





The Letcombe Register



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Message from the Parish Council

Recent weeks have seen three events which highlight the incredible strength of our village as a community. At both the memorial services for stalwarts of the village 'Jinks' Jelinski and Allan Lancaster, people from outside commented on the very positive feelings that both 'Jinks' and Allan had about living here and the contributions they made.

Most recently District Councillor Paul Barrow and myself attended a meeting organised by Oxford County Council. Both the Council leader and the Chair of the Oxford Association of Local Councils (OALC) noted that communication between the various tiers of local government needed improving. Listening to the considerable number of other Parish Council attendees it was all too apparent that while Letcombe Regis is not alone with slow responses to requests for road repairs, improved general maintenance and planning issues, what did make a difference was the contribution that all individuals make within their community.

At last month's Parish Council meeting, the formal structure through which issues are enacted, the work that Councillor Barber ensuring the appearance of the burial ground; Councillor Griffin, with issues surrounding village maintenance, and; Councillor Lundie and his work to ensure improved road surfaces were all commendable. All however noted the difficulties in communicating with the relevant agencies.

This difficulty in, even lack of, communication, is not confined to public services. The PC is continuing to try and engage with telecommunication suppliers, their regulator and the now private utility supply companies to address service shortcomings. It would appear that customer services failings are rife, indeed almost a contagion which, given that one characteristic of such an issue is rapid communication, is rather ironic.

But returning to the wider communication issues highlighted by the three events. It is the informal structures and day-to-day meetings that take place throughout the village that help ensure the very positive environment in which we are fortunate to live. And it is by communicating with the Parish Council members to voice your concerns and worries at the meetings, the next being 20th November at 7pm in the Village Hall, which will help ensure the continued success of our community. Please do attend.

Cllr Paul Batchelor
Vice-Chairman
Letcombe Regis Parish Council



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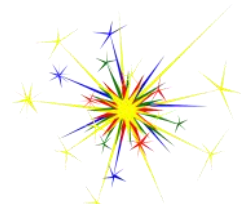


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R I C H M O N D
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*Please be aware Richmond Villages, Letcombe Regis will be holding a small Fireworks Display on **Wednesday 8th November at 6pm** – the duration of the display will be for a few minutes and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to residents. Many thanks.*



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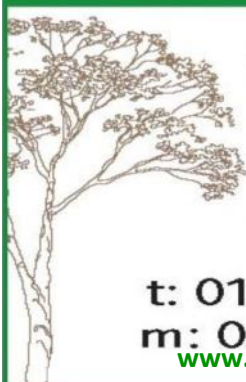
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Christmas Greetings

It's that time of the year again: regular readers will know that, thanks to Francesca, the December *Register* carries Christmas messages from readers to friends and neighbours in the area. Save actual paper cards for those who live at a distance, those you're not likely to see over the festive season and use the *Register* to send village greetings.

Here's how it works: compose a brief Christmas message, add a seasonal decoration if you want to (Francesca can add something for you from a large library if you prefer) and try to keep it no bigger than approx. 9x3 cms (the same size as a ladderad on page 3).

Here's an example:

<p>John and Jane Smith wish all their village friends Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year</p>	
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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 well before the *Register* deadline so I can get it to Francesca in time.)

GREEN GREETINGS GUARANTEED !



7.30 Wednesday November 15
Holy Trinity Church, Charlton
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Francesca Shakespeare; painting and teaching



*New members and visitors (£5)
always welcome!*

Oxford-based Francesca Shakespeare divides her practice between painting en plain air and being inspired by the Ashmolean Museum where she has run art projects for families and children over many years.

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Yoga and Sound Bath



In addition to her regular Tuesday morning yoga classes, Beth Trotter is also running a special Rest and Relax Yoga with Sound Bath on Friday 17th November from 6.45 – 8.15pm. All welcome but please book in advance at www.beyoga.co.uk

Friends of the Letcombe Valley Nature Reserve

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

Regular walkers in the Community Nature Reserve will have noted the new gates and fencing put up across the eastern section of the meadow and along the eastern edge of terrace walk going south. The first of these changes is to create protection for a larger woodland area through which visitors will have access. The fencing along the eastern edge of the terrace walk (right) will allow controlled grazing on the terrace and chalk bank as part of the management of the area for chalkland flowers.



Management of the trees on the Community Nature Reserve will be part of a five year plan to plant new trees to replace trees suffering from Ash dieback. Fortunately, so far, not many of the Ash trees in the Reserve are affected by this fungal disease that spread from eastern Asia through European trees with low resistance and into the UK in 2012, probably on imported saplings. Young trees succumb more quickly than mature trees with widespread leaf and shoot dieback. The disease can make trees very brittle, making it hard to predict when branches and trees might fall and in what direction. Affected trees close to footpaths or along roads compromise the public's safety because of the risk of falling branches or collapsing trees. Therefore some trees will need to be felled but before such work is done a tree licence must be obtained that will stipulate for every tree felled, three new trees must be planted. Work will be timed to minimise the impact on wildlife such as nesting birds, and most of the felled wood will be left in situ as habitat for species that depend on deadwood at some stage of their life.

Ash dieback requires much investment by BBOWT, but the Trust is still campaigning hard on various environmental fronts. This autumn it launched a new campaign with other wildlife trusts to rescue chalk stream habitats. Chalk streams are among our rarest habitats, with only around 250 in the world and 80% of those in southern England.



The Letcombe Brook (left) and Chalgrove Brook are two of the larger chalk streams in Oxfordshire, whilst Berkshire over the Downs is home to the Pang, Kennet, Aldbourne and Lambourne. When healthy, these unique lowland waterways are characterised by clear water, diverse plants and home to brown trout, otters, water voles and kingfishers. The Wildlife Trusts are calling for new legal protections to drive investment in sewage-treatment works on chalk catchments; prevent over-abstraction of chalk streams, especially during drought; give them protection in the planning process; direct investment into restoration of chalk streams and increase funding for monitoring and enforcement by government agencies. All Letcombe Regis residents contribute to the work to protect the Letcombe Brook through the Parish Council support of the Letcombe Brook Project and volunteers put in much needed physical work to improve the brook corridor for wildlife. However, everyone has the opportunity to contribute to strengthening the protection of these rare habitats. Find out more about the campaign at: [Help us save chalk streams today – not in 2063 | Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust \(bbowt.org.uk\)](https://www.bbowt.org.uk) which features a photograph of the brook in the Letcombe Valley Community Nature Reserve. You might even wish to write to our MP asking him to support the need for action now. Thames Water discharge untreated sewage into the precious Letcombe Brook north of Grove during heavy rainfall; a problem that will only get worse with all the new housing being built in this area and no planned upgrade of the sewage treatment works. Check the real-time storm discharge data at: [EDM Map | Storm discharge data | River health | Thames Water](#) .

The Letcombes Conservation Group

The latest 'health check' on the UK's wildlife was published on 27 September and revealed that half of the UK's terrestrial, marine and freshwater species are in decline, one in six species (almost 1,500) so seriously that they are at threat of extinction. This is the fourth State of Nature Report since 1970 with conclusions based on data from around 60 organisations including environmental NGOs, academic institutions and government agencies, such as Natural England. Key findings of the report are:

- Across the UK, species studied have declined on average by 19% since 1970;
- Farmland bird species in the UK have, on average, seen their numbers fall by more than a half since 1970;
- Invertebrate species are found in 13% fewer places now than in 1970 including strong declines in some insect groups with important roles as pollinators, like bees and hoverflies;
- More than half of the plants in Great Britain have been lost from areas where they used to thrive; **66%** of the UK's important habitats for wildlife were found to be in poor condition.

No wonder conservation organisations have coined the phrase 'Nature in Crisis' and press for a turnaround in the situation before 2030 or it will be too late for our wildlife and create problems for people since nature relates to our economy, food systems, health and well-being. Read the summary of the report at [State of Nature 2023 - report on the UK's current biodiversity](#), or the full report at [TP25999-State-of-Nature-main-report 2023 FULL-DOC-v12.pdf \(stateofnature.org.uk\)](#). The UK is already classified as one of the world's most nature-depleted countries and is allowing the decline to continue. This is a matter that should not be ignored, it requires action rather than just words.

Alongside the Wildlife and Countryside Link Campaign, see [Nature 2030 Campaign \(wcl.org.uk\)](#), the Wildlife Trusts are calling upon all political parties in the 2024 general election to commit to a plan with five priorities to finally halt and reverse the species decline:

1. bring back the UK's lost wildlife with more protected spaces for wildlife on land and in water;
2. end river pollution from sewage and agriculture currently often beyond legal limits and unsustainable water use;
3. fund wildlife-friendly farming;
4. enable healthy communities with access to local nature, including environmental education outdoors for all children;
5. tackle the climate emergency that helps to drive wildlife decline by land use transformation and restoration, by protecting the marine environment and by promoting energy efficiency.



For further details see [The Wildlife Trusts: Our priorities for the next UK Government | Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust \(bbowt.org.uk\)](#). Whilst the State of Nature report shows that the devastating decline of our wildlife continues, it does offer some hope in illustrating projects that have had positive results from action taken to protect and restore nature. There is an understanding of what needs to be done in the UK.

Meanwhile on the world stage, representatives from 197 countries and the EU will convene at the 28th session of the world's highest decision-making process on climate issues, the Conference of the Parties (COP28), from 30 November to 12 December 2023 in Dubai. At a forum on Green Development in Beijing on October 18th, the COP28 President, Dr Sultan Al Jabar, noted that the world is falling behind on its climate ambitions and needs to cut greenhouse gas emissions significantly in the next seven years in order to keep 1.5°C in reach and meet the goals of the Paris agreement at COP21. In engaging with China prior to COP28, Dr Jabar stated that "*The world can only succeed if all countries, all companies, all stakeholders work together.*"



Football Club

We only played two games in October because the match at Wantage was postponed owing to a waterlogged pitch and Watlington were unable to raise a team. We won both of the matches we played, beating Taplow 6-0 at home in the Hellenic Division Two cup and winning 1-0 at Didcot Town Development in the Hellenic challenge cup. Other teams have overtaken us in the league, but we remain the only unbeaten side in the division. We have some difficult games in November which will have a big influence on our season.

Nov 4th	Letcombe	v	Bourton Rovers (cup)	2.30
Nov 11th	Letcombe	v	Swindon Supermarine Development (league)	2.30
Nov 18th	Letcombe	v	North League Development	2.30
Nov 25th	Letcombe	v	Thame United 'A' (league)	2.30

The young reserve team are also doing well, and are currently top of North Berks Division Two after five wins and one draw in seven matches.

St Andrew's

St Andrew's report seems to mention the weather frequently this year but on probably the warmest 8th October ever, the Revd. Ness Brunner-Ellis presided over our monthly service of Holy Communion. The first reading was about the Ten Commandments and Ness preached on the fourth commandment "Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work". Ness pointed out that for someone in holy orders Sunday can never not be a day of labour. But she said how important it is for her to have a special day in the week, in her case Friday. She tries to prepare for Friday on Thursday so she does indeed have a day to keep holy and not work. This made us all think how we keep Sundays in these modern days of open shops, sporting events and many other activities - as well as preparing for our Sabbath.



St Andrew's kneeler

On 22nd October the service was led by David Allchin who spoke of St Luke, whose feast day is on 18th October. David also mentioned our annual Gift Day on Saturday 25th November from 9 am to 1 pm, the nearest Saturday to 30th November the feast day of St Andrew. This is the day when residents of the village, whether church goers or not, are asked to make a donation to the life and work of the church. Coffee will be served and it is an opportunity to meet friends and also - perhaps - to do some work in the churchyard - see the message from Christine Birch below.

"At the same time as Gift Day on Saturday 25th November as in past years, assistance would be appreciated at St Andrew's Churchyard with the autumn clean-up. Twigs and leaves will be collected plus grass and weeds removed from close to the memorial stones - ie 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 wheelbarrow, garden broom (preferable to a rake), trowel, secateurs and/or hand shears. Refreshments will be available in the church. Hopefully it will not snow as in 2021!"

The services for November are different from normal as there will be NO service on the second Sunday, 12th, which is Remembrance Sunday. The Remembrance service will be at Sparsholt. Secondly there will be a new service of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 11 am starting on 1st November, All Saints' Day. All details as ever can be found in The Signpost.



Letcombes Gardening Club

Topical Tips

We are now into autumn proper now although we have still been experiencing some mild weather. As I type this I still haven't got all my tender plants in but I have had no casualties as yet. I'm keeping my eye on the weather forecast! If you keep some plants in pots outside all winter then it's a good idea to start wrapping the pots to protect them from the cold.

This is 'leaf raking' month; not a fun job but at least it keeps you warm! Do make sure that you collect rose leaves up from round your roses and place them in the brown bin. This will help prevent black spot and rust that can overwinter in the soil.

November is the time to plant out tulip bulbs. Tulips are always a bit of a lottery as some will persist and others won't but hey, if some do persist then you'll have an even better display in the spring as long as you don't slice through them as you plant your new ones (there speaks the voice of experience)!

You may find that your dahlias and cannas get hit by a frost or two this month so now is the time to lift them. Wait until they've gone black and then rummage about in the beds to see if you can find the plant labels!! Believe me you won't remember what colour they were come late spring.

If you leave any borderline hardy plants out then it's a good idea to apply a mulch on them to help them through the winter. Agapanthus and some varieties of Kniphofia are good candidates here.

November is a good time for rose planting and also for transplanting trees and shrubs. Bush roses and many shrubs that are pruned hard in spring can be pruned back by half now to reduce wind rock.

If you're a propagation fanatic then you can take hardwood cuttings now. They're slow to strike so be patient.

Lets spare a few words for our houseplants. Watering should be reduced now and cacti and clivia should be given a rest period over winter. This means virtually no water. Similarly pelargoniums should be cut back and only kept slightly moist over winter.

Now on to fruit and veg. Make sure you clear away the remnants of any old crops and don't just leave them to rot away on the soil as they can harbour disease over the winter. You should be harvesting winter cabbage, leeks, parsnips and sprouts now. When you're picking sprouts remove the lower yellowing leaves as this will improve air circulation to the plant.

Well I think that's all for now. I hope your run up to Christmas isn't too hectic and you manage to find a bit of time for your garden. Enjoy!

The Letcombes Gardening Club

We had a really good talk last month on veg/herbs from Ray Broughton. I've had lots of positive feedback from those who attended. We move into November on a high as Christine Skelmersdale from Broadleigh Bulbs is coming to talk to us on 15 November at 7.30pm in Letcombe Regis village hall. Her topic will be '*Where Does your Garden Grow or Around the World in 80 Plants*'. This is our last meeting before Christmas and it promises to be a good one so do come along and bring your friends too!



Pilates

Pilates at the village hall - come and give it a try! No need to book lessons.

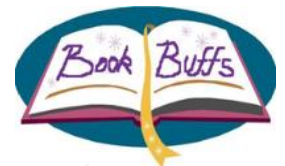
Ladies class 9.30am Thursday, Men's class 9.30am Friday.

Spaces available, please call Rachel to discuss joining. All abilities welcome as routines can be tailored to suit experience, fitness and injuries.

Client quote: "*Pilates has greatly improved my core strength and range of movement and I'm really feeling the benefit.*" (John R.)

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Book Buffs



The next meeting will be held in the Greyhound on Thursday 2nd November at 8pm.

We shall be reviewing '*The Mermaid of the Black Conch*' by Monique Raffey and '*A Terrible Kindness*' by Jo Browning Wroe.

The new library book is '*Past Imperfect*' by Julian Fellowes, the alternative being a personal choice.



Letcombe Sports and Social Club

With the nights getting darker, and Pizza off the menu, we held our first "Bingo Night" on Friday 20th October.

This was enjoyed very much by the 30 or so Members and Guests who played, and we plan to repeat it every month. The next 2 dates are Friday 17th November and Friday 22nd December, where Members and their Guests are welcome to come along. It's eyes down at 7.30pm, so please come along by about 7pm.

The December Bingo will also combine with the Sports & Social Club Christmas Raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale from November, £1 a ticket or £5 a strip. All the money collected will go towards the prizes, so the more tickets sold, the better the prizes!

Darts Winter League is now under way. Again we are fortunate to have 3 teams in the Wantage & District Darts League, with the "A" team in Division 2, the "B" team in Division 4 and the "C" team in Division 3. If anyone wants to know more about playing darts for the Club, then please contact the secretary (letcombesportsclub@gmail.com).

If anyone is interested in knowing more about the Sports & Social Club in general, or becoming a Member, then please also contact the secretary.

Richard
Secretary, Letcombe Sports & Social Club



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Film Club

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12)

Wednesday 8 November, Letcombe Regis Village Hall.

This month we are showing the recently released film *'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry'*. Based on the popular novel by Rachel Joyce it tells the story of Harold, a retired pensioner who lives a quiet life with his wife Maureen in Kingsbridge in Devon.

When Harold unexpectedly gets a letter from his old friend Queenie, his life changes. Queenie tells him she is living in a hospice in Berwick-on-Tweed and has terminal cancer. Acting out of character Harold decides to walk the length of England to Scotland to see Queenie. On his epic journey along lanes and back roads he meets a variety of folk and takes the time to reflect on his life.

Both audiences and critics love this film, especially the faultless performance by Jim Broadbent as Harold, and the equally good portrayal of his wife Maureen by Penelope Wilton. Jim Broadbent was already familiar with the story as he voiced the audiobook. He has vividly brought Harold to life on screen with one critic saying "this may be one of those rare instances where the film is better than the book".

Come along for an evening at the movies in Letcombe! Doors open at 7.30 with the film starting at 8pm. Refreshments available.

Entrance - £6 on the door.

Women's Institute



Author Nicola Cornick will be speaking about how local landscape and history have inspired her writing. She will be bringing a selection of her fascinating books for sale, at a bargain price, so do bring your purses along with you!

We hope to see you all in the Village Hall on November 13, visitors very welcome.



Brown bin subscribers can leave out extra garden waste

Residents who are subscribed to the district council brown bin garden waste service in South Oxfordshire or the Vale of White Horse can have extra garden waste collected for free, on their normal collection day only, **between 30 October and 10 November**. (in Letcombe Regis this will be Monday 6th November).

Householders will be able to put out a maximum of up to four additional sacks of garden waste, per brown bin subscription, next to their brown bin.

To be eligible for collection, the extra waste must go in standard sized (60L) sacks and should only contain natural garden waste such as cut grass, plants or branches. Alternatively, it can be placed in boxes / containers totalling no more than a standard bin full.

People are asked not to leave out rubble or builders' waste bags alongside their brown bins as these won't be collected."



THE GREYHOUND INN

Celebrate Christmas with family and friends in our award-winning restaurant or simply enjoy a festive drink after a country walk by our cosy wood-burning stoves. Coffees, cakes, mulled wine and mince pies await from 10am throughout December! Open for drinks only on Christmas Day 12-2pm

Festive Dining Menu available 1st - 24th December
Celebration Dinner New Year's Eve
Please see our website for menu details and to book online

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LETCOMBE REGIS RECREATION GROUND

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS
Saturday 4th November
Bonfire 6.30 pm
Fireworks 7.00pm

- Entrance **FREE** (there will be a bucket collection in aid of Recreation Ground funds)
- Food available from 5 pm
- Sports Pavilion open for drinks
- Sparklers on sale

Financially supported by the Parish Council.
Organised by the Letcombe Regis Recreation Ground and Village Hall Management Committee

COME AND ENJOY YOURSELVES!



Recreation Ground & Village Hall Trust

Please join us at the recreation ground this Saturday evening for the annual bonfire and fireworks event. There will be food available from 5.30pm onwards at the Pavilion bar, which will also be open during the evening for drinks. Sparklers will be available on the terrace outside the Pavilion for cash purchase. The bonfire will be around 6.30pm and the fireworks around 7pm.

There will be the usual bucket collection on the night towards Recreation Ground funds (please support this with a contribution) and we thank those villagers who have already made donations in advance of the event. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so by cash or cheque payable to Letcombe Regis Recreation Ground and Village Hall sent to The Hollies, South Street or by Bank Transfer to the account number 73705390, Sort Code 20-84-58 reference Fireworks.

Please take any wood for the bonfire to the riding arena a week or so before the event - only things that can easily be burnt! A roped off area will be arranged.

Please join us for a great family evening and enjoy yourself and support the village.

We are finally making the upgrade to the playground equipment. The company will be on site at the end of November, so please accept that the playground will be out of access for about two weeks from the 20th of November onwards, then we shall be able to complete all the works by early December. Thanks to everyone who has worked on this project and donate time and money to keep moving it forwards

Gordon Lundie
Chair of the committee



Hyperlinks explained (only for the uninitiated)

As it says on the front page of the Diary, anything underlined gives a 'hyperlink' to an email address or website. This means that if you hover your mouse (or finger) over it and click/tap, you can be directed to the website or it opens up the email address automatically in your server. (Apologies to anyone getting the Register printed out for them - this only works online!)

Elsewhere in the Register, hyperlinks are not necessarily underlined. Email addresses that are hyperlinked will often simply appear in a different colour to the main text. In advertisements (where possible), email addresses and websites have been hyperlinked and just sometimes, I have been able to hyperlink a logo at the top of an article, (clicking on the logo with this article will take you to the Wikipedia page on hyperlinks).

Please let me know if I have missed any or if I have got incorrect information for you or your business.

Another quick reminder if you have new neighbours, and they wish to receive the Letcombe Register by e-mail each month, they need to contact the Parish Clerk direct: letregispc@gmail.com to be added to the village list.

Past issues can be found on the Village Website, along with other information about Letcombe Regis: <http://www.letcomberegispc.org>

Francesca Engelmann
The Letcombe Register

Tennis Club



Two dates for your diaries.

1. **Letcombe Tennis Club AGM will be on 14th November at 8pm in the Greyhound** If you want to get involved to help running the club, this is your chance. We currently have a vacancy for treasurer.
3. Our annual fundraiser this year is a **QUIZ NIGHT with BIG DAVE**. It is on **Friday 24th November at Letcombe Regis Village Hall**.

Doors and bar open from **7.30pm** with the quiz starting at 8.00pm. Tables of 8 people maximum. Licensed bar. Tickets are £10 each, to include the first drink!

Tickets from Sue Hannon – 07771 800534 or Geoff Owen– 07772 518938. For further details or to be added to a team, email letcombetennisclub@gmail.com



BIG QUIZ NIGHT

WITH PRIZES!!

At
Letcombe Regis Village Hall
Friday 24th November, 2023

Tickets:
£10 each, which will include the first drink!
Snacks will be provided
Licensed bar

Doors and bar open from 7.30pm
For an 8.00pm prompt start of the quiz
Tables of 8 people max

Tickets must be purchased in advance please
From:
Sue Hannon – 07771 800534
And Geoff Owen– 07772 518938
OR letcombetennisclub@gmail.com to confirm request

Proceeds of the evening will go to Letcombe Tennis Club

LETCOMBE REGISTER

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 along with much more information,
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www.letcomberegispc.org

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Items will generally appear in the order they were received

November 2023 [Click Here](#) for full 23/24 Calendar

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