

## **Happy New Year**

A very Happy New Year from the Love's Farm Community Association. A huge thank you to everyone that joined our Christmas events, including over 50 people carol singing and raising £70 for the Love's Farm Brownies. Our virtual Christmas Tree festival and Christmas Quiz was incredibly popular.

How are your New Year's resolutions going? Is volunteering part of your New Year's resolutions? If so, we would really like to hear from you. We have lots of volunteering opportunities, whether it's events, SMART or the Love's Farm House. Contact Marcus on <a href="mailto:chair@ourlovesfarm.co.uk">chair@ourlovesfarm.co.uk</a> if you would like to know more about volunteering opportunities.

Our priorities this year include:

- Love's Farm House
- Youth Work
- Parking
- Responsible dog ownership
- Events
- Street reps
- Communication

## **Committee meetings 2015**

Until the Love's Farm House is built, the Love's Farm Community Association meetings will be held at Tesco's on Barford Road. Some dates for your diary:

- 11 March
- 13 May
- 15 July
- 16 September
- 18 November

# First spade in the ground



Before Christmas, Love's Farm House volunteers, representatives from the town, district and county councils, the design and construction teams and BPHA gathered to mark the beginning of construction of our Love's Farm House. The first spade in the ground was placed by Natasha Gregson with help from her mum (and our charity secretary) Caroline and Cllr Barry Chapman.



#### Love's Farm Youth Club

The Love's Farm Youth Club is back Tuesday term-time, 17:00-19:00 at The Round House Primary School. The club offers fun activities/opportunities for 8-14 year olds, to get involved in their community, learn new skills and socialise with others.

We have some exciting activities planned for the coming weeks, including making bird feeders on 20 January. On 27 January, we have a pizza making session at Frankie and Benny's in St Neots.

For further details about Youth Club, please contact <a href="mailto:youthclub@ourlovesfarm.co.uk">youthclub@ourlovesfarm.co.uk</a> or drop into a session and speak to the Youth Workers and collect a membership form.

As well as new members, we are always on the lookout for volunteers to get involved in some of the sessions. If you have a few hours to spare each month or have an idea for a youth based activity, we'd love to hear from you. Planned youth club sessions for the next few months are as follows:

- 13 January
- 20 January
- 27 January
- 3 February
- 10 February
- 24 February
- 3 March
- 17 March

To note, no Youth Club on 17 Feb, 10 March, 24 March and 31 March.

### **Rainbow and Guide Leaders**

Are you interested in volunteering some time and becoming a Guiding leader? Girl Guiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. A Rainbow (6-7 year olds) and Guide (10-14 year olds) unit will be set up on Love's Farm when the Love's Farm House is open. If you would like to know more about volunteering, contact:

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#### Look SMART for 2015

A big thank you to everyone that braved the elements to join our New Year SMART day. We gathered a total of 16 bags of rubbish. Our new SMART coordinator is Helene Tame. Join our next SMART days:

- 14 February
- 28 March

# **Monthly Quiz**

Join our monthly quiz on the last Friday of the month at the St Neots Football Club. Maximum team of 6 people, £1 per person. Hope to see you there. Check our website for details of the next quiz.

#### **Useful reminders**

- We are collecting evidence of parking issues on Love's Farm, please send us photographs parking@ourlovesfarm.co.uk
- If you see an incident, potential nuisance, or generally something untoward, report it.
  Call the non-emergency police on 101.
- Martins, the newsagent will set up a daily delivery of newspapers to Love's Farm if we have 20 houses sign up. Please contact Jill on <u>bjr@bjrjackson.com</u>
- Our paper newsletter is distributed every other month. Sign up to receive our electronic newsletter for the month in between by signing up on our website.

### **LFCA Officers**

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