






The Letcombe Register



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Message from the Parish Council



**The Parish Council
Wishes you all a Very Happy,
Healthy and Safe 2021.**



With things continuing to change on a daily basis, please be mindful of the current Covid19 advice and continue to keep safe.

A few Village matters –

- ◆ The road signage and some road repairs to Court Hill and other areas have been completed, but if you see any emerging potholes please register with Oxfordshire County Councils (OCC) <https://www.fixmystreet.com>
- ◆ New Concrete Bollards have been installed to prevent 4x4 damage to our green lanes. OCC are now looking to apply a permanent ban for such vehicles.
- ◆ The Governments Planning Proposals have been recalled and there is now a focus for more homes in the midlands and the north of the country, and on brown field sites.
- ◆ Burial Ground Improvements. The Revised plan is being drawn up ready for resubmission. Details can be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 January 8pm. This meeting will take place on Zoom so if you wish to attend please contact the Parish Clerk, at least a week in advance, so that joining instructions can be provided.

Jeanne Lapsley
Chairman
Letcombe Regis Parish Council.

IMPORTANT

CENSUS 21 MARCH 2021

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Households across Oxfordshire will be asked to take part in Census 2021 this spring.

The Census, run by the Office for National Statistics, is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

This year, for the first time, the Census will be digital first. All households will receive a letter in early March with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on 21 March on their computers, phones or tablets. For some of our residents, this will make things easier, but we understand that for others it could be challenging.

The Census Team covering Oxfordshire would like to understand as soon as possible if you are unable to access a computer or other device, or if you need specific support.

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS VITAL SO PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CLERK,
on 07491000305 by the middle of January, IF YOU FEEL YOU NEED EXTRA
HELP TO TAKE PART.**

Sophie Beauchamp

It was a great shock to learn of the untimely death of Sophie in early December. She spent many happy years in Letcombe Regis before recently moving to London with her husband Hugh. While living here she was an active participant in many aspects of village life, being a founder member of the Book Buffs, an enthusiastic member of the Gardening Club as well as a firm supporter of the WI. Each of these organisations and many villagers will miss her greatly.

Freddie Trotter

Book Buffs



The next meeting via Zoom will be at 8pm on Wednesday 6 January 2021 when we shall be reviewing *'The Salt Path'* by Rayner Winn.

The library book for January is *'Lottery'* by Patricia Wood.

Could members please return their copies of *The Salt Path* to the blue box outside Blandy's Barn as soon after Christmas as possible.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and healthy 2021.

Pilates with Rachel



Whilst we are currently in Tier 4, Rachel has asked that I simply provide her number to call - **07801 824293**

Photographic Club



The Letcombe Photographic Club February subject will be:

"Nature at its best and worst".

The deadline for submission is the 20th of January.

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

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

The January photos be found on page 11

200 Club results

200 Club Draw — No		January 2021
109	June MATTHEWS	£50
70	Ian MEAD	£25
210	Rory HENRY	£15
64	Des WILLIAMS	£10
		£5
Special Draw:		
77	Chris & Meryl FINCH	£25
60	Niki & Mike LEGGE	£20
16	Claire TAYLOR	£10
27	Anne BATCHELOR	£10
86	Catriona GALBRAITH	£10
93	Henry & Nicholas BATTEN	£10
177	David MAUNDRELL	£10
New Numbers draw:		
18	Sallie GOOD	£5



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COMPUTER PROBLEMS? CONVERSION TO WINDOWS 10?

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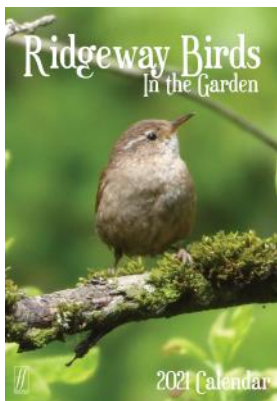
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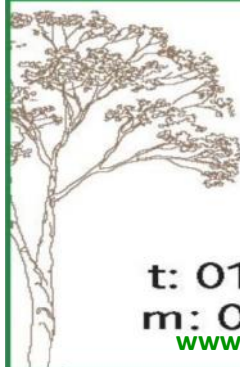


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The Letcombes Conservation Group

Back in September 2020 the Group heard about a Great Bustard reported in Bishopstone and The Devil's Punchbowl, but few managed to observe it. Last month the bird obliged by moving to the fields around the Letcombe - Wantage footpath path and mid-December saw an influx of enthusiastic ornithologists to capture a sight of this now rare bird at close quarters.

Formerly Great Bustards were found wild in the chalk downlands of Wiltshire, Dorset, and Yorkshire as well as in the East Anglian Breckland. They were bred in many parts of England, the last record being in 1832 in Suffolk. Being a good sized bird, rather larger than the average Christmas turkey, the birds were eliminated from England by game shooting which also led to the failure of an attempted re-introduction in Norfolk in 1900. However, the birds survived in Europe breeding in open habitat in Portugal and southern Spain as well as in the steppes east from Germany and in the Trans-Volga region of southern Russia.

The ring on its right leg inscribed EL679 identifies our recent visitor as a young male dispersed in its first winter from the Great Bustard Group (GBG) re-introduction scheme set up on Salisbury Plain in 1998 by David Waters. Eggs for this scheme were sourced originally from Russia and since 2004 from Spain where birds have a closer genetic link to the former British population. Reared for release annually from 2004, the population in Wiltshire is now more than 100 free-flying adult birds and has almost attained the goal of a self-sustaining population. Pre-arranged and supervised public visits to the otherwise inaccessible site on MoD military training land are an important source of funds to GBG as are donations. Visits will be available to book from <http://greatbustard.org/> when lockdown is a distant memory.



The birds have spread from Wiltshire to Somerset and Gloucestershire but dispersal in the early years of the project led to the death of many juveniles. This contributed to the slow progress in establishing birds breeding in the wild with natural mortality rates higher than 80% in the first year and the eggs and chicks in the ground nests being easy prey for mammals and avian predators. Since 2013 survival of wild-bred birds has increased; in 2020 GBG recorded 22 nests and at least 15 new birds that are wild bred. Young birds grow quickly and after surviving their first year will go on to live typically for 15 to 20 years.



Our young male visitor is already an impressive bird, difficult to miss in the stubble field. Standing proud with its head high and breast puffed out, or with its head sunk low into its body, the bird appeared unperturbed by the proximity of an audience with camera lenses or even walkers with dogs on the path. Some spectators were treated to the sight of display behaviour, perhaps ever-hopeful practice for the spring, as well as the magnificence of the bird in flight. With adult males weighing up to twenty kilos with a wing span of 2.5 metres, these are the world's heaviest flying birds and their re-introduction is a conservation project well-worth supporting.

Many thanks to Mel Taylor for her wonderful photographs for use in this Register article only. (www.meltaylorphotography.co.uk)



Christmas Quiz Answers Compiled by the Parish Council

Festive Challenge

1. In which modern country was St Nicolas born?
2. In 1965 which Christmas Carol become the first song broadcast from Space?
3. Which Figure from English folklore has come to represent Santa Claus?
4. How many reindeer are mentioned in the poem 'T'was the night before Christmas'?
5. Who invented the Christmas Cracker?
6. Which Ruler made Turkey the principle meat on Christmas Day?
7. What is the last day of Christmas called?
8. What is a female turkey called?
9. How many gifts were given in total in the song The Twelve Days of Christmas?
10. What was the highest grossing Christmas movie of all time?

Answers

1. Turkey
2. Jingle bells
3. Father Christmas
4. 8 – no Rudolph
5. Tom Smith
6. Henry 8th
7. 12th night
8. Hen
9. 75
10. Home Alone

Apple, Pear or Dickens Character??

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Margill | 10. Betty Prosser |
| 2. Old Bill Barley | 11. Darell Wick |
| 3. Brogson | 12. Edmund Sparkler |
| 4. Brown Bess | 13. Poll Sweedlepipe |
| 5. Lord Lambourne | 14. Rev W Wilkes |
| 6. Jack Adams | 15. Bawkins |
| 7. Tom Putt | 16. Bazzard |
| 8. James Grieve | 17. Blitzler |
| 9. Lady Sudeley | 18. Henre Huffcap |

Pear Varieties
4 10 11 18 20

Apple Varieties
1 5 7 8 9 14

Dickens characters
2 3 6 12 13 15 16 17 19

Answers

UK Towns and Cities Fun Quiz continued on next page

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Part of Ship | 1. Hull | 10. Find a bargain here. |
| 2. Dog Noise | 2. Barking | 11. Place for a tea party |
| 3. Keep on Jeering. | 3. Taunton | 12. Local Match. |
| 4. Place for sheep to enter. | 4. Ramsgate | 13. Cover. |
| 5. Earl invented this snack | 5. Sandwich | 14. A Leaver. |
| 6. You might want to Moo-ve here. | 6. Cowes | 15. Bee Gee found in Wales |
| 7. Cemetery Conclusion | 7. Gravesend | 16. Battled with Bill |
| 8. ??N?HE?T?? | 8. Manchester/
Winchester | 17. H-> |
| 9. Might burn finger doing this | 9. Prestwick | 18. Discolours |
| | | 19. Witches attempt |

- ### Answers
10. Sale
 11. Boston
 12. Derby
 13. Lydd
 14. Exeter
 15. Barry
 16. Fort William
 17. Harrow
 18. Staines
 19. Coventry

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|--|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 20. Novel Drink | 20. Newport | 61. Maybe behind rug. | 61. Edinburgh |
| 21. Roof material found in morning. | 21. Thatcham | 62. Cook excellently | 62. Bakewell |
| 22. T o | 22. Tring | 63. Hair cut | 63. Crewe |
| 23. Ringer is quick | 23. Belfast | 64. Sounds like a Country. | 64. Wells |
| 24. Slow gag retold. | 24. Glasgow | 65. YELIF | 65. Filey |
| 25. Commence a card game. | 25. Deal | 66. Starving by water | 66. Hungerford |
| 26. Value of your Cat or Dog . | 26. Petworth | 67. Prepared horse's home | 67. Dunstable |
| 27. Which English City is largest by area. | 27. Carlisle | 68. Singing Sisters | 68. Beverly |
| 28. Secret lie upended . | 28. Leicester | 69. Best torn inside | 69. Eton |
| 29. Car for Mr Pitt | 29. Bradford | 70. Reasonable meat | 70. Fareham |
| 30. Wet vegetable | 30. Leek | 71. Put together Plant Hover and Mow | 71. Wolverhampton |
| 31. Two Breakfast items. | 31. Egham | 72. Colours . ? | 72. Grays |
| 32. Nun Larders rebuilt. | 32. Sunderland | 73. Thumbing a lift | 73. Hitchin |
| 33. Ma is fit. | 33. Motherwell | 74. Giant Month unravelled. | 74. Nottingham |
| 34. YZTS | 34. Bath | 75. Flout Ham about. | 75. Falmouth |
| 35. Cooks Meadow. | 35. Sheffield | 76. Harbour behind hill | 76. Portishead |
| 36. Mutant Hoops in turnaround. | 36. Southampton | 77. Building Society with an X | 77. Halifax |
| 37. Fast Forrest. | 37. Fleetwood | 78. value of Dogs home | 78. Kenilworth |
| 38. Walk like a soldier. | 38. March | 79. Eric at seaside resort. | 79. Morecambe |
| 39. Both light and heavy. | 39. Featherstone | 80. Aged Radio enthusiastic. | 80. Oldham |
| 40. Seems like an old Car | 40. Bangor | 81. Sounds like game of puddles. | 81. Poole |
| 41. Elyewl00. | 41. Luton | 82. Ruby nectar it seems. | 82. Canterbury |
| 42. A Northener | 42. Newport | 83. Try this sport. | 83. Rugby |
| 43. Bings town. | 43. Crosby | 84. Religious Body part. | 84. Holyhead |
| 44. Saucy City. | 44. Worcester | 85. Mark past it for Snooker | 85. Selby |
| 45. Which Car. | 45. Watford | 86. English City with largest area. | 86. Carlisle |
| 46. XXXX (village) | 46. Four Crosses | 87. Need to know how old you are. | 87. Wantage |
| 47. Needed by detectives | 47. Leeds | 88. Speechless Chips. | 88. Dumfries |
| 48. Spielberg declaring his years. | 48. Stevenage | 89. Where is this town !!! | 89. Ware |
| 49. Had a letter to spare. | 49. Dover | 90. Keep your eye on it. | 90. Watchit |
| 50. Archers after 100 years | 50. Cambridge | 91. Turns wans and add a C. | 91. Swansea |
| 51. Found in Hand over task. | 51. Andover | 92. Get your lorry weighed here. | 92. Weybridge |
| 52. Argument in pub. | 52. Barrow | 93. Compass point before C. | 93. Southsea |
| 53. Sharp Stone. | 53. Flint | 94. The Winds or Gales included. | 94. Windsor |
| 54. UK Money | 54. Sterling | 95. \$ | 95. Dollar |
| 55. Trump on roller. | 55. Doncaster | 96. Expensive value | 96. Highworth |
| 56. Peoples Rock | 56. Folkstone | 97. Drink in a hurry | 97. Portrush |
| 57. Danger sign before forced landing | 57. Redditch | 98. Ah Garrote turned round | 98. Harrogate |
| 58. All food left on table. | 58. Nuneaton | 99. Dark Singe. | 99. Blackburn |
| 59. Join to. | 59. Lincoln | 100. Table game. | 100. Tonbridge |
| 60. Strange Retaught Mayor | 60. Great Yarmouth | | |



Letcombes Gardening Club

I hope you have all had a good Christmas. Our Zoom meetings in the autumn were very successful so we will be starting 2021 with another Zoom meeting on Wednesday 20 January at 7.30pm. That evening we have a real treat for you.

We have managed to book Matthew Biggs of GWT fame to talk. We would not normally be able to book Matthew as he lives too far away making travel costs prohibitive so this is a real opportunity for us to have him to ourselves. He will be talking to us on the subject '*Plants in Medicine, the Past, Present and Future*'.

In order to join in the meeting you need to be a member of the gardening club. This costs £10 a year so if you would like to become a member then please contact us.

There will be a very short Zoom AGM after the talk.

Topical Tips

I hope you all had a good Christmas and that, like me, you're looking forward to a much better year this year.

We are now in the middle of winter but this doesn't mean you can't get out into the garden. We often get some nice, bright sunny days this month.

If you grow sweet peas then you can sow them this month. However, if you sowed them in autumn then they can be potted on now. Give them plenty of light.

You can also sow begonia, salvia and pelargonium but these will need to be placed in a heated propagator or heated greenhouse.

Remember to keep checking your dahlia and canna tubers. They will not grow next season if they dry out completely.

Some seeds need frost to propagate (vernalisation). This is your last chance to sow these seeds so check seed packets if you have been adventurous in your seed purchases. Native trees, shrubs and alpine often fall into this category.

If you grow iris unguicularis then you may find it is flowering at the moment. It's such a cheery sight but the flowers may be rather obscured by tatty leaves so give them a little trim to reveal the flowers in all their glory. You should do the same with hellebores too.

It goes without saying that you can continue to tidy borders. If any perennials are now looking soggy then remove the dead foliage and at the same time tackle any weeds that have managed to grow. Keeping the borders free of decaying matter will also reduce diseases as many overwinter in the soil.

If you have a greenhouse then keep checking it over to make sure no plants are developing powdery mildew. This is quite common in poorly ventilated and crowded conditions (just like in my greenhouse)! On warmer days ventilate the greenhouse to help reduce the problem. I could say make sure the plants are well spaced but then I won't be practising what I preach here as it is impossible for me to do that. If you can then go for it!

Not much to do on the veg front although hopefully you are still harvesting brassicas.

Don't try out your new secateurs on any stone fruit like cherry and plum. These should be pruned later in the season. You can continue to prune apple and pear trees though.

Well I think that's all for now so my husband and I would just like to wish you all a happy and much less restricted 2021!



Friends of the Letcombe Valley Community Nature Reserve

The Community Nature Reserve will be lucky to avoid Ash dieback disease. This fungal disease was first reported in Britain in February 2012 when it was found in a consignment of infected trees sent from the Netherlands to a nursery in Buckinghamshire. At the end of October 2012 the Government introduced a mandatory ban on imports of ash trees, saplings or seeds and restrictions on movement of trees around the country. However, the disease is carried on the wind and is now common in most counties of the UK and will impact the landscape since ash trees are the third most common tree in the country after oak and birch. An ash tree with ash dieback (photo by Jonas Barandun) exhibits several characteristics including leaf black/browning that



spreads down the stem and delays the usual autumn leaf drop, shrivelled leaves that wilt in summer and lesions (often diamond shaped), spots and cankers on the bark.

Twenty-six BBOWT reserves are facing an enormous challenge as the ash trees present in them, either in woodlands or hedgerows, are facing the devastating consequences of this disease. Like Dutch elm disease, the trees will not recover once infected. The diseased wood would contribute to the woodland ecology but such trees are dangerous to people due to unpredictable branch fall and the only way to ensure safety of visitors to reserves is to fell the diseased trees near paths, roads and properties. To have this work done professionally is estimated to cost on average £9000 per reserve. All reserves have essential maintenance costs to continue as special havens for people and wildlife but, like all charities, BBOWT's income has been uncertain due to the pandemic, and will

continue to be so in 2021. Unfortunately if the Trust is unable to carry out the safety work needed, the danger posed by the diseased trees may mean access has to be limited in some reserves.

Woodlands are constantly changing naturally as old trees die and new ones replace them. Felling might seem a drastic step, but it is mirroring the natural process in diseased trees though at a faster rate for safety reasons. The wood from the felled trees will be left on site; up to 40% of woodland species rely on deadwood at some stage in their life cycle. Regeneration will occur naturally in the gaps over time. The sunny glades created will be important for woodland flowers, fungi, birds and butterflies until saplings of other species start to replace the ash. Woodlands with areas of different aged trees and shrubs provide more opportunity for a wide range of wildlife to thrive. Healthy woodland habitats are a tool that can assist in slowing the climate emergency and it is important to ensure these reserves thrive to restore a natural balance to atmospheric composition. They also provide a defence against a changing climate since healthy, natural habitats are more resilient to change. To donate to BBOWT's appeal: go online [Donate | Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust \(bbowl.org.uk\)](https://www.bbowl.org.uk), telephone 01865 788300 or send a cheque to payable to Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust to BBOWT, The Lodge, 1 Armstrong Road, Littlemore, Oxford OX4 4XT.



First Light - December Sunrise—Kristine Hitchcock

Hellebore - Jane Prior





St Andrew's Carol Services December 21st at 3pm and 7:30 pm.

The church bells rang out – I hadn't realised how much they had been missed until they were heard again. Inside, the church was decked with greenery and candlelit; there were presents for The Porch under the tree. The congregation were welcomed carefully by the diligent stewards, Track and Trace in place, and everyone sat, masked and socially distanced but united in the joy of listening to the organ play. The choir, a select band, set far back from the congregation, were poised, ready. No processional entrance this year.

And then, that hushed moment of silence, of anticipation before the first words are sung unaccompanied: Once in Royal David's City And, once again, it's Christmas.

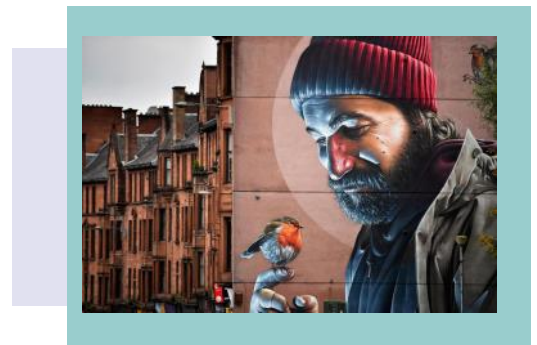
Despite all the horrors that this year has heaped upon us, the loss, the disappointment, the sacrifice, the fear of what is to come, despite it all, the wonder of Christmas was captured in those two carol services.

Heartfelt thanks to all those who made it happen and who gave us tidings of comfort and joy.

Saint of the Month - St Kentigern

Saint of the Month started last year when the church was forced to close and there wasn't a great deal to say in St Andrew's notes. Over the course of 2020, we had some of the best known and best loved saints, such as St Andrew, St Michael and St Columba.

This month's saint is St Kentigern whose feast day is January 13th. Also known as St Mungo, he is perhaps not one of the best known but certainly one of my favourites, being the founder and patron saint of the city of Glasgow.



He had a rather inauspicious start in life. His mother was a Scottish princess who had an illicit affair with her cousin, King Owain of Galloway; when she became pregnant, her father had her cast adrift on the River Forth in a coracle with no oars. Miraculously, the coracle drifted up-river and landed safely at Culross in Fife where Kentigern was born in 518 AD.

At that time there was a monastery at Culross, led by a holy man named St Serf. He took in the mother and child and obviously became very fond of the little boy, giving him the pet name "Mungo" which means "the loved one." St Serf oversaw the boy's education until he was old enough to leave Fife and begin his own mission. Mungo headed west and finally settled by the River Clyde. His learning, his teaching and his piety attracted many people and he established a flourishing community which he named *Clas-cu* or "dear family." From this beginning emerged the city of Glasgow.

Mungo also founded a church and began to preach there, attracting a group of scholars who lived and studied within the church precinct. Eventually the fame of their learning spread, until the University of Glasgow, the fourth-oldest university in the English-speaking world, was founded in 1451.

St Mungo's tiny church flourished and grew, eventually becoming Glasgow Cathedral, where Mungo is buried in the crypt. Incidentally, in 1502, King James IV swore an Oath of Perpetual Peace with England at the High Altar. The ceremony had to be repeated as the name of 'France' had been accidentally inserted into the text of the King's oath instead of 'England.' This may well have been a portent of what was to come!

Mungo is famous for four miracles: The bird that never flew / The tree that never grew/ The bell that never rang/ The fish that never swam.

The Bird: Mungo restored life to a robin, that had been killed by some of his classmates.

The Tree: Mungo had been left in charge of a fire in Saint Serf's monastery. He fell asleep and the fire went out. Taking a hazel branch, he restarted the fire.

The Bell: the bell is thought to have been brought by Mungo from Rome and was only ever rung to mourn the dead.

The Fish: this refers to the story of a queen of Strathclyde who was accused of infidelity by her husband. She had lost her wedding ring and the suspicious king thought she had given it to her lover. He ordered her to be put to death but Mungo intervened. He caught a fish from the River Clyde and when it was opened up the ring was miraculously found inside.

The Coat of Arms of the City of Glasgow depicts these miracles. However, in 2016 a huge mural appeared on the gable end of a tenement, depicting a modern-day Mungo, complete with beanie hat, holding a tiny robin. The Mungo depicted here is more in keeping with the charity for the homeless that bears his name and it has been taken to heart by the city.

Tier 4 restrictions,

Here we go again further tighter restrictions as from 26th of December until further notice, but [courts will remain open!!](#)

Adult coaching **cannot restart**, until further notice,

All current **Junior** NTA coaching will **commence** after Christmas.

One to one coaching for any single person or a family group is **allowed**, so if interested please contact NTA direct via our [website](#).

- Outdoor tennis courts can remain open for individual exercise, and for people to use with others within your household, support bubble, or with one person from another household.

i.e. Doubles allowed with your family unit and can include 1 other player from different household or other members from your support bubble. Therefore any singles play will still be allowed.

Ensuring at all times you maintain social distancing etc etc.

Wishing you all a very soon Vaccination and a return to **NEW YEAR TENNIS**.



St Andrew's

After Christmas, the Thank You letters, and especially to those who have helped continue our work for charities over December. A big thank you to everyone who put presents under the tree in church for the Porch in Oxford and other local charities. The Porch helps those who are having to sleep rough or have other housing issues, and gifts of warm clothing are always well received. Other gifts of food and toys go to the Food Bank and other charities in Wantage.

At the only services that could be held in St Andrew's in December - the Carol Services and the Christmas Morning service – we were able to continue our tradition of donating the collections to charities that St Andrew's has supported in this way for many years. Cheques will shortly be skipping to The Children's Society and tucking in with CRISIS, both charities which have lost a lot of their fund-raising ability during this past year.

For the Carol Services happening at all we owe a huge thanks to the organisers, the organist and the (socially distanced!) choir, who despite being fewer in number made a wonderful and church-filling sound that cheered all those who attended.

Another big debt of thanks is owed to everyone who contributed to St Andrew's Gift Day at the end of November, for which donations are still arriving at the end of December. As the church has had to be closed most of the year and there has been limited opportunity for fund-raising, the excellent response to the Gift Day appeal has shored up the church finances so that it can now face this next set of restrictions in reasonable shape. Despite closure the bills come in no smaller than usual. The Treasurer will be writing to all those who filled in the envelope with their donation, with thanks and an update on St Andrew's financial situation.

And after the Thank You, the not so good news. With the Tier 4 restrictions now in place St Andrew's will remain shut until future notice with all services moving to Zoom and other events, such as the Organ Recital by Joe Barber, postponed till further notice. If you want to be added to the list of those receiving information about the Zoom services please email our curate Andrea at revd.acolbrook@gmail.com.

Let's all hope and pray that 2021 is a great improvement on 2020 and that sometime soon life will start to resemble normality as we knew it.



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Film Club

With our Tier 4 lockdown looking set to stay for a while, it not looking good for a March restart of Film Club, but we will get up and running as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime here are some of our recommendations of the best 'feel good' movies to cheer up those dark January evenings. Even if you have seen them before, we think these positive, happy films are worth a second watch to bring a smile in these difficult times.

- # *Amelie* (2001). French classic with Audrey Tautou that never loses its charm.
- # *Singin' in the Rain* (1952). Iconic musical with Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds.
- # *When Harry met Sally* (1989). Seems like yesterday since we first watched this perfect romcom with Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal.
- # *Sunshine on Leith* (2013). Musical written around the musics of the proclaimers, great for a sing along!
- # *Good Will Hunting* (1997). Top notch film with Matt Damon and Robin Williams.
- # *Sing Street* (2016). A good opportunity to relive the music of the '80's.
- # *Billy Elliot* (2000). An excellent film you never tire of watching.
- # *Jerry McGuire* (1996). Tom Cruise and Rene Zellweger at their best.
- # *Little Miss Sunshine* (2006). Lovely quirky funny film about a family road trip.
- # *Babe* (1995). One for all the family to enjoy no matter how many times you've seen it.

Hopefully you can find these on your streaming services or on DVD.

We will have some more recommendations next month.

Happy New Year from us all and look forward to getting Film Club up and running as soon as we can in 2021.

Best wishes from Anne, Nick, Barb and Eileen.

Emergency Pop-Up Grocery Store at the Greyhound Inn



THE GREYHOUND INN

Following our unexpected closure this weekend and having bought a large amount of produce to see us through the days when our suppliers were closed over Christmas, we have a lot of stock which would love to see go to a good home rather than be wasted.

There is a mix of dairy, fruit and vegetables including:

Milk (4pt containers of semi and full fat)	Onions
Double cream (please bring a carton as these are in 4pint containers)	Carrots
Yogurt (950g Yeo valley Greek style)	Cabbages
Camembert cheeses	Cauliflowers
Eggs	Spring onions
Butter (unsalted and salted)	Lemons
Mushrooms (Portabello and button)	Limes
Lettuce	Orange
Tomatoes	Bramley apples
Shallots	pears
Beetroots	Pineapple
	Potatoes

We will be selling this today and tomorrow from 12-4pm or by appointment if there is a different time to suit you. Please call 01235 771969 or email info@thegreyhoundletcombe.co.uk if you have an questions or requests.

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Deadline for inclusion is the 27th of each month.

Waste Calendar

January 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	31
Green Recycling Brown Garden Food Waste				Grey Landfill Food Waste		

Vale of Whitehorse Waste collection information can be found