



Love's Farm News



Last year's Love's Farm Community Champion Awards were held on the grand launch day of Love's Farm House

The Oscars of Love's Farm

Friday 28 October, 7pm

Join us for the Oscars of Love's Farm, also known as the Love's Farm Community Awards. We will be honouring people who have gone the extra mile to help others or who are the essence of community spirit. Alongside the awards, we are holding an extra special quiz with fabulous prizes and we will elect the officers of Love's Farm Community Association and the trustees of Love's Farm House. If you're interested in finding out

more about Love's Farm Community Association and Love's Farm House, and perhaps getting involved, this is a great time and place to start.

Our Awards and Quiz Night form part of a week of celebrations to mark one year since Love's Farm House first opened its doors. There will be lots of events for people of all ages throughout half term week, including theatre performances, an 80s disco, craft workshop and Halloween disco. Turn the page for more details.

Love's Farm House First Birthday Celebrations

It's already a year since the launch of Love's Farm House, and what a year it's been! Our community centre is run by local volunteers, and we've lined up some exciting events throughout half term week to mark the occasion.



Back to the 80s

**Sat 22 October,
7:30pm - 12:30am**

Put on your dancing shoes, back-comb

your hair and get ready for a night of 80s party classics. Tickets are £5 in advance * and that includes a free garish 80s cocktail. Over 18s only.

Dotty the Dragon

**Monday 24 October,
11:30am and 3pm**



Blunderbus Theatre brings its acclaimed production to Love's Farm. Dotty is a baby fire dragon who loves to gaze down and watch the children playing



in the orchard. One day, she decides to pay them a surprise visit. This clever new show comes to life with an irresistible blend of live music, fabulous puppets and high-energy storytelling. Tickets are £5 in advance. *

Creepy Crafts Workshop

Wed 26 Oct, 10:30am-12pm

Illustrators Marion Lindsay (Ready Steady Ghost!), Bella Donna, Maisie Hitchins) and Jo Clark (hehehe hyena) will be helping children to make Halloween animal masks and spooky dreamcatchers.

Ages 5-10 (accompanied by a parent or carer). 50p per child. This event is kindly supported by Friends of St Neots Library.



Community Champion Awards & Quiz Night

Friday 28 October, 7pm

Our monthly quiz night (last Friday of the month) takes a glamorous twist as we'll be combining it with our annual Love's Farm Community Champion Awards. See the front page for more details.

Halloween Disco

Saturday 29 October, 6pm-10pm

Get ready for an evening of spooky fun and ghoulish goings on at the Haunted Farm House. There'll be games for



Get Your Freak On at the Halloween Disco

younger children from 6pm and a chance for kids and adults of all ages to strut their freakiest moves from 7pm. Fancy dress encouraged but not essential. Tickets £2 in advance. *

* For all ticketed events please call 01480 262626 or pop into Love's Farm House (open Mon-Sat 9am-12pm). Under-18s must be accompanied by a parent or carer for all events.

LFCA Christmas Shopping Night

Sunday 27 November, 1-5pm

Join us for an afternoon of Christmas shopping right on your doorstep. Gifts for others or treat yourself. All stall holders are local businesses.

Sewing classes

Marilyn Wood is a retired fashion designer and lecturer, now living on Loves Farm, and is looking to hold a sewing class/workshop. She would very much appreciate some feedback if you

are interested, and at what level. She can teach all levels from novice to more advanced. In the run up to Christmas you may be interested in making craft gifts or just to be able to make something for yourself and your family. Please contact Marilyn at marilyn.wood42@yahoo.com to express an interest.

New Classes for Love's Farm House

Nia

Mondays 6pm, Saturdays 8am

Nia is a fusion fitness class which draws on martial arts, dance arts and healing arts. During the classes you can connect to your body, relax your thinking mind, experiment with your emotions and have fun. Visit www.nianow.com/evelynmi for more information.

Italian Lessons

Tuesdays 7-9pm

Qualified teacher and native Italian Elisa Arnoldi will be running a ten-week course for beginners who wish to learn Italian, starting on 4 October. £15 per lesson or £100 for the 10-week course. Contact tutor.italian76@gmail.com.

King's English School

Thursdays 7:30-9:30pm

English classes for speakers of other languages. Please visit www.kingsenglishschoolstneots.co.uk, find them on Facebook or email kingsenglishstneots@gmail.com.

GAP Learning

GAP Learning is bringing its programme of creative and practical community learning courses to Love's Farm.

They aim to make the experience of learning as fun, as inspiring and as life-changing as possible. Their crafting and cooking courses offer something for all ages and abilities.

Feel Good workshops at Love's Farm House offer the opportunity to be taught by GAP designers to create a craft project in a day to take home and enjoy. There's Feel Good Volunteering (29 October) where you'll help run our Enchanted Christmas event, while Feel Good Family (1 October) gives parents and their children the opportunity to learn new skills and techniques together in a fun way.

For more information please visit www.gaplearning.co.uk, call 01480 731131 or to book go to Eventbrite and search for Lap Learning.

Junior Youth Club

Fridays 6-7pm

The Love's Farm Community Junior Youth Club reopened its doors on September 16 after a summer break. The club is running for a slightly shorter time this term but making use of the whole of Love's Farm House so that as well as the usual mix of fun, games, crafts and sports there's also space for a quieter, calmer area for construction projects and special guest crafts. The club has set a ceiling of 30 children – registration



Saturday 22 October 2016 7:30pm - 12:30am

Over 18s only

£5 in advance (includes classy 80s cocktail)

Pop into Love's Farm House (9am-12pm Mon-Sat) or call 01480 262626 to get your tickets

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forms can be collected from Love's Farm House or Round House School and returned to the school please. The club code K.A.R.T.S. has taken centre stage – standing for kindness and character, attitude and aspiration, respect and responsibility, trustworthy and team player and finally speak well of yourself and speak well of others.

Senior Youth Club is Back

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm

Our Senior Youth Club runs at Love's Farm House every Wednesday in term time with the usual fun, games, and new kit – equipment chosen by the young people at the end of last term. We are also looking forward to welcoming all the new Year 7 pupils who might have previously attended junior club. Bring a mate and kick back at Love's Farm House.

Little Loves

Thursdays, 9:30-11am

Little Loves parent and toddler group reopened its doors on 8 September with some beach-themed activities for children, alongside the usual array of crafts, songs, story-time, toys and books and, a newly acquired train track!

Parents and carers are welcome to come on Thursday mornings during term time. Suggested donation is a £1 per family. Search Facebook for Little Loves for weekly updates.



The new train set at Little Loves is put to good use

Breakfast Church

Sundays, 10-11:30am

Breakfast Church meets on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday morning of each month. As well as the usual mix of breakfast, Sunday papers and chat we will be showing the Alpha film series. Each film explores a range of issues around life, faith and doubt. Contact Helene at community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk or www.facebook.com/lovesfarmchaplain



Sacred Space – Living Well

Sun 23 Oct, 8-9pm

This new monthly venture runs at Love's Farm House on the fourth Sunday over the next few months. It will provide a pause between the weekend and the week ahead and offer a chance for some stillness, contemplation, reflection and prayer. The event is free – just turn up at 8pm. Contact Helene at community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk or www.facebook.com/lovesfarmchaplain



Big Lunch gets the thumbs up from Love's Farm

Big Lunch 2016

Our annual Big Lunch picnic is a tradition in the Love's Farm calendar and this year we had a record number of guests joining us at the Indian Encampment for a day of picnics, party games and dancing. Emma led proceedings with games and quizzes for all the family, and we learnt a new party dance that we will no doubt see again at future Love's Farm events. Our scarecrow festival winners were announced, too. Congratulations to Kyle and Layla for their BFG scarecrow and Ava, runner up, for her cowgirl scarecrow.



Community Meetings

Wednesday 19 October, 7:15pm

LFCA's community meetings are held in Love's Farm House on the third Wednesday of the month. Everyone's welcome and it's a great way to make new friends, eat cake and make Love's Farm a better place to live.

Love's Farm Dog Walks

Sunday 2 October, 9:30am

Join our monthly Love's Farm Dog Walks on the first Sunday of every month. It's a non strenuous walk, for about an hour, but you are very free to peel off at anytime. It's 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. Email keela.shackell@ourlovesfarm.co.uk to join the mailing list.

New Singers Welcome

Wednesdays, 7:30pm

St Neots Choral Society has begun its 45th season! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at Eynesbury C of E Primary School, Montagu Street, from 7.30pm until 9:30pm. New members



are very welcome to join and there are no auditions to frighten you, but an ability to read a little music is helpful! There is an annual subscription once you decide to join the Society. This autumn the choir is practicing Handel's Messiah. This is an extremely popular work with many well-known choruses such as the 'Halleluiah' and 'For unto us a child is born'. The Concert is on 26 November with professional soloists and orchestra. www.stneotschoral.org.uk

bpha Showcase

Thursday 27 October, 1:30-4pm

Come to Love's Farm House and meet the different faces of bpha and the agencies that support them. There will be an opportunity to talk to housing officers, surveyors, money advisors, members of the service improvement panel and many more. Pop in and see what services we can offer you!

SMARTen up Love's Farm

Saturday 8 Oct, 11am or 2pm

SMART is our Love's Farm Community Association volunteer litter pick initiative, and anyone can join the gang and help clean up our shared green spaces. It's



Max Hooper doing his bit for Love's Farm

a great way to 'love where we live'

The next SMART day is Saturday October 8, and the one after that November 12. We meet at the Pirate Ship, at either 11am or 2pm, to collect bags and grabbers. Stay for as long as you can – even half an hour will make a difference!

Love's Farm Online

Head to www.ourlovesfarm.co.uk for a wealth of information about LFCA events, information for residents, forums, a map, local information, notes from meetings, photos and street rep information. Please also join our Facebook Group www.facebook.com/ourlovesfarm to keep up to date with news about Love's Farm. For all things Love's Farm House, head to www.lovesfarmhouse.com or facebook.com/lovesfarmhouse.



Electronic newsletter

Our paper newsletter is delivered to Love's Farm homes every other month. In between, we have an electronic newsletter sent to everyone signed up to the Love's Farm website. Join by registering on www.ourlovesfarm.co.uk

Star Baker Sam



Sam Claussen receives her Star Baker trophy

Free Cakes for Kids came to Love's Farm House in September. They match families in need with passionate home bakers. They held a Cake and Craft Day where Ian Cumming, Great British Bake Off finalist 2016, judged the winners of the highly competitive cake competition. A big congratulations to



Sam's award-winning lemon drizzle and poppy seed cake

Love's Farm resident, Sam Claussen, who was awarded Star Baker for her lemon drizzle and poppy seed cake.

Girl Guiding – Request for Volunteers

No matter how much time you have to give, there's an opportunity for you. Join our team of inspirational Leaders, provide occasional support, or simply share a skill or passion with girls in a local unit – all while benefiting from the adventure and opportunities guiding has to offer. Whether leading a unit or helping out more casually, you'll run activities, games, projects and events that give girls the opportunity to discover their potential and the world around them.

If you'd like to lead a Guiding group, you'll be supported to complete our Leadership Qualification with training on everything from planning your programme to child safety. Register your interest online at www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved

Notice of AGM

Friday 29 October, 7pm

Love's Farm Community Association (LFCA) and Love's Farm Community Centre CIO (the charity that manages Love's Farm House) will hold their AGMs at Love's Farm House, 17 Kester Way, St Neots, PE19 6SL on Friday 29 October 2016 at 7pm. The evening will also include a quiz with great prizes and an awards ceremony, so there's no need to bring matchsticks for



Dotty the Dragon



**Theatre For
Kids aged 3-7!**

Monday 24 October 2016
(half term week) Shows at 11:30am and 3pm

A big-hearted tale of true friendship, told with magical songs, enchanting music and exquisite puppetry.

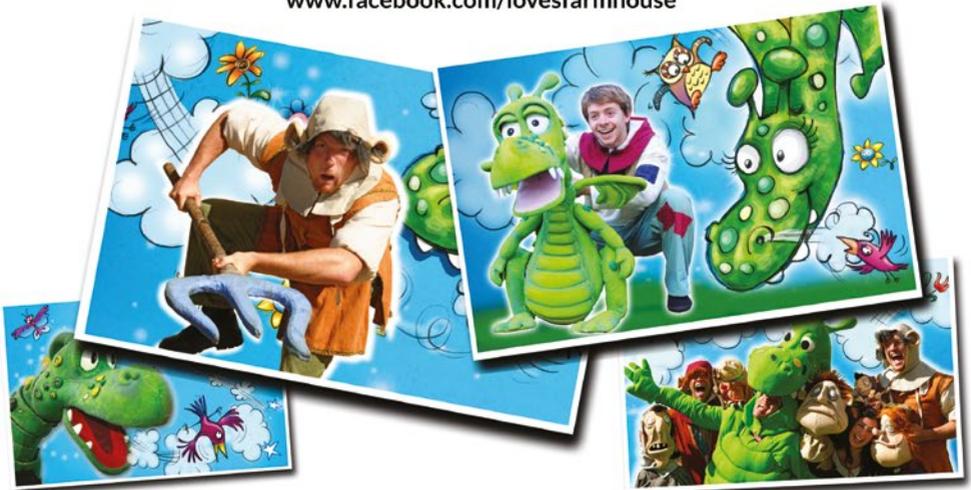
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

£5 per person (aged 1+).

Tickets available from Love's Farm House or call 01480 262626.

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your eyelids. It's a great opportunity to find out about all the projects our amazing volunteers are involved in.

Love's Farm House Regular Events

Farm House Bar

Fridays 7:30pm

The bar is open every Friday at Love's Farm House. Well-behaved children (accompanied by a parent or carer) are welcome until 9pm. There's lots going on to keep you entertained too...

Karaoke Night

Friday 7 October, 7:30pm - 12am

Talented, classy, tasteful: three words that

have never been used to describe our karaoke nights on Love's Farm. No matter how good, bad or plain weird your singing voice is, you're guaranteed a fun night out.

Games Night

Friday 14 Oct, 7:30pm - 11pm

The second Friday of the month is Games Night. We have table tennis and a selection of board games including Scrabble, Trivial Pursuit and Risk. Come on your own or with a friend – either way you'll be in good company.

St Neots Film Club: Cronos

Friday 21 October, 7:30pm

St Neots Film Club takes over Love's Farm House on the third Friday of each month, complete with a licensed bar and post-film discussion. The next film

LOVE'S FARM HOUSE PARTY HIRE

Children's parties £65

12-3pm or 3-6pm Saturday or Sunday

Saturday night £200

6pm - midnight

Price includes hall, kitchen, foyer, garden, sound system and disco lights





Anna and Rebecca at the Farm House Coffee Shop

will be *Cronos* by Guillermo del Toro. Screenings on our top notch projection and sound system cost £2.50 to attend.

LFCA Quiz Night

Friday 28 October, 7-11pm

The last Friday of the month is Quiz Night at Love's Farm House, although this month is an extra-special one as it's combined with our Community Awards (see page 1).

Lazy Breakfast

Saturdays, 9-11am

Ease gently into the weekend as our volunteers serve you bacon butties, pastries and toast, plus a great selection of teas, coffees and hot chocolate.

Farm House Coffee Shop

Tuesdays, 9am - 12:30pm

A scrumptious selection of home-made cakes, cookies and smoothies, speciality teas and proper coffee, served with love by our volunteers.

Switch Café

Thursdays and Fridays 10am-2pm

Switch Café serve delicious freshly baked cakes, hot and cold drinks and there's a new lunch menu too. Switch Café offers meaningful work placements and supported training for young adults (co-workers) with additional needs, to help progress them towards paid employment and more fulfilling futures. Visit www.switchnow.org.uk for more information.

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