

LCC Chairman's Report - Feb 2026.

Last year (2025) saw the LCC sponsoring and staging the usual string of events throughout the year and carrying out a bit of village maintenance.

In April, we held an Easter Egg hunt in the church yard followed at the end of April by a talk by the Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital and Suffolk Wildlife. This event was coordinated by the LCC and supported a campaign to advertise the signage being placed around the village to encourage drivers to slow down and be aware of hedgehogs crossing the roads. The signs were funded by the Parish Council and the LCC

In May, we hosted a talk from Graham Showell, representing the River Lark Catchment Partnership entitled the "Nurturing the River Lark Catchment, monitoring and restoration". After the talk and to tickle taste buds, there was a chance to try some lovely cheeses curated by a local cheesemonger paired with wines to enhance the taste. The evening was a challenge to organise but everyone enjoyed the event and came away well fed, watered and with extensive knowledge of our local river!

In July, the LCC sponsored the now famous 'Bus Stop Bar'. A free beer tasting evening and a chance for neighbours new and old to get acquainted. As in 2024, we were treated to a jazz concert by our local maestro, Doug Darling and his musicians, which was enjoyed by us all.

At the beginning of November, we held a bonfire party with a small bar and barbeque. We once again asked the community to create a Guy for the fire (best 'Guy' got a prize). The group then wandered from the church to the fire site with the winning 'Guy' and giant sparklers. The fire was magnificent, thanks to the hard work of Owen Jones, our local tree surgeon. The bonfire party was held in the Willows paddock again, by kind permission of the new owners, Jack and Lucinda, to whom we are very grateful.

As Christmas approached, the LCC committee decided to organise a small Christmas get together. The LCC provided mulled wine, mince pies, teas and coffees and Sarah Vickery presented her honey and bee's wax candles for sale. We also had a great exhibition of photographic prints and calendars by another community member, the talented Sue Jones. It was a lovely day and we enjoyed a steady flow of people throughout the afternoon and brought in some money for the church and the LCC charity.

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