



Love's Farm News



That's right... the Love's Farm Dance-a-thon will definitely look exactly like this. Or better.

Love's Farm Dance-a-thon

Thursday 18 February, 6:30pm

Join Emma and the LFCA crew at Love's Farm House for 90 minutes of non-stop dancing and raise money for Sport Relief.

We'll have all the Love's Farm favourite tunes, and we'll be busting out a few classics plus the latest dancefloor fillers.

It's all to raise money for Sport Relief, which funds projects to improve the lives of people in the UK and abroad.

You can either make a donation on the night (suggested £2 per child) or pick up a sponsorship form from the Farm House or from outside 49 Wood

Ridge Crescent. There are two forms for adults and children. Oh yes! If you are in the hall you are dancing too.

Wear whatever you want, but it would be great if you have something that lights up. Dress up or come in normal clothes – just don't forget your dancing shoes!

Please note: all under 18's must be accompanied by an adult. Hall capacity means we do have a maximum on numbers. If you're planning to attend please give us an idea of expected numbers by joining the Facebook event at www.facebook.com/ourlovesfarm.

Join our SMART days

Saturday 5 March, 11am or 2pm



Our intrepid litter pickers braving the cold in January

Thank you to all those volunteers who ventured out in January to pick litter and help clear our community green spaces. We collected almost two trailers full of rubbish including a large plastic dog bed,

discarded trike and single black shoe. Our next SMART day is Saturday March 5th as part of the nationwide Clean For The Queen campaign for The Queen's 90th birthday. Meet at the Pirate Ship at 11am or 2pm – come for as little or as long as you can! Contact Helene at community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk

Love's Farm Dog Walks

Sunday 7 February, 9:30am

Join our monthly dog walks on the first Sunday of every month. It's a non strenuous walk, for about an hour, but you are free to peel off at any time. It's



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a great way to socialise the dogs and the owners have a good natter along the way. Meet at the Stone Hill Bridge at 9:30am. Join our mailing list by emailing keela.shackell@ourlovesfarm.co.uk

Referendum for the St Neots Neighbourhood Plan

Thursday 4 February, 7am-10pm

Residents of St Neots are set to vote on whether to adopt the St Neots Neighbourhood Plan. The polling station for Love's Farm is at St Neots Football Club from 7am until 10pm on 4 February.

The question that will be asked in the referendum is: "Do you want Huntingdonshire District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for St Neots to help it decide on planning applications in the neighbourhood area?"

If a majority Yes vote is achieved, all planning applications within St Neots will be measured against the vision and objectives set out in the Plan.

This will ensure that St Neots has greater control over planning policy. It will also bring more money into the town through an increase in the taxes placed upon developers.

St Neots Town Mayor James Corley said: "Acceptance of this vital plan will have a huge influence on the future prosperity and vitality of St Neots, to the benefit of all. I sincerely hope that we can achieve a big turnout of voters on 4th February

and we return a massive yes in favour of local democracy and control of our town."

The St Neots Neighbourhood Plan was published in April 2014 further to a high profile community consultation period. It covers issues such as parking and traffic, employment and leisure facilities. Specific recommendations include a new cemetery and allotment, minimum numbers of parking bays for new homes and an outdoor theatre for Riverside Park. Visit tinyurl.com/snoplan to read the document.

Ed Reilly, Clerk for the Town Council, will be at Love's Farm House on Tuesday 2 February, 10am-12pm, to answer any questions. More information is available at www.stneots-tc.gov.uk/stneotsplan



Bar staff required

Love's Farm House requires part-time bar staff. Shifts will be on an ad hoc basis, mostly on Friday and Saturday evenings. You may also be

required to perform caretaking duties, such as opening and closing the building and looking after hirers.

Preferred skills and qualities:

- friendly and outgoing
- a willingness to work as part of a team
- suitable judgement and confidence to enforce licencing regulations
- good numeracy skills
- awareness of health, safety, security and hygiene issues
- available to work evenings and weekends

Shifts may vary from two to seven hours, depending on the booking schedule. £8 per hour.

To apply for this position please send a brief CV and covering letter setting out why you believe you would be suitable for this role to jobs@lovesfarmhouse.co.uk. For more information please contact Emma on 07751 121354.

or join the conversation online on the St Neots Town Council Twitter and Facebook pages using the hashtag [#ILoveStNeots](#).

Breakfast Church

Sunday 14, 21 & 28 Feb, 10am

› by Helene Tame

Breakfast Church meets at Love's Farm House on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday mornings of the month from 10am to 11.30am. You're really welcome to come when you can, stay as long as you want and come back if you'd like to! Mostly the morning is spent eating breakfast and chatting but we take some time before heading home to ponder an ancient or contemporary story and think a bit about life, faith and doubt. During January we asked some questions around an ancient story of a wedding feast, considered the link between Star Wars, David Bowie and a cinema decision, and reflected on a story about a father and a son.

Breakfast Church is free and open to anyone but perhaps especially to those who wouldn't usually be at church or may not even usually eat breakfast. If you have any questions or need any more info please contact Helene on community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk or via Facebook (Love's Farm Community Chaplain).



Breakfast Church celebrating Christmas day

Busy Month at the Farm House Bar

Fridays 7:30-11pm

Love's Farm now has a bar within walking distance of home! Join us every Friday at Love's Farm House from 7:30 until 11pm. This month we have a packed schedule, with **Karaoke** on Friday 5th, **Games Night** on 12th, **St Neots Film Club** (showing Capitalism: A Love Story, £2.50 entry) on 19th and our monthly **Quiz Night** on 26th.

Spotlight: Junior Youth Club

Tuesdays, 5-6:30pm

Love's Farm House opened its doors to the re-launched Love's Farm Junior Youth Club on Tuesday January 12th. The youth club will run every Tuesday during term time from 5-6.30pm and is being organised and led by our community chaplain Helene Tame with the help of a team of enthusiastic volunteers. Children in school years 3 to 7, so aged between 7 and 12 years old, are welcome, but we do ask that a parent or carer fills in a registration form on their first visit.

On our first evening of the new term 17 children turned up and enjoyed a raucous evening of fun and games, tuck shop and team time, crafts and getting to know the club code – K.A.R.T.S – which stands for Kindness and Character; Attitude and Aspiration; Respect and Responsibility; Trustworthiness and Team work; and finally, Speaking well

of ourselves, Speaking well of others. We want this to be our club code, the values that we'll unpack and aim to run by as we get established!

As well as our regular features (table games, team games, crafts, tuck and team time) over the term we have 'special guests' planned who will help us with an extra activity like cooking – specialist crafting – or come and talk with us about a particular interest they have like explorers or animals. Occasionally Helene will offer a slot that will provide children with the option to explore what prayer looks like – is chatting to God anything like chatting to our friends – they can decide. Other planned activities for this term include a talent night, a visit

from a local band to play the children's 'top-slot songs' and an Easter activity.

The club is free but children can bring some money for tuck if they want. If you have any questions or need any extra info please contact Helene on community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk or via Facebook (Love's Farm Community Chaplain).

Some Walks From Love's Farm

› by David Wells

For those looking for some exercise, here are four possible walks using public footpaths from Love's Farm. They all start

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on the (relatively) high ground at the top of the estate, dipping down to Gallow Brook stream and then on to the ridge that the Paxton-Toseland road follows. You get good Huntingdonshire "big skies" vistas and far views particularly looking North West past Buckden and towards the hills on the Hunts/Northants border. There are three alternative routes to Toseland and one to Great Paxton. The Toseland walks take me about 45 minutes each way (4-5 km), the Great Paxton one slightly shorter.

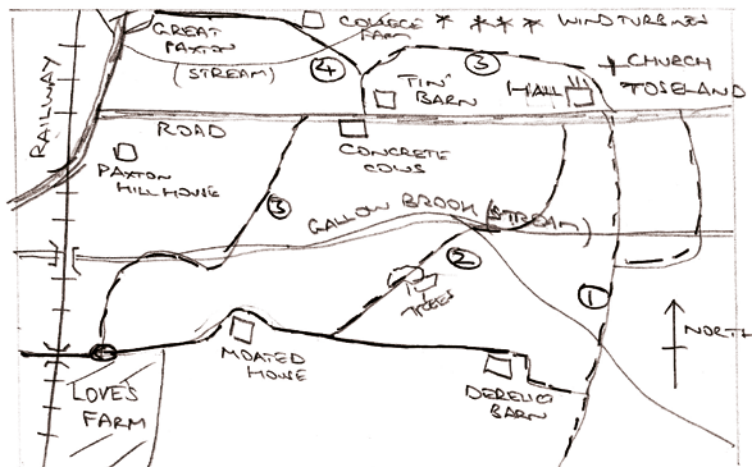
For rough directions, see the map below. There are public footpath signs at most of the key points. All three start on the concrete track at the top of Love's Farm. For walk 1, turn right and follow the track, following the signs to bypass the moated house and farm at Monk's Hardwick. Resume on the concrete path until you come to a derelict barn complex, then turn left onto the green track until you reach a path "T" junction. Turn left, follow the path on the edge of fields, cross Gallow Brook, continue to Toseland.

For walk 2, start as for walk 1, pass the moat house and then about 50 meters after rejoining the concrete track a sign points diagonally across the field to the left. Cross the field (this can be very muddy) to the clump of trees, follow the path on other side across the field to small footbridge, then turn right along gravel path beside Gallow Brook. The path splits after a few hundred meters. Turn left across the brook and follow the dirt track up to the road. You will come out on the Paxton-Toseland road near Toseland Hall. This is a big 16th century house with the impressive fluted chimneys.

You start walk 3 by turning left onto the concrete path and then right through the big metal gates (opposite Field Gate Close). Walk through second set of gates, across the pasture and down to Gallow Brook, watching trains pass on the left (if you're interested). Turn right, follow the brook and you will come to a gated footbridge. Cross this and carry along far side of the brook. The path then re-

crosses the brook (the bridge is not that obvious).

Continue on the near side and then go over another footbridge. Cross the corner of field, then climb to the Paxton-Toseland road using the path beside the hedge. Turn right when you get to the road, which you'll need



to walk along for about 100-200 metres. You will pass a modern house with a concrete cow in the garden on your right. You then come to a tin barn on the left. Turn left here onto a concrete track, follow this and then turn right onto a green track. On the corner there is (currently) a big stack of straw bails. Straight on you see a small sewerage works. You then come to a track cross roads (straight on a right of way takes you very close to the wind turbines but is a dead end). So turn right here and follow the track and signs towards Toseland Hall (see walk 2).

Walk 4 is the same as for walk 3 until the track cross roads. For walk 4, turn left and you will see College Farm in the distance. Follow the path down to a stream and footbridge, cross the bridge and then climb up across the field until you get to the farm. Follow the track until you enter the Great Paxton housing estate. Follow the roads until you join the main St Neots – Godmanchester road. Look out for the pub if thirsty.

The walks can be muddy – particularly walk 2 – when the ground is wet. Our family is well past the buggy phase so I can't comment on how easy or otherwise they are with a buggy. At the moment none of them have cows

Councillor surgery

Councillors Ian Gardener and David Wells are available at Love's Farm House from 10.00am to 11.00am On the first Saturday of each month (excluding January and August)

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along the way or high stiles so they are dog friendly. Unfortunately the pub at Toseland closed many years ago but there is still one in Great Paxton for those who find the thought of beer a motivator when walking. Enjoy!

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What's on

February 2016

Events are at Love's Farm House **foyer, hall** or **meeting room**, or **out and about**.

Events with a * mean just turn up. For others, please book in advance.

Visit www.lovesfarmhouse.co.uk or call 01480 262626 for more information.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Hartbeeps 9:30, 10:30 & 11:45am NCT Mother & Baby Yoga 1:15 - 2:45pm Pop Movers 4:15 - 5pm At Peace Yoga Therapy 7 - 8:30pm</p>	<p>* Farm House Coffee Shop 9am - 12pm * BPHA drop in 9am-12pm Junior Youth Club 5-6:30pm Pilates 7 - 8pm, 8 - 9pm * Love's Farm Runners 8pm at the Pirate Ship</p>	<p>* Farm House Coffee Shop 9am - 12pm Music For Little People 9:45 & 10:45am At Peace Yoga 10:30am - 12pm * Love's Farm Starlings 1:30 - 3pm * Senior Youth Club 6:30 - 8:30pm</p>	<p>* 4 Seasons Fitness Bootcamp 1:15-2pm * St Neots Library Rhymetime 2:20-2:50pm 4th St Neots Brownies 6 - 7:30pm 1st Love's Farm Guides 7:30 - 9pm</p>	<p>Switch Now 9:30am-3pm * Functional Fitness 9:40-10:25am * Karaoke Night at the Farm House Bar 7:30 - 11pm</p>	<p>* Lazy Breakfast 9 - 10:30am Rosettes Dance Class 9:30 - 10am Junior Street Dance Class 10 - 10:45am * SMART Day Pirate Ship at 11am and 2pm</p>	<p>* Love's Farm Dog Walk 9:30am at the Pirate Ship</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">7</p> <p><i>Love's Farm House available for private hire at weekends</i></p>
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<p>NCT Mother & Baby Yoga 1:15 - 2:45pm</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">15</p>	<p>* Farm House Coffee Shop 9am - 12pm Baby Sensory 9:40 - 10:40am, 11am - 12pm Pilates 7 - 8pm, 8 - 9pm * Love's Farm Runners</p>	<p>* LFCA Committee Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">17</p>	<p>* 4SF Bootcamp 1:15-2pm * BPHA drop in 1-4pm * Sport Relief Dance-a-thon 6:30-8pm</p>	<p>Switch Now * Functional Fitness * Farm House Bar * St Neots Film Club: Capitalism - A Love Story 7:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">20</p>	<p>* Lazy Breakfast 9 - 10:30am</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">21</p>	
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