' atmosphere and it made for a really good afternoon. We raised the princely sum of £928.70 which will go towards payment for speakers and gardening charities that we support. Do come along to one of our meetings. We already have some interesting speakers lined up for next season.



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Film Club

A Man called Otto (15)

Wednesday 10 May



We had the biggest audience ever for our April film, the critically acclaimed 'Living', with 74 folk from our local villages coming to see it. We have a similar comedy-drama for our May film featuring a grumpy widower in the recently released "A Man Called Otto" (2022). Tom Hanks plays Otto Anderson, a 63 year old who is finding life very difficult after the death of his wife. The arrival of a young family as his new neighbours changes his outlook and rekindles a will to live.

This is a remake of the original film released in 2015 - both are based on the international bestselling Swedish book, 'A Man called Ove' by Fredrik Bachman (2013).

As you might expect Tom Hanks is excellent as the grumpy Otto, giving a moving performance which will make you both laugh and cry in equal measure. Although the critics have given it mixed reviews, audiences have loved this film, we hope you do too!

Film starts at 8pm, doors open at 7.30pm. Come early for refreshments and a chat.

£5 entry, no booking required.

See you there!



The Letcombes Conservation Group

'The truth is, every one of us, no matter where we live, can and must play a part in restoring nature to our isles. Never has it been more important to do this for ourselves and for our wildlife.'

Sir David Attenborough, Wild Isles.

Hedgehogs, like other animals that hibernate, would normally be on the move by Hedgehog Awareness Week, the first week in May, but have you seen a hedgehog recently? The West European hedgehogs (*Erinaceus europaeus*) in the UK have a reputation of being a gardener's best friend once the sun has set as they feast on all kinds of invertebrates, particularly crunchy beetles, slugs, caterpillars and earthworms, as well as occasionally taking amphibians and birds' eggs. Perhaps the endearing and industrious character of Mrs Tiggy-Winkle, the washerwoman inspired by Beatrix Potter's own pet hedgehog, has aided their reputation rather more than Lewis Carroll's Red Queen using hedgehogs as balls in her croquet match in his 1865 *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Certainly attitudes have changed since John Farley offered advice on how to prepare hedgehogs with almonds in his 1783 cookbook, *The London Art of Cookery*, with hedgehogs now protected in the UK under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act, listed as a Priority Species under the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework and classed in 2020 as a Red Listed British Mammal vulnerable to extinction.



As their name suggests, hedgerows are the ideal habitat for hedgehogs providing nest sites, a good supply of food, protection from predators and corridors to move along. Radio-tracking studies have confirmed that home ranges average 25 - 50 acres though, not being territorial, hedgehogs will not fight to defend these areas. A single night's foray might average 2 km but males from their second year cover up to 3 km in search of females in the breeding season of May and June. Courtship is apparently a lengthy encounter with rival males not adverse to head-butting and chasing. The litter of hoglets is of four or five young born in June and July, but usually only two or three are successfully weaned. The females are wary of disturbance and may carry the hoglets to a different location but are liable also to desert them in these situations. At around three to four weeks old, hoglets will accompany their mother on foraging trips for about two weeks before wandering off on their own. Second litters can lead to 'autumn orphans' foraging well into winter sometimes in the day time and, being underweight, often unable to survive hibernation.

Since 2011 the Peoples' Trust for Endangered Species with the British Hedgehog Preservation Society have published reports on *The State of Britain's Hedgehogs* and run 'Hedgehog Street' to raise awareness and build community action. The latest report, produced in 2022, indicates a slow stabilisation of hedgehog populations in urban areas highlighting the importance of gardens and green spaces, as well as local action, in halting the previous rapid decline. However, only about a quarter of the national population are located in urban areas and the picture in rural areas is of continued loss of between a third and three-quarters of the population in the last two decades with the largest declines in the eastern half of England. Rural hedgehogs are found more often in villages, photo credit:



Evelyn Simak (CC BY-SA 2.0), than on open, particularly arable, farmland where they follow field margins and hedgerows. Whilst badger predation and major roads might threaten hedgehog populations locally, even rural areas where badgers were absent showed a decline in hedgehogs so no single causal factor explains the loss. An impoverished environment is the major pressure, consequently restoration of hedgerows and connectivity in the landscape, as well as management of field margins and soils for an abundance of invertebrate species, are vital factors in reversing the decline of hedgehog and other wildlife species. The report contains an excellent overview of action to tackle the rural decline of hedgehog populations

and underlines the importance of village gardens for hedgehogs (available at [SoBH-2022-Final.pdf \(hedgehogstreet.org\)](https://www.hedgehogstreet.org)). 'Hedgehog Street' has plenty of advice on making gardens hedgehog friendly, like creating 'Hedgehog Highways', eliminating slug pellets, having a wild area, avoiding hazards like steep pond edges and discarded netting, and providing 'hedgehog houses', supplementary food and water, (see [Helpful garden features - Hedgehog Street](#)). Simple actions that will help to restore hedgehog populations.



Photo credit Mike Price

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Letcombe Sports and Social Club

The first "Pizza at the Pavilion" event is on Friday 5th May. See the poster below for details on how to pre-order your pizza. The next event will be on Friday 2nd June. Details will also be posted on the Regis and Bassett village Facebook page.

The cricket fixtures are on the Sports & Social Club web site here:

<http://letcombesportsclub.org.uk>

The first home matches are on Wednesday 3rd May (6pm) and Saturday 6th May (1pm).

Darts summer league starts this week, again we have 3 teams playing, which is excellent. As has been mentioned before, if anyone is interested in playing some friendly league darts, then please contact the secretary.

Social Membership is due at the end of May. Some members have already renewed. The easiest way to pay is either directly online, or at the bar. Contact the secretary if you need the bank details. New members are always welcome. Plus if you are interested in volunteering or helping out with the running of the club in any way, then, yes, you've guessed it, contact the secretary!

Richard
Secretary,
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Friends of the Letcombe Valley Community Nature Reserve

Work parties continue in the Community Nature Reserve on Saturday, 20 May from 13:30 to 16:30. Please meet near the lake notice board by 13:20 for the tasks and safety briefing. The main tasks are likely to be scrub clearance, fence repairs, minor tree pruning over paths and general maintenance. Wellingtons will be required to work on the new pond. Tools will be provided, and refreshments too mid-afternoon, but please take your own work gloves.

World Bee Day also falls on Saturday, 20 May, an annual celebration started in 2017 recognising the important part bees play in the ecosystem. The work party will no doubt hear the buzzing of wild bees, that is solitary and bumblebees, in the Community Nature Reserve. The Early Bumblebee (right), *Bombus pratorum*, has small



workers with distinctive yellow collars and ginger tails, quite different from the Red-tailed Bumblebee (left), *Bombus lapidarius*, whose queen is large and black with a red tail, photo credits: S. Rae (CC BY 2.0).



The long-tongued Garden Bumblebee (right), *Bombus hortorum*, photo credit: Mike Pennington (CC BY-SA 2.0), seen on many flowers on warmer days has a characteristic

white tail and yellow markings on the abdomen and thorax which distinguishes it from the Tree Bumblebee (left),



Bombus hypnorum, whose workers have brown hair on the thorax and a white tail, photo credit: David Short (CC BY 2.0). This species has only been recorded in Britain in the past twenty years.



Bees are marvellous creatures; they dart from flower to flower for nectar and pollen. In return, the bees and other pollinators spread the pollen between flowers which otherwise would not be able to fertilise. This is a symbiotic relationship as both bee and flower help each other to reproduce and

succeed. There are around 70 crops in the UK that depend or benefit from bee pollination. Sadly though, bees are in trouble with 35 species under threat of extinction in the UK alone, particularly those that depend on a specific flowers, but all bee species face serious threats from pesticide use, habitat loss and a number of devastating diseases. Pollination by honey bees, wild bees and bumblebees is incredibly valuable for farmers. Research has found that pollination by honey bees has dropped from 70% to 34% of the pollination needs in the UK. The gap is now being filled by wild pollinators, such as bumblebees and hoverflies. It has been estimated that it would cost UK farmers £1.8 billion a year to pollinate their crops manually if wild bees disappeared as has happened in parts of China already.

There is no plan bee! However, the good news is that there are changes that everyone can make to help support wild bees. The website [Best Plants For Bees | BBC Gardeners World Magazine](#) has a guide to choosing single, open flowers for gardens that will help pollinators through the seasons. For wildflower lists see [Which flowers are best for wild bees? - Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust \(gwct.org.uk\)](#). These and some herbs, such as marjoram, chives, sage and rosemary, are particularly favoured by bees and look good in pots as well as flower beds. Avoid garden centre plants that have been pre-treated with pesticides and do not use insecticides, especially neonicotinoids, in your garden. Bees need water as well as nectar for survival; a shallow bird bath or a pond is a safe source of drinking water for bees, along with the other wildlife it will attract and support. On average, plant, insect and bird life is at least 50% more abundant on organic farms so choose food displaying the Soil Association logo and increase the bee-friendly impact of food purchases. Individual actions all add up to make a difference in creating plentiful nature-friendly habitats and a brighter future for bees everywhere, not just in the Community Nature Reserve.

Letcombe Regis ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Residents of Letcombe Regis are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.00pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 8pm.

The meeting will be held in the Warborough Room of the Village Hall

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. Welcome and introduction to the two new Councillors
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 16th May 2022
5. Police Report
6. Reports from our County and District Councillors
7. Parish Council Annual Report 2022-2023 - Cllr Jeanne Lapsley
8. Councillors Reports for 2022-2023
9. Parish Council Draft Financial Report 2022-2023

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 along with much more information,
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Items will generally appear in the order they were received

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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 (2nd, 9th & 30th)

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