






The Letcombe Register



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VILLAGE DIARY

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Yoga w Beth 0945-1045 Village Hall <u>(please book)</u>	2 Richmond Fireworks 5.30pm Bowling Green	3 Ladies Pilates 9.30am Village Hall Yoga w Diana 11.15-12.30 Village Hall	4 Mens's Pilates 9.30am Village Hall	5 <u>Tennis Cardio</u> 9 - 10am Junior Tennis Coaching 10 -2	6 <u>Tennis</u> Mix in 10am
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14  Evensong 3pm Voices of the Vale 7.30-9 pm Sports Pavilion WI - 'Origami' 7.30pm Village Hall	15 Yoga w Beth 0945-1045 Village Hall <u>(please book)</u>	16 Gardening Club 'Dahlias' 7.30 pm Village Hall	17 Ladies Pilates 9.30am Village Hall Yoga w Diana 11.15-12.30 Village Hall	18 Mens's Pilates 9.30am Village Hall	19 <u>Tennis Cardio</u> 9 - 10am Junior Tennis Coaching 10 -2 Nature Reserve work party 1.30-4.30pm Foot ball 2.15pm	20 <u>Tennis</u> Mix in 10am
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* Events in the Diary depend on organisers keeping me up to date. They may require booking and are underlined if a link is available for email addresses or websites

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Message from the Parish Council

You will see elsewhere in the Register the plans for the Village Firework Night, which this year falls on a Saturday. This is a popular event and the Parish Council are pleased to be able to support it with a grant of £300. Please note that the site for the bonfire has been moved to the riding field, so PLEASE MAKE SURE ANY GARDEN CLIPPINGS AND BURNABLE MATERIALS ARE PLACED IN THE CORRECT AREA. We look forward to an very enjoyable event.

At its recent Parish Council Meeting held on 26th September the issue of the Footpath from Letcombe Regis to Letcombe Bassett was discussed and this matter was taken up by our County and District Councillors. Since the meeting we have heard that this improvement work may be able to be funded from granting bodies, which is very good news. The works are significant so there are unlikely to be any improvements for at least a year. We will keep you informed of progress via the Register and thank all those who have been championing this issue. In the meantime please take extra care if using this footpath over the coming months.

We have begun to receive a large number of information releases from numerous organisations, and rather than try to summarise here you will find the links to these in the Register. As ever there is a huge amount happening locally concerning roads, building programmes, health etc. so please do take a look and keep yourselves fully informed. (see page 13).

With the introduction of the new hedging along the boundary of the new Burial Ground Car Park, it has become clear that there is a short cut being used to get to the existing footpath. Rather than damaging the hedge further it was agreed that the PC would remove a short section to allow for one access point to be created, thereby enabling the remaining hedging to take hold. Please do use this rather than taking alternative routes. Further works to complete this project are planned and will be undertaken over the next few months.

Several issues with the roads had been reported including the loss of clear white lines, slumps where trenches have been dug and then poorly finished as well as potholes etc. Our County Councillor Yvonne Constance has offered to follow up these concerns on our behalf. In the meantime please continue to report any issues vis the County Councils [Fix my street](#) .

With an element of normality returning post Covid19 the Parish Council are keen to schedule a Village Fete, with a date being considered for 2024, either late June or early July. We would welcome the support and expertise from others, so if you feel you would like to become involved please let the Parish Clerk know. A planning Group will be established in the Spring, so please let us have your thoughts and ideas.

You will be aware that there is a huge global movement to support Bio Diversity and Nature Conservation, something we are very keen to support and indeed we already have several committed volunteer groups, and individuals, who are undertaking works in and around the Parish. In order to try to bring all interested parties together we are proposing a village meeting in the Spring to discuss future needs and progress. Please keep an eye on future editions of the Register for details of this meeting. If you wish to become involved Cllr Kristine Hitchcock is our contact, and will be pleased to hear from you via the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council will be meeting again on Monday 21 November, in the Warborough Room at the Village Hall, and we will be pleased to welcome all those who wish to attend.

Cllr Jeanne Lapsley
Chairman,
Letcombe Regis Parish Council



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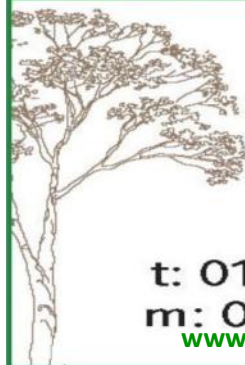
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228	Dorothy MAUNDRELL	£10
222	Samantha NEWALL	£10
New Numbers Draw		
182	Debbie BARTLETT	£5

Sustainable Warmth Grant



Grants for Retro-fitting energy efficiency measures

Further information on this scheme can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/energy-and-climate-change/sustainable-warmth-grants.

The current funding (until March 2023) aims to improve poorly insulated homes for low-income residents in properties with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) Rating of E, F, and G (limited funding for band D). Find out if your property has an EPC rating at www.gov.uk/fnd-energy-certificate. If it hasn't a survey can be carried out on your home as part of the scheme.

There are varying maximum funding levels available. Depending on how your home is heated:

- For homes **connected** to the mains gas grid, the grant available is up to £10,000
- For homes **not connected** to the mains gas grid, the grant available is up to £25,000

These schemes are only available to owner occupiers and private tenants, and if you are living in a private rental property your landlord will be expected to contribute a minimum of one-third the cost.

The funding can be used for the following energy-efficiency improvements:

(i) Solid wall insulation (internal or external), (ii) Cavity wall insulation, (iii) Underfloor insulation, (iv) Loft insulation, (v) Solar PV panels, but also includes: (vi) Room-in-roof insulation, (vii) air source heat pump and (ix) High heat retention storage heaters.

A survey will need to be done by a qualified installer.

You may qualify for the funding if:

You have a total household annual income of £30,000 or less (before housing costs/bills) or:

You receive a means-tested benefit, subject to approval. The following benefits are eligible for this programme: (i) Child Tax Credit (CTC), (ii) Working Tax Credit (WTC), (iii) Housing Benefit, (iv) Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA), (v) Income-related Employment & Support Allowance (ESA), (vi) Income Support (IS), (v) Pension Guarantee Credit, (vi) Pension Savings Credit, and (vii) Universal Credit (UC).

You can register your interest in the current schemes (subject to availability) and any future funding schemes that become available, by:

- Complete the register of interest form found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/environment-and-planning/energy-and-climate-change/sustainable-warmth-grants, or
- Go straight to (<https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/warmthgrantregistration>) or
- Email directly to retrofit@oxfordshire.gov.uk

If you do not have access to the internet please ask someone who has to help you with the application.

Cllr Dr Paul Barrow
Ridgeway Ward
8th October 2022



Christmas Greetings

@ reminder to *Register* readers to get your Christmas messages in early. Those new to the village may not be aware that, 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, those you're not likely to see over the festive season, while using the December *Register* to send village greetings.

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 approx. 3x6 cms.

Here's an example:



John and Jane Smith wish all their friends in the village a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2023

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.)



Letcombe Regis Village Hall,
Wednesday 9th November

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



Refreshments on sale - Wine, Beer and Tea/Coffee

Village Litterpick Thank You



Pictured below, the stalwart volunteers who joined in the village litterpick on 19th October. The fine weather was a big help, and it was quite noticeable what a difference there is owing to some faithful people who pick up litter all the year round, so thanks to all of them too and please keep up the good work.





Richmond Village Fireworks

Bonfire Night 2nd November 2022

Richmond Villages, Letcombe Regis will be holding a small Fireworks Display on 2nd November from 5.30pm by the Bowling Green.

The Lodge Café will be open and serving Hot Dogs (£3.50) and Soup (£2.50). Soup & Hot dog (£5.00)

Fireworks are due to start at 6 pm *weather permitting*



Letcombe Football Club

Letcombe's excellent season continued in October with a 100% record from three matches. We beat Fairford reserves 5-2 at home in the league and then travelled to Didcot Town Youth in the Berks & Bucks cup. This was a complete mismatch which we won 17-1. We expected a tough game away to Highworth Town reserves, last season's league winners, but we won the match 5-1. We remain top of the league, and early results indicate that Swindon Supermarine development will be our main rivals. They have not yet dropped a point, and will move above us if they win their game in hand.

November home matches:	Sat 12 th	Letcombe reserves	v	East Hendred reserves	2.00
	Sat 19 th	Letcombe	v	Wroughton development	2.15
	Sat 26 th	Letcombe	v	Marlborough development	2.15



St Andrew's

As ever we start with looking back! At the end of September, just too late to get into the October Register, the collection at the Harvest Festival service raised £240.00 and this was given to the charity Harvest for the Hungry for its work around the world. Also at the service many people had donated tinned and packeted food which went to local charities, including the Wantage and Grove Food Bank and the Porch in Oxford which supports homeless people. The fruit, all apples this year, went to Stirlings Care Home in Wantage. Many thanks to everyone who donated and enabled St Andrew's to continue its support of charities.

It was a lovely sunny autumnal morning for the Holy Communion Service presided over by Rev Mary Harwood on 9th October. Some regular members of the congregation were on holiday but it was nice to welcome new faces. The lay-led service on 23rd was taken by Debbie Webb, a lovely service with input from several members of the congregation.

Moving on to November, which is an important month in the life of St Andrew's as we celebrate St Andrew's Feast Day on 30th and our annual Gift Day on Saturday 26th November. This is a day when we ask residents of the village, whether or not they are churchgoers, to make a donation to our historic and beautiful church. Our church warden Debbie Webb, along with Rev Mary Harwood and treasurer David Allchin will be in the church between 10.00 and 12.00 that morning. They will be serving coffee, chatting and accepting donations. This is always a good time for catching up with people, so do come along.

As in past years on the same morning, **Saturday 26th November**, also between **10.00 and 12 noon**, assistance would be appreciated with the **St Andrew's Churchyard autumn clear-up**. Twigs and leaves will be collected plus grass and weeds removed from close to the memorial stones - i.e. beyond the reach of the mower, and all added to the compost heap. Anyone who is able 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 (preferable to a rake), trowel, secateurs and/or hand shears. Refreshments will be available in the church and we hope it will not snow this year!

In November on Mondays there will be Prayer Group at 10.30 am and Evensong at 3 pm. As the Remembrance Day service this year is at Sparsholt on 13th November the only Sunday service in St Andrew's will be Holy Communion on 27th November. On Armistice Day itself, Friday 11th November, Rev Mary Harwood and Gill Thompson will be officiating at a Service of Remembrance in St Andrew's at 10.45 am, with the 2 minutes silence at 11 am. Although organised by Richmond everyone will be very welcome on this special day.



Letcombes Gardening Club

Topical Tips

Autumn is definitely here now and I think you have to agree that the leaf colours are particularly amazing this year. That said, it is still incredibly mild so I am really pushing it and have not brought many of my tender plants in yet. If you are like me then keep checking the weather forecast as we could easily get a sudden cold snap so you need to be ready to whisk them all into the greenhouse!

November is the month to plant your tulips. Tulips provide an amazing splash of colour in the spring and with so many different cultivars available you can extend the display right in to May. There's still plenty of time to order/buy your bulbs so give it a go, particularly as with climate change our days of enjoying tulips may be numbered. Tulips need a cold spell to flower and as we are getting increasingly mild winters you may end up having to plant your tulips into pots and putting them into a big fridge!!

With the beautiful autumn colour comes the big leaf clear up. Remember that leaves make marvellous leaf mould, which you will be able to use as a mulch. Did you know that it also makes an excellent seed-sowing medium? If you're not keen on spending time raking up leaves, at least try and clear those that fall onto your lawns.

It is a good idea to prune your bush roses down by about a third this month to prevent wind rock. Wind rock loosens the plants in the ground allowing water to get in which can freeze in the colder weather, damaging the plants.

It's still not too late to lift and divide herbaceous perennials. If we get a good frost you can then lift your dahlias and cannas. The top growth will have blackened but that is no problem.

Now on to trees and shrubs. This is a good time to transplant any trees and shrubs that are in the wrong place. You can only really do this with specimens that are less than a couple of years old though.

You can control leaf diseases in trees and shrubs to some extent by good garden hygiene. This means checking the leaves then picking diseased ones up and putting them in your brown bin or burning them. If you do decide to burn them then do contact your neighbours to warn them that you are having a bonfire as there is nothing worse than being engulfed in smoke for a day, particularly if the day is warm enough to hang out washing!

Now a little bit about garden structures; not really my thing but I have to make sure I cover everything!

Before you put away lawnmowers etc. for the winter, if they are petrol driven then drain them out. Unleaded fuel does not keep and it can cause starting problems when dragged out for the first time the following season.

Keep an eye on your decking and slabs. They can develop a growth of slimy algae in the winter, which is very slippery. Either use temporary matting or clean regularly with Jeyes fluid to reduce the risk of falls.

As far as fruit and veg go, make sure you clean up any remnants of summer crops. If they are left in situ to rot they can harbour disease. This also goes for yellowing leaves at the base of sprout plants. It will make them easier to pick. Possibly a tip too late but if, like us, your sprout plants were decimated by caterpillars in the summer don't despair and definitely don't pull up the plants. They will still produce sprouts, which are a dream to pick as the caterpillars have done the work of leaf removal for you!

Well I think I've overrun my allotted space now so I'll just sign off by saying enjoy your gardening!

Letcombes Gardening Club

We had a really interesting talk last month from a speaker who used to be head gardener at three very well known but different gardens. He gave us an amazing insight into the work of a head gardener making us realise that it is definitely not just about digging and weeding! This month we have another treat in store when Andie McDowell will be speaking to us about dahlias; a wonderful panacea for a dark wet autumn evening! The date for your diary is Wednesday 16th November at 7.30pm in Letcombe Regis village hall. All welcome!

Friends of the Letcombe Valley Nature Reserve

BBOWT has a huge task this winter ensuring that reserves are safe for visitors where the serious disease that causes ash dieback has blighted woodland areas. This disease is caused by a fungus, *Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*, that affects all ages of trees though young ones succumb fastest. The leaves develop dark patches in summer, wilt and turn black leading to leaf loss, photo credit: M.J. Richardson (CC BY-SA 2.0).



Diamond-shaped, dark lesions develop where branches meet the trunk and new growth sprouts from dormant buds further down. Eventually the tree crown is weakened as the fungus grows inside the tree blocking the water transport system. Affected trees become unstable and a danger to visitors on pathways. The disease can lead to death of the tree but well before then the complex work of specialist intervention is absolutely essential to minimise risk to visitors. The work will open up

spaces in woodlands that will allow new species to establish so that the areas will remain rich habitat for wildlife and find a new balance of biodiversity. BBOWT has calculated that the work will cost £200,000 this winter alone as more than three-quarters of the reserves have affected trees. If you are able to donate towards the cost of this work, please visit [Help us keep our woods healthy | Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wildlife Trust \(bbowl.org.uk\)](https://www.bbowl.org.uk).



On its native hosts in Asia, the Manchurian ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*) and the Chinese ash (*Fraxinus chinensis*), the fungus does not cause much damage. However, the European ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) did not evolve alongside the fungus and therefore has little natural defence against its effects. The fungus was first introduced to Europe around 30 years ago but the symptoms were not recorded in the UK until 2012. The fungus spores travel in the wind though unfortunately thousands of ash plants were being imported from infected parts of Europe until a ban came into place in 2012. To help reduce the risk of importing new diseases and pests, only plant trees that are sourced and grown in the UK.

The fungus overwinters in leaf litter on the ground, particularly on ash leaf stalks. Small white fruiting bodies, photo credit: Björn S...(CC BY-SA 2.0), are then produced between July and October which release spores into the surrounding atmosphere that can blow tens of miles away. The spores stick to leaves, and then penetrate from there into the tree. Everyone can help to prevent the spread of this disease by cleaning shoes before and after visiting a wood, by washing car or bike wheels to remove mud or plant matter and by avoiding taking cuttings or plant material from the countryside.



Though about 80% of native ash trees may ultimately be affected, some trees appear to be tolerant to ash dieback, meaning that the ash population could eventually recover over the next 50 years. However, a number of factors give tolerance to the disease, including genetic traits, the health of the tree and the number of ash dieback spores in the atmosphere, so recovery of a disease tolerant population is complicated.

Work parties continue in the Community Nature Reserve on Saturday, 19th 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 mid-afternoon, but please take your own work gloves.



The Letcombes Conservation Group

Now a wet autumn has arrived, so will those tell-tale silvery trails heralding the return of snails and slugs. Even wildlife enthusiasts find it hard to love slugs and snails, especially if they are also gardeners, but these gastropods are a very important part of the natural balance. They provide food for many mammals including hedgehogs, birds (thrushes in particular thrive on them), slow worms, earthworms and insects as well as helping to recycle dead leaves and other plant matter. Upsetting the balance by removing them can do much harm! So much so that neither of these creatures are being classed as pests any longer by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS). According to the RHS, slugs are actually misunderstood because **only nine of the 44 recognised species of slug in the UK eat garden plants**. A comprehensive guide can be found at the website: [Slug identification | John Innes Centre \(jic.ac.uk\)](#). Along with aphids, caterpillars and other plant-munching invertebrates in our gardens, slugs and snails play an important role in planet-friendly gardening and in maintaining biodiversity and a healthy ecosystem.

After all gardens are unnatural environments where plants that would not normally grow are encouraged, whilst those that want to grow there (weeds) are dug up, special efforts are made to encourage some such as daffodil bulbs to flourish, grass is mown to stop any other plants growing too high in it and hedges are trimmed into straight lines. Slugs and snails positively thrive in these environments, particularly if young vegetable plants and other tasty treats are on offer. They love mild and damp weather, and slugs will be active in the winter too if temperatures stay above 5° C. Many of the more voracious slugs spend most of their time living in the soil, up to 200 apparently per cubic metre! It takes about a year for slugs to mature into adults but their eggs can lie dormant for years before hatching when conditions are right. Land snails are longer lived, up to ten years, the newly hatched snails having



fragile shells and taking two years to mature. Both slugs and snails feed with a rasping tongue which causes those irregular holes in tubers and leaves and sometimes in stems and flowers. The snail most commonly encountered in gardens is the Common garden snail, *Cornu aspersum*, photo credit: Walter Baxter (CC BY-SA 2.0). Banded snails of the *Cepaea* species are a little smaller, often brightly coloured yellow, white and brown, photo credit: Angus Davison (CC BY-SA 4.0), and also may be numerous, but these do much less damage to plants.



The sale of metaldehyde slug pellets has been banned in the UK due to its harmful effect on other animals in the food chain but there are non-chemical ways to deter the most damaging of slugs and snails. Some people use **grit, coffee grounds, or crushed eggshells as a barrier but research does not give strong evidence for this method**. Lift and store potato tubers as soon as they are mature, and grow 'Pentland Ivory' or 'Charlotte' instead of cultivars like 'Maris Piper' and 'Cara' which are susceptible to underground slugs. **Clearing away any dead and rotting plant material in autumn will remove** food and shelter for slugs and snails. Try adopting a 'no dig' policy in the autumn to avoid leaving the soil rough while the slugs are still active to prevent those species that hibernate moving deep into the soil. Digging in winter while the soil is cold is better because the slugs are less active and it also exposes any slugs to natural predators. Encourage beneficial creatures into your garden by putting out bird food containing sunflower seeds and mealworms to attract blackbirds and song thrushes. Frogs, toads and newts are all partial to slugs and snails and can be attracted by building a wildlife pond. At vegetable planting time, consider growing a 'sacrificial crop', such as brassica or lettuce seedlings, hoed off while the plants are small and left on the soil for slugs and snails. Ornamental plants like **hostas and dahlias can be grown** in containers out of the reach of slugs and the RHS has a long list of herbaceous plants less likely to be eaten by slugs and snails at [Snails / RHS Gardening](#)



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Book Buffs

The next meeting will be held in the Greyhound at 8pm on THURSDAY 3rd November.

We shall be reviewing 'Midwinter Break' by Bernard MacLaverty and 'Should We Stay or Should We Go' by Lionel Shriver.

The new library book is 'Power' by Naomi Alderman with the alternative being 'The Song of Achilles' by Madeline Miller.



RACE NIGHT **Letcombe Regis Village Hall** **Saturday 26th November, 2022**

Tickets
£15 with buffet supper*
Licensed Bar

Doors and bar open: 7pm
Supper served: 7:15pm
First Race: 8pm

* Tickets must be purchased in advance
Tickets from The Village Shop, The Greyhound Inn
or Tennis Club Committee Members:
Catriona (771100), Geoff (762680), Sue (766043), Ro (762511)

Proceeds to Letcombe Tennis Club



"Race Night"

Saturday 26th of November, sees the return of the fabulous Race Night (8 filmed horse races to bet on), in Letcombe Regis Village Hall. Tickets are £15 which includes a full buffet supper.

The Licensed Bar opens at 7 pm, the **Supper served from 7:15pm**, with the first Race at 8pm.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, either from The Village Shop, The Greyhound, or Tennis Club Committee Members:- Catriona (771100), Sue (766043), and Ro (762511). Please advise if you want reserved group tables.

If you cannot make the evening you can always sponsor / name a horse (with a prize if it wins). It's always proved a great fun evening and is our first much needed fund raising event for 4 years.

Annual General Meeting

Our 12th AGM will be held on Tuesday the **15th of November** from 8 to 9 pm at the Greyhound Inn.

Our membership this year has topped 160 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 to join our committee, please email Sue Hannon at letcombetennisclub@gmail.com ASAP.

Coaching Offers

Visit our junior and Adult Coaching pages to get the special autumn offers for all junior courses, click [Adult & Junior coaching](#). Run by National Tennis Association's level 3, LTA accredited coaches, on Saturdays from 10 am, all year round. Spaces are available for 5 to 17 year olds.



Letcombe Regis Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust

The annual bonfire and fireworks will be on Saturday November 5th at the Recreation Ground and we hope you will come and join us. There will be a barbecue from 5pm and the Pavilion bar will be open during the evening. Barbecue sales will be a token system and tokens can be purchased on the night by card at the Pavilion bar. Sparklers will be available on the terrace outside the Pavilion for cash purchase. There will be the usual bucket collection on the night towards Recreation Ground funds 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 Kingfisher House, Warborough Road or by Bank Transfer to the account named above Number 73705390, Sort Code 20-84-58 reference Fireworks.

Many of you will have received the village email and seen on Facebook that the bonfire site has been moved to a marked area in the riding field through and to the left of the large metal gate off the village hall car park. Please leave any suitable bonfire material there.

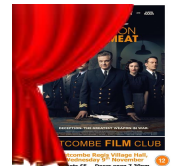
Finally we are pleased to report that the underfloor heating in the main hall has been repaired and is now working in time for winter.

The next meeting of the Recreation Ground and Village Hall Trust will be on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30 in the Warborough Room

Mike Light and Jeanne Lapsley
Co-chairs, Recreation Ground and Village Hall Trust

Film Club

Wednesday November 9 - Operation Mincemeat



For our November films we try to choose a film that contributes to Remembrance Day celebrations and this year we have the excellent '*Operation Mincemeat*'.

Released in April this year *Operation Mincemeat* is based on a book by Ben McIntyre which tells the extraordinary true story of a disinformation strategy planned by MI5 and carried out by the Royal Navy in 1943. The aim was to disguise the Allied invasion of Sicily by tricking the Nazi's into believing the Allies would invade Greece.

The cast has some of the very best British actors around today. The starring roles are played by Colin Firth, Mathew Macfayden and Kelly Macdonald, with Jason Issacs and Penelope Wilton part of a strong supporting cast. Johnny Flynn plays one Lieutenant Commander Ian Fleming who is part of the planning team, no doubt getting ideas for his future life as the creator of James Bond!

This is not the first film based on this important episode in the war. In 1953 one of the masterminds of the plot, Lt Commander Ewan Montagu, wrote a memoir called *The Man Who Never Was* based on what had happened. This formed the basis of a film of the same name released in 1956.

Hope to see you for what will be a great evening at the movies! Come early for a drink with friends. Doors open at 7.30pm; film starts at 8pm.

December Film Club Weds 14 December - Classic Film screening: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

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IT'S OUR 7th BIRTHDAY AND WE ARE HAVING A PARTY!
Please come and help us celebrate on
Thursday 24th November 7pm
JAZZ, COCKTAILS & CANAPES



with **Fleur Stevenson** and **Pete Billington**

Come and sample Chef's delicious canapés and raise a glass to our fabulous team!

FREE ENTRY
Dinner reservations from 6-7pm for residents only

Women's Institute



At our October meeting Liz Harris gave us an amusing and wide-ranging talk about the research she does before starting on of her novels. Not only the historical context, but the peculiarities of the language use at that time and place.

This month Peter Bucham-Symonds is going to instruct us all in the art of Origami, Japanese paper folding. Oriental decorations for the Christmas Tree?

7.30pm on 14th November in the Village Hall.

Interesting Links



Some of the links with information you may find useful:

1. **[Community Links Booklet](#)**
2. **[Green homes grant](#)**
3. **[Free Laundry Service for Carers](#)**

Letcombe Sports and Social Club



With the evenings getting darker, the members have started seeking refuge inside. It is great to see a good number still using the club regularly.

Having 3 darts teams in the league means that Thursday evenings are often busy and lively, but there is still room to come along and have a drink if you want.

The Football World Cup starts in November. Most of you will be aware of the controversy around it being played in Qatar. The club will be showing matches on the big screen, and the schedule will be emailed out to members at the beginning of November. If you are interested in getting this schedule, then please contact the secretary on letcombesportsclub@gmail.com.

The annual bonfire and fireworks is advertised elsewhere in The Register. The Clubhouse will be open for drinks and a BBQ, so please come along and support this popular village event.

Richard
Secretary, Letcombe Sports & Social Club

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Deadline for inclusion is 27th of each month.
 Items will generally appear in the order they were received

November 2022 Click [HERE](#) for 2022/23 waste calendar

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			Grey Landfill Food waste			
			Double volume			



Pumpkins can be put out with
 your food waste on
Monday 7th November.

If they don't fit, you can put
 them beside the
 food waste bin.

Please remove the candles!

South and Vale Waste team will not be posting individual Holiday Collection leaflets to villagers. The Christmas/ New Year Calendar has been posted on the Village noticeboard and details are also as shown in the 2022/23 calendar [HERE](#) (you may need to scroll down) They will also be in the December issue.