

# The Letcombe Register



Issue 221

January 2024

## VILLAGE DIARY

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## Message from the Parish Council

Maybe it is with age, but time seems to be accelerating and another year has passed all too quickly. Over the last 12 months the Parish Council has been dealing with contracts, carriageways, culverts and considered proposed constructions.

Throughout the year the Parish Council has benefitted from a wide range of support that has allowed us to fulfil our roles. We have had the insight and support of our District and County Councillors, Paul Barrow and Yvonne Constance respectively, who have worked tirelessly to help ensure that our community is something that we can all feel proud of. Their contribution to the reinstatement of a bus service for the village being but one example. We would also like to acknowledge the work undertaken by Ann Williams, maintaining the flora and contributing to the bio-diversity found in the village, and Francesca Engelmann, and her work in ensuring the Register has content and appears on time. They are two unsung individuals who continue to make a large contribution to village life.

At the last Parish Council meeting we discussed a number of issues which will hopefully ensure that the progress seen in 2023 will be maintained. These included a possible Summer fete, the continued improvements in road surfaces and support for the Village Hall and in particular the Children's Play Area. The Council has pressed for meetings with the County Council to help ensure that the aforementioned road and drain maintenance issues continue to be addressed.

Finally, can I thank everyone who has contributed to the workings of the Council by raising issues or attending meetings. It is only through your efforts that we all benefit. On behalf of my fellow Councillors can I wish you all a fulfilling 2024, one in which the sense of community in which we live continues to thrive.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 15th January, 7pm , at the Village Hall, all are welcome to attend.

Cllr Paul Batchelor  
Vice - Chairman  
Letcombe Regis Parish Council



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*Wantage  
Art Group*

7.30 Wednesday

January 17, 2024

East Challow Village Hall  
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**New Year - New Venue!**



Local Artist,

Amanda Hislop

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observation: imagination: inspiration...

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# Road Closure Jan 15th

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## OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### TRAFFIC REGULATION NOTICE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, that the Oxfordshire County Council

**TEMPORARILY PROHIBITS THE USE OF THE HIGHWAY  
BY ALL MOTOR VEHICLES**

**LOCATION:** Letcombe Bassett, Holborn Hill

**REASON:** To facilitate Openreach engineer access to overhead and underground structures for a new customer connection

**DURATION:** 15 January 2024, 09:30 to 15:30 hours  
(Traffic Regulation Notices cover a maximum of 5 consecutive days.)

**ACCESS:** Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works

**SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:** via Holborn Hill – B4507 – Unnamed road – Main Street – Bassett Road and vice versa.

**Bill Cotton,**  
Corporate Director : Environment and Place

Date: 26 October 2023

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		<p><b>RADIOS REQUIRED</b> TM to Provide Openreach Engineer With Radio.</p> <p><b>Barriers, cones and flashing lamps required each end of road closure</b></p>																									
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200 Club Draw — No 10		January 2024
28	Paul FENNER	£50
45	Veronica RACKHAM	£25
85	Mike & Loretta LIGHT	£15
30	Andy MARCZAK	£10
237	Frances RHODES	£5
Special Draw:		
229	Neil HUXTER	£25
234	Toma & Hannah GRIFFIN	£20
43	Diane SMITH	£15
223	John ROBINSON	£10
35	Judy VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS	£10
68	Bridget BENN	£10
New Numbers Draw:		
20	Camilla REID	£5
53	Jane HORNSBY	£5
23	Tracey JOHNSON	£5
238	Frances RHODES	£5

As I am not very mobile at the moment, there may be a delay in receiving your 200 Club Winnings. If you would like to collect them from me at Tara, Warborough Road.

I am in most of the time, but ring 764677 to check so you don't have a wated journey.

Ian Taylor

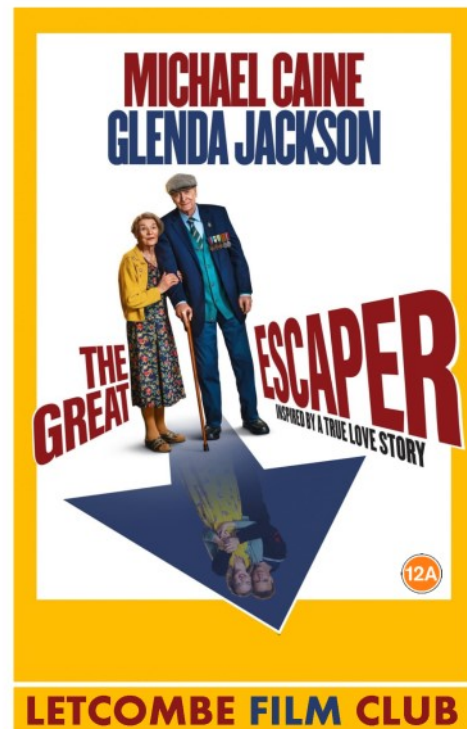


### Book Buffs

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

We shall be reviewing 'Walking Home' by Simon Armitage and the alternative, 'Dear Life' by Rachel Clarke.

The new library book is 'Birdcage Walk' by Helen Dunmore.



### LETCOMBE FILM CLUB

Letcombe Regis Village Hall,  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Tickets £6 Doors open 7.30pm  
Film starts at 8.00 pm

Refreshments on sale - Wine, Beer and Tea/Coffee

### Letcombes WI



At our Christmas Social, Michael Bailey, showed us a wonderful film of wildlife in his garden throughout the year. Many of us had no idea that so many animals and birds could be seen in the Letcombe valley, it was truly fascinating.

Next meeting Jennifer Cowling returns with gentle exercise to tune us up for the New Year.

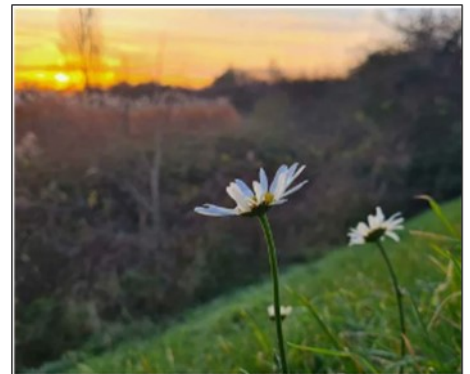


### Yoga with Beth

Beth Trotter will be back in the New Year for Tuesday Morning Gentle Yoga to Ease & Release from Tuesday 9th January.

## The Letcombes Conservation Group

Here's an idea to contribute to citizen science whilst walking off all those festive foods. The Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland are calling for assistance in their research on climate change. Take a short walk during each of the four days around New Year, 30 December to 2 January, and note any wildflowers in bloom. Without a drop in average temperatures, many widespread and common plants are still flowering in midwinter. Register and check the plant identifier advice at [New Year Plant Hunt – Botanical Society of Britain & Ireland \(bsbi.org\)](https://www.bsbi.org/) and then submit your observations online.



Perhaps one New Year resolution might be to record wildlife you observe during the coming year, be it flowers, frogs, toads, newts, hedgehogs, lizards, birds, butterflies or moths, photo credit: Gillian Taylor Holly Blue on Purple Loosestrife. This is a really important activity since every environmental decision, such as those related to new nature reserves or to planning for new housing or supermarkets, depends upon up-to-date wildlife information. The records all add up to a picture of how wildlife is faring in England. Sightings may be reported using the iRecord App, free to download from <https://irecord.org.uk/app> on a smartphone, together with photographs. Wherever possible, your sightings will be checked by a volunteer verifier working on behalf of the national recording schemes. iRecord is operated by the [Biological Records Centre](https://www.brc.ac.uk/) (BRC) as part of the work of the [UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology](https://www.ukceh.ac.uk/) (UKCEH). Records added to

the system are made available to [National Recording Schemes](https://www.nbn.ac.uk/), [Local Environmental Record Centres](https://www.localenvironmentalrecordscentres.org.uk/) and the National Biodiversity Network Atlas, [NBN Atlas](https://www.nbn.ac.uk/), the UK's largest collection of biodiversity data. To record your observations you'll need to know what species you have seen plus where and when you saw it but don't worry if you're not an expert, iSpot is a website aimed at helping anyone identify UK wildlife. To add an observation to iSpot and request help with identification, all you need to do is register on the website [UK and Ireland | iSpot \(ispotnature.org\)](https://www.ispotnature.org/) and then upload the information, ideally accompanied by a digital photograph so that others can comment on what you've seen and make suggestions as to what it is. As you become more experienced, you can suggest an identification on your own sighting, as well as help others by adding an identification to an existing observation. There are also many local and national groups for specific wildlife often with their own logging systems, such as for hedgehogs at: <https://bighedgehogmap.org>, whose members will assist with identification. The scheme for our local area is the Thames Valley Environmental Record Centre, see [Share your records | Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre \(tverc.org\)](https://www.tverc.org/) for details.

The RSPB run the Big Garden Birdwatch survey which will take place this month between 26 and 28 January, 2024. You can join the survey by recording **the birds you observe landing in your garden, from your balcony or in a green space within the village for one hour between these dates**, see [Big Garden Birdwatch \(rspb.org.uk\)](https://www.rspb.org.uk/big-garden-birdwatch/). Remember to submit your observations by 13 February.



Photo credits: Gillian Taylor, left Winter thrush and right Gadwall, both seen in the Community Nature Reserve.

Enjoy the wildlife in and surrounding our village throughout 2024 and contribute to its conservation simply by adding your observations to the national records.





## Friends of the Letcombe Valley Nature Reserve

The first work party of the New Year in the Community Nature Reserve will be on the third Saturday in the month, 20 January, 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.

The local Wildlife Trust, BBOWT, is responsible for the management of the Letcombe Valley Community Nature Reserve, though the work is mainly carried out by volunteers under the direction of local 'Friends of the Reserve' and volunteers with the Letcombe Brook Project also work along the Letcombe Brook through the Reserve and the village. The Letcombe Brook Project has worked for 20 years on improving the quality of the chalk stream and supporting its wildlife, since 2018 with Mark Bradfield as Project Officer. Mark will be giving a talk at the Vale and Downland Museum on **Improving Biodiversity on the Letcombe Brook** on Wednesday, 10 January at 1:30pm. Tickets must be booked in advance either at the Museum or online at <https://bit.ly/41i9F9u> (not suitable for children under 16 years). The Project is currently seeking a new experienced officer to deliver ecological and landscape enhancements plus community engagement work on the chalk stream. For further details see [Project Officer - Letcombe Brook Project | Environmentjob.co.uk](https://www.environmentjob.co.uk) (closing date 12 January, 2024).



The practical work carried out by volunteers in the Community Reserve and along the Letcombe Brook corridor is much appreciated and vital at the local level. The Wildlife Trusts work together at the national level to campaign on environmental issues affecting habitats and wildlife and rely on concerned individuals lending support. One such campaign involves the use of the neonicotinoid Thiamethoxam, a chemical banned in the EU since 2018, on sugar beet seed. For the past three years the UK government has allowed an exemption for British Sugar. Another



application for its use in 2024 has been submitted, despite the Expert Committee on Pesticides repeatedly advising the government against authorising the banned pesticide, warning that the risks to honeybees and other pollinators outweigh any likely benefits for sugar beet growers. These chemicals persist in the soil and enter hedgerow plants, watercourses and ponds. In 2023 a third of sugar beet farmers decided against using the chemical, preferring to farm in a sustainable way that protects the future of pollinators and other invertebrates. Lend your support to the campaign to protect bees, other pollinators and

wildlife by adding your voice now at: [Say yes to healthy bees, rivers and fields | The Wildlife Trusts](https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/campaigns/say-yes-to-healthy-bees-rivers-and-fields)

Another campaign has related to the crucial role peatlands play in carbon storage to mitigate against climate change rather than producing carbon dioxide through exposing peat to the air. Protecting peatlands is an issue in which individuals' actions can be a force for change. The government has decided not to fully ban the use of peat in horticulture across England, though Wales has pledged to follow any ban in England and Scotland is at the consultation stage. A government announcement made on 27 August, 2022 stated that *'The sale of peat for use in the amateur gardening sector will be banned by 2024 to protect peatlands and the natural environment'* but no enforcement laws have been written yet. However, according to Defra, sales of bagged peat composts still will be banned in 2024; advice on 'peat-free' growing is available at [Peat-free gardening / RHS Gardening](https://www.rhs.org/peat-free-gardening). Some peat-containing products such as potted house plants and bedding plants will be on sale until 2026, whilst plug and specialist plants as well as mushrooms grown in peat will be exempt from any ban until 2030. Nevertheless, purchasing peat-free compost from 2024 onwards is a positive choice for a measure to lessen climate change and consumer power is a marvellous force for change which gives hope for peatlands and their wildlife.





## Football Club

December was another very successful month for the football club, with three convincing victories, all of them on our own ground, which was playable in spite of the wet weather. This extends our winning sequence to seven matches.

We began the month with a huge 13-1 victory against a young Easington Sports team from Banbury. Our centre forward Josh Fowler scored 5 goals in 8 minutes, including a hat trick in under 2 minutes! This was followed with a 5-0 win against local rivals Wantage Town development and then a 5-2 victory over Highworth Town reserves. All three of these sides were in the lower half of the table, and we now have a break over Christmas and the New Year before facing difficult challenges against title rivals Oxford City development and Headington Amateurs in January. We are now six points clear at the top of the league, although some of the teams below us have played fewer games.

We were awarded the Hellenic league `Division 2 Team of the Month` for November. This covers all three Division 2 leagues (East, Central & West).

Sat 6th	Letcombe reserves	v	Woodcote development	2.00
Sat 13th			<i>No home match</i>	
Sat 20th	Letcombe	v	Headington Amateurs	2.15
Sat 27th	Letcombe reserves	v	<i>To be arranged</i>	2.00



## Pilates with Rachel

Pilates classes at Letcombe village hall restart on Thursday 4th January for Ladies, Friday 5th January for the Men's class.

Mixed ability classes with careful tailoring to suit. Please call if you'd like to attend a trial class. Rachel on 07801 824293.

## Film Club



**The Great Escaper (12a)**  
**Wednesday 10 January**

We start 2024 with a cracking new film which will brighten up even the darkest of January evenings. Funny, poignant and heartwarming "**The Great Escaper**" is based on a true story which you may remember from press coverage in 2014, when WWII Royal Navy war veteran Bernard Jordan 'broke out' of his nursing home to attend the 70th anniversary D-Day celebrations in France.

Starring two of the great British icons of stage and screen in what would be their last acting roles, Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson brought what one critic said was their "'A' games" as Bernard and his wife Irene Jordan. What makes the film even more poignant is that Glenda Jackson died 9 months after filming aged 84yrs. She and Caine had first acted together 47 years ago in the film 'The Romantic Englishman'.

After reading the rave reviews for The Great Escaper and his performance as Bernard, Michael Caine decided that at 89yrs old he would retire from acting on a high, saying "it can't get much better than this". Come along to film night to see for yourself these two great British actors at their best in this excellent film.

Doors open at 8pm. Refreshments available from 7.30pm so come along early to enjoy a drink and a chat.



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## Letcombes Gardening Club

### Topical Tips

I hope you have all had a great Christmas and are well rested and keen to start the new gardening year!

There can be some really crisp, bright days in January and it's worth going out into the garden to search out the odd, elusive flower that may be blooming or to admire the frost on any seed heads that you have left in place.

This month is the time to prune freestanding apple and pear trees. That should keep you warm.

If you have taken the plunge and ordered some more unusual seeds, then this is the last month you can sow any that need frost to germinate. We're often talking about native trees, shrubs and alpines here.

Still on the subject of seed sowing, if you like to start your sweet peas early then now is the time to do it.

I say this every year, but if you have hellebores then they will be flowering soon and are likely to hide their beautiful flowers beneath last year's grotty old leaves so trim all the foliage off at ground level and enjoy them in all their glory!

If you're feeling cold then you can start to rake up any debris off the garden beds and remove any weeds. You should also check any outdoor pots that you have planted up and remove debris from these too.

You can plant bare root roses and deciduous trees this month. You can also move any deciduous trees and shrubs if the ground is not frozen so I hope you noted down which ones are in the wrong place when they were still in leaf! Maybe they don't need moving though and just need to be 'tamed' a little. If this is the case then now is the time to do it as you can see what you're doing when there are no leaves in the way!

Lets talk ponds for a bit! If your pond level is dropping quite drastically then the cold weather may have caused the liner or concrete to crack, causing a leak. Make sure you keep it topped up until the spring when you can carry out some repairs. Don't worry; I'm not suggesting wading into it in the middle of winter!

What about lawns? Well, unaccustomed as I am to talking about them or even giving them any attention or TLC in any way, I have to say that you should avoid walking across them in frosty weather, as you'll crush them! You could even consider laying some stepping-stones across your lawn if you really like to regularly take a short cut across it. I've also spotted a little tip about molehills whilst idly browsing. Moles become more active in January and February because they're mating and nest building. The molehills are unsightly I know but apparently you should try and live with them if possible but if that seriously offends your sensibilities then remove the largest ones and firm the soil down ready for reseeding in spring.

The same goes for worm casts. You can brush them away if you wish but they're actually a sign of a healthy lawn.

I have very little to say about fruit and veg this month. You can clear up debris on the veg beds but don't bother with soil preparation yet. There's also plenty of time for seed sowing later and the days are too short and cold to do this and have any success anyway. One thing you can do is dig up a few roots of rhubarb, divide them and leave them on the surface for a few days to get frosted prior to forcing.

In the meantime the topical tips lady and her husband would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year with lots of good gardening!

## Letcombes Gardening Club

I hope you have all had a good Christmas. We have our first meeting of 2024 this month. It takes place on 17 January at 7.30pm in Letcombe Regis Village Hall. This month is our AGM. This is a chance for everyone to get to know each other. The actual AGM only lasts a very short while and then the rest of the evening comprises a social where pictures of gardens visited will be shown, wine will be drunk and nibbles eaten. Do please come along even if you are not a regular member and see what you think.



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## St Andrew's

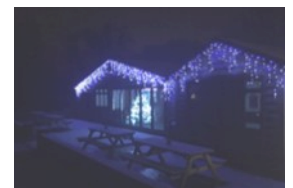
The first Sunday service in St Andrew's in December was on 10<sup>th</sup>, the Second Sunday in Advent. The Revd Ness Brunner-Ellis presided and explained the meaning of the Advent candles. The first is for the Patriarchs, the third for John the Baptist and the fourth for Mary the mother of Jesus. The candle for the second Sunday represents the Old Testament prophets and Ness preached on the subject of prophets then and now.

The Carol Service was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The church was full and it was lovely to see the beautiful decorations and the Christmas tree. We sang familiar carols and listened to the choir, conducted by The Revd Mary Harwood, singing some special anthems. There were also readings of appropriate poems by Isaac Rosenberg and U.A. Fanthorpe. We were very fortunate that Joe Barber was able to be with us to play the organ. The Carol Service was a great success due, in no small part, to the work many people put in to the arrangements beforehand. After the service wine and mince pies were enjoyed as the congregation exchanged Christmas greetings.

On Christmas Day the Holy Communion service was presided over by Ness who with assistance from Robin, her husband, led us through an impromptu nativity play. Volunteers became the inn-keeper, Joseph, Mary, the shepherds, the kings and an angel. It was emphasised that no speaking was needed just a little acting and congregational participation! The volunteers did very well and the fourth king, a small girl, looked enchanting in her crown and carrying her gift for Jesus.

January services at St Andrew's can be found in the Signpost with all services as usual although there will be no Prayer Group or Evensong on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

Happy New Year to all.



## Letcombe Sports and Social Club

We wish our Members and Friends a Happy New Year. The end of 2023 was sad with the passing of Allan Lancaster. All our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time of year.

Our monthly Bingos have been enjoyed by many members and friends, and our next one will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Please contact the secretary if you need more details of this enjoyable evening out.

Darts continues to be successful with 3 teams playing on Thursdays. We hope that the A team gain promotion, and that the B and C Teams pick up in the second half of the season.

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**O**n **New Year's Day**, weather permitting, the tennis club will be having a social **mix-in session** from **11am**. Just turn up at the courts for a game. All welcome. Further details 07771 800534.

With a New Year comes resolutions and if one of those is to get fitter, then why not try out tennis? The club has many ways to get involved:

- play in the **mix-in club sessions, 10am on Sundays**
- take up **cardio** (an exercise class involving hitting tennis balls anywhere and a great way to get back into tennis ) **10am on Saturdays**
- **junior coaching** for 5- to 17-year-olds **from 11am on Saturdays**
- or, just book a court and play with friends.

The last session at the **indoor courts** in Abingdon is in the evening on 6th February and, in spring, weekly **walking tennis** will recommence on **Thursday mornings**.

Don't forget NTA are still running their introductory offer of 4 weeks of group or cardio for just £10. Just register on-line at [nationaltennis.org.uk/play](http://nationaltennis.org.uk/play) and choose the session with our level 3, LTA accredited coach. There are also holiday camps.

For more details of any of our sessions, see our web site [Letcombetennisclub](http://Letcombetennisclub) or e-mail [letcombetennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:letcombetennisclub@gmail.com)



## **7000 Years of Human Habitation in the Letcombes**

**Wednesday January 24 at 7pm  
Letcombe Bassett Village Hall**

Following their presentation in Regis a few weeks ago, Cotswold Archaeology have kindly agreed to give a follow-up talk in Bassett, discussing their final report on their archaeological findings here, which stretched back 7000 years. This talk should be useful for those who missed the Regis talk, or couldn't get tickets for it, or would like further discussion and questioning in an intimate setting. The village hall seats 50 people and there are still some seats available, so if you would like to come please email me:

([charlesrowe22@outlook.com](mailto:charlesrowe22@outlook.com)), or phone me on 01235 766000.

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