

## **LCC Chairman's Report.**

After the success of the King's Coronation event, we took the opportunity to have a hiatus on large expensive events in 2024 and carried out our normal actions around the village with the help of our recently retired vice-chair Bill Walton. Bill has been a previous chair with the LCC and carried out many years of quietly taking care of the verges and bus stop area. He was also famous for Bill's Bar, a major attraction at our various events. When Bill stepped down from the committee, he did not completely sever his links with us and still volunteers when he can. This left us with a vacancy on the committee but I am happy to report that Sarah Vickery, who is very active in the village and with the LCC, has volunteered for the Vice-Chair post. Sarah has taken over our advertising efforts and has taken a more active role in the organisation.

We had wanted to stage a Bus Stop Bar last summer but for various reasons it was moved to the end of August. The event was a great success and was marked by a Lackford first, an impromptu Jazz night. It was an excellent evening and enjoyed by all. It was something I think we would like to repeat if possible.

It was decided to stage a Lackford Bonfire Party at the beginning of November with a small bar and barbeque. We once again asked the community to create a Guy for the fire and processed 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, our local tree surgeon. Sadly, the bonfire party held at the Willows, was our last one with Brian and Lorna Green who are leaving us for pastures new. The party was a great way to say goodbye to our friends. They will both be sadly missed and we wish them well in their new home.

With Christmas approaching the LCC committee decided to organise a small Christmas get together. The LCC sold mulled wine and mince pies, teas and coffees, Sarah Vickery selling honey and demonstrating candle rolling with Bee's wax. We also had a great exhibition of photographic prints and calendars by the talented Sue Jones. It was a lovely day and we enjoyed a steady flow of people throughout the afternoon, it was good fun and brought in some money for the church and the LCC charities.

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Chair LCC