



Love's Farm News

Could You Represent Love's Farm on the Council?

Local elections will be held on 3 May, and there will be a big increase in the number of councillors representing Love's Farm. At St Neots Town Council we go from one to four councillors, who will represent Love's Farm and also the Wintringham and Love's Farm East developments.

There has also been a boundary review for Huntingdonshire District Council.

Love's Farm is currently part of the Priory Park ward, but in May it will fall under St Neots East, also incorporating Wintringham and Love's Farm East.

The Town Council is responsible for areas such as promotion of the town, managing various public spaces and supporting local community organisations. The District Council's responsibilities include housing and planning applications, waste and recycling, many of our green spaces and leisure centres. Visit www.stneots-tc.gov.uk and www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk for more information.

Love's Farm Community Association (LFCA) wishes to encourage residents to put themselves forward for election to ensure that our community's voices are heard. All candidates will be given a platform in the April edition of Love's Farm News — please email jenny@lovesfarmhouse.co.uk by 1 March if you'd like to do so.

The deadline for nomination papers to be submitted is Friday 6 April 2018. Visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/elections/upcoming-elections-and-results and follow the links for more information.



Love's Farm under construction, back in 2013

Love's Farm Runners

Since starting in 2015, Love's Farm Runners has grown steadily and now has over 100 members. We started with two run leaders but it became apparent over time that we had so many different levels of runners that we needed extra leaders. We'd like to introduce Charlotte and Jaimee as our new run leaders.

We've also been able to increase our run sessions, with two beginners' sessions and one intermediate session per week. We encourage our members to run together in groups for extra runs or if they are unable to attend one of the planned sessions.

It's been a great year seeing the medals and PBs flooding in every week from our runners, and we are fully committed to being open to all levels of runners from ages 12 and above. We hope to continue to improve and expand our group to provide coaching sessions for children and adults, and we're looking at ways to include weekend and daytime runs in 2018! Visit www.facebook.com/groups/lovesfarmrunners to join us.

Caroline Henderson



Love's Farm Runners now has four leaders – Jaimee, Caroline, Charlotte and Claire – and over 100 members.

Love's Farm Parking Restrictions Update

Look out for Cambridgeshire Highways Consultation

This is an update to the article included in the December newsletter.

Following earlier consultations, Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) is now drafting formal plans and a Traffic Restriction Order (TRO). This will be followed by a formal consultation. At the time of going to press LFCA has not been told the exact timing or form of this consultation but please look out for communication from the County Council.

We have been told that implementation may be delayed slightly beyond March 2018 to ensure CCC get the optimum scheme but have been assured that this will not impact funding.

In the December newsletter and the Residents' Parking Meeting on 17 November, residents were asked to feedback comments by 8 December. Comments from about 100 residents were received and these were passed to CCC. On the LFCA website, the initial plan has been updated for any "factual" errors identified and a summary of the residents' comments attached. Any comments received after 8 December are being forwarded directly to CCC. LFCA said that it would individually acknowledge emails received before 8 December – this is currently in progress.

A summary of the 100 responses is:

- Overall, residents are generally

supportive of proposals for spine roads and side roads (see www.ourlovesfarm.co.uk for detail of proposals)

- Spine Roads – there is feedback from some residents that proposed restrictions in Stone Hill, Dramsell Rise, Great High Ground and Hogsden Leys are too onerous for residents. At the same time there is feedback from other residents saying that proposed restrictions do not go far enough. CCC has confirmed they are looking at how to achieve a balance between these different views.
- Side Roads – there were limited requests for gaps in “single yellow” line (one hour restriction).

To conclude, a formal consultation by CCC is planned with the opportunity for residents to comment further. If you have any urgent comments that you wish to make before then, please contact your county councillor, [Julie. Wisson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.Wisson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk).



Love's Farm Ladies

Thursday 15 February, 8pm
St Neots Football Club

Ladies, if you are over 18, living in St Neots or the surrounding villages and would like to meet other locals, then please come and join Love's Farm Ladies WI group. We run demonstrations and talks on a wide range of topics, raise funds for local charities and organise outings. We also enjoy a get together with a cup of tea and a biscuit or two and hopefully have a bit



Love's Farm Ladies ran a stall at the Great Get Together

of a laugh. It's not all jam and Jerusalem! WI membership fees are £41 for the year from January (less if you join later in the year) but you are welcome to come along to a meeting for free to see if you would like to join. For further details please contact Nikki on 07563 715043, email lovesfarmladieswi@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/lovesfarmladieswi.

SMART In and Out

24 February, 11am and 2pm
24 March, 11am and 2pm

The next two SMART days are set for Saturday 24 February and 24 March from 11am and/or 2pm. Our March SMART day will provide an opportunity for some inside and outside clearing and cleaning. In the morning we'll gather at the Pirate Ship as usual to clear our shared spaces and green places of litter. In the afternoon we'll meet at Love's Farm House for a spring clean and some touching up of the paint work throughout the building. Contact Helene for more info at community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk.

Messy Church



Messy Church is back on Friday 2 February straight from school for an afternoon of stories,

fun, crafts, an all-together time followed by sausage, mash and beans – with cake to take home at about 5.15pm. The theme for February is 'God knows us and loves us'. Then again on Friday March 2 straight from school until 5.15pm, when our theme will be 'Messy Miracles' and then on Good Friday, March 30th at 10.30am-12.30am including lunch, when we'll look at the Easter story. Children and grown ups welcome. The events are free but you're welcome to make a donation on the day. For more info please contact Helene on community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk.

Grading Success at Local Karate Club

Four students from the St Neots Tang Soo Do Karate were successful at the recent regional grading held at The Hub in Cambourne on 3 December. It will be Black belts next for Wendy and



Certificates and belts for the successful students

Mason, seen here on the left, but a lot of hard work first! Congratulations also to Ashton and Emily whose hard work and dedication were also rewarded.

The club meets on Wednesdays 5:30pm to 7pm at Love's Farm House, and costs £4.50 per person or £9 per family. Everyone is welcome from age 6 to adults, and all grades and ages train together under the instruction of two Master instructors (4th and 5th Dan black belts). Contact Paul on 07790 217170 for more details or just turn up on the night.

Love's Farm Blooms

Love's Farm Community Association (LFCA) has been given a sum of money by the now disbanded St Neots in Bloom to enhance the natural beauty of the shared spaces across our community.

Led by keen horticulturalist Phyllis Hooper, the aim is to plant bulbs around Love's Farm to create spaces that allow us to mark a loss or celebrate a life, providing a symbol of hope and healing.

Phyllis met with the Green Spaces team at HDC, who are full of enthusiasm and have OK'd all of our suggestions. In December a team of volunteers planted 800 bulbs in and around Auntie's Wood. Huge thanks to all who came to help. There may not be a carpet of blue the first spring but watch out in April.

We still have many more bulbs to plant. If you'd like to lend a hand, contribute an idea or share a name that you love and remember, please give Phyllis a call on 01480 211 398 or 07709 903249.

Schools Update

The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust (DLPT) has been formally appointed by the Department for Education (DfE) to run the new school, which will be called Wintringham Primary Academy.

The number of children expected to start in September 2018 is low, but any child in Reception and Year 1 who lives on Love's Farm and is not given a place at The Round House will have a place at Wintringham. Applications are made via the Round House office, and aren't part of the Local Authority application process.

Temporary classrooms for 2018 will be at the Round House where the outdoor classroom currently is. Outdoor teaching will move to the internal courtyard area. The new school is expected to move to its permanent home on the Wintringham development in September 2019.

Search Facebook for Wintringham Primary Academy, where the school will endeavor to keep parents up to date.

St Neots Film Club

**Friday 16 February, 7:30pm,
Love's Farm House**

St Neots Film Club meets on the third Friday of the month at Love's Farm House to watch a film together, followed by a post-film discussion in the bar. This month's film is *The Lobster* (2015) starring Colin Farrell and Rachel Weisz. Set in a dystopian near future, single people are taken to The Hotel where they are obliged to find a romantic partner in 45 days or are



Colin Farrell and Rachel Weisz in the surreal black comedy, *The Lobster*, 16 February at the Farm House

transformed into beasts and sent off into The Woods. It's the perfect unconventional romance for Valentine's Day.

£5 entry, bar open from 7:30pm, film starts at 8pm. Visit www.facebook.com/StNeotsFilmClub for more information.

Social Media Meetup

**Wednesday 14 February, 9am -
10.30am, Love's Farm House**

Are you a local business owner and would you like to know more about how to grow and market your business on social media? If so, join Rebecca of RF Social, a St Neots-based social media consultancy, on Wednesday 14 February for a morning of learning and networking to think about the best social media strategy for your business. This free event will start with coffee and some open networking, then a talk about using social media to market your business, followed by a question-and-answer session where you can get expert advice from Rebecca on all things social media. Find more information and reserve your spot on meetup.com, or email Rebecca at rebecca@rebeccafordham.co.uk.

Spotlight On... Laura's Fitness



At Love's Farm News we like to introduce you to people who live or work on Love's Farm and tell you a bit about what they do. This issue we meet Laura

Collin from Laura's Fitness, who runs the Tuesday evening Pilates classes at Love's Farm House. We asked Laura to tell us about herself and her love of Pilates.

How long have you been teaching Pilates and what is your background?

I began working at my local sports centre when I was 16 and I soon became qualified as a fitness instructor and personal trainer. Back then I played a lot of golf at a national level, and working at a sports centre was the perfect job to fit around my hobby. In 2013 I qualified as a Level 3 Pilates instructor and since then I haven't looked back.

Why would you recommend that someone takes up Pilates?

Pilates is literally for everyone. It helps with flexibility, mobility, strength, and it can be quite relaxing. It can help someone who has a joint or muscle condition as much as someone who might be running 50 miles per week training for a marathon.

Who can benefit from a Pilates class? Do you need to have a certain level of fitness to come along?

Anyone wanting to try Pilates can! You

don't need a certain level of fitness, just the confidence to try something new.

What can a new starter expect at their first Pilates class at Love's Farm House?

When someone comes along to a class for the first time, they will learn about the main Pilates foundations and how to breathe the Pilates way. They will also learn about their own bodies, their own limitations and strengths.

What is your favourite thing about teaching Pilates at Love's Farm House?

Love's Farm House is my favourite venue to teach at. The room is big and spacious, the lights set a calm mood and the underfloor heating makes it cozy in the winter time. The hall is kept clean and tidy too!

How can people find out more about your classes or book a space?

If anyone would like to know a bit more about the classes I run at Love's Farm you can contact me on 07900 242904 or laura@laurasfitness.co.uk. The classes are set up as 12-week terms and I invite any new participant to try the class for free to see how they get on. You can find more information on my website at www.laurasfitness.co.uk.

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Hartbeeps

Ages: 0 to 4, £7 per child.

Contact Anna on 07903

142133 annac@hartbeeps.com

www.hartbeeps.com

2nd St Neots Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

tinyurl.com/lovesfarmcubs

Abacus Mental Maths

Contact Abi on 07712

659961 or Bedford@brainup.uk

www.brainup.uk

Love's Farm Zumba

£5 per class. Contact Becky

on becky_16@hotmail.com.

Nia

£8 per class. Contact Ildi on

ildiko.miklos@hotmail.com,

[facebook.com/ildinia](https://www.facebook.com/ildinia)

Baby Sensory

Birth to 13 months, £70 for 10

classes. Contact Sam on 07538

502587 beds@babysensory.co.uk

www.babysensory.com

BPHA

Contact Customer Services on

0330 100 0272 www.bpha.org.uk

Pilates

£78 for 12 classes. Contact

Laura on 07900 242904 or

laura@laurasfitness.co.uk.

Tiny Tots Dance

Ages: from walking to pre-school,

£4.50 per child. Contact Amy

hello@tinytotsdance.co.uk

or [www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/tinytotsdanceclasses)

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Minilinguals

Ages: 3 months to pre-school,

£45 for 10 classes. Contact

Vicky on 07979 503269 or

hello@minilinguals.co.uk.

Love's Farm Starlings

Ages: Birth to 5, £2 per family.

Contact St Neots Children's

Centre on 01480 358340,

[Stneotsruralchildrenscentre@](mailto:Stneotsruralchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

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St Neots Tang Soo

Do Karate Club

Ages: 6 to adult. £4.50 per

person / £9 per family. Contact

Paul on 07790 217170

Switch Now

Call 01480 700516 or email

contact@switchnow.org.uk

Little Loves

Ages: Birth to Preschool, £1

per family. Contact Helene on

07938 803501, community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk

[chaplain@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk)

Love's Farm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Ages: 5-7 (Rainbows),

7-10 (Brownies), 10-14

(Guides). Contact [guides@](mailto:guides@lovesfarmguiding.org.uk)

[lovesfarmguiding.org.uk](mailto:guides@lovesfarmguiding.org.uk),

www.girlguiding.org.uk

Child & Me Zumba

Parents/carers with children aged

0 to 5, £4.50 per session. Contact

Becky becky_h16@hotmail.com

Yogabellies

Contact Niki on 07514093907,

niki@yogabellies.co.uk,

www.yogabellies.co.uk

Junior Youth Club

Ages: School Years 3 to 6.

Contact Helene on 07938

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St Neots Film Club

£5 per person. Contact

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Stretdance

Rosettes: Ages 4 to 6, £4. Junior

Street Dance: Ages 7 to 10, £5.50.

Intermediate Street Dance: Ages

10+, £5.50 per session. Contact

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What's On

February 2018



Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>* Little Loves 9.30 - 11am</p> <p>* Switch Cafe 10am - 2pm</p> <p>Rainbows 5 - 6pm</p> <p>Brownies 6 - 7.30pm</p> <p>Guides 7.30 - 9pm</p>	<p>Child & Me Zumba 9.35 - 10.20am</p> <p>* Switch Cafe 10am - 2pm</p> <p>Mum & Baby Yoga 10.45am</p> <p>* Messy Church 3.30 - 5.20pm</p> <p>Jr Youth Club 6 - 7pm</p> <p>* Cocktails and Karaoke 8pm - 12am</p>	<p>* Nia 8 - 9am</p> <p>* Lazy Breakfast 9 - 11am</p> <p>Street Dance 9.30am, 10am & 10.45am</p> <p>* Councillor Surgery 10am - 11am</p>	<p>* Love's Farm Dog Walk 10am at the Pirate Ship</p> <p>Pregnancy Yoga 6.45pm</p>

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<p>Hartbeeps 10am, 11am & 12.15pm</p> <p>Abacus Maths 5.30 - 6.30pm</p> <p>Cubs 5.30 - 7pm</p> <p>* Zumba 7 - 8pm</p> <p>* Nia 8 - 9pm</p>	<p>* Farm House Coffee Shop 9am - 12.30pm</p> <p>Baby Sensory 9.40am, 11am</p> <p>* BPHA drop in 1 - 4pm</p> <p>Pilates 6pm, 7pm, 8pm</p> <p>* LF Runners 8pm at Station Square</p>	<p>Minilinguals 9.30 - 10am</p> <p>* Starlings (Health Visitors until 2.45pm) 1.30 - 3pm</p> <p>* Karate 5.30 - 7pm</p> <p>Luna Yoga 8.15 - 9.15pm</p> <p>* LF Runners 8pm at Stn Sq</p>	<p>* Little Loves 9.30 - 11am</p> <p>* Switch Cafe 10am - 2pm</p> <p>Rainbows 5 - 6pm</p> <p>Brownies 6 - 7.30pm</p> <p>Guides 7.30 - 9pm</p>	<p>Child & Me Zumba 9.35 - 10.20am</p> <p>* Switch Cafe 10am - 2pm</p> <p>Mum & Baby Yoga 10.45am</p> <p>Jr Youth Club 6 - 7pm</p> <p>* Farm House Bar 7.30 - 11pm</p>	<p>* Lazy Breakfast 9 - 11am</p> <p>Street Dance 9.30am, 10am & 10.45am</p>	<p>* Breakfast Church 10 - 11.30am</p> <p>Pregnancy Yoga 6.45pm</p>
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<p>Sleeping Beauty Workshop 10am - 1pm <i>Call to book</i></p> <p>* Zumba 7 - 8pm</p>	<p>Pilates 6pm, 7pm, 8pm</p> <p>* Love's Farm Runners 8pm at Station Square</p>	<p>Social Media Meet-Up 9am - 10.30am</p> <p>* Love's Farm Starlings 1.30 - 3pm</p> <p>* Karate 5.30 - 7pm</p> <p>* LF Runners 8pm at Station Square</p>	<p>* Switch Cafe 10am - 2pm</p> <p>* Love's Farm Ladies (WI) 8pm at St Neots Football Club</p>	<p>* Switch Cafe 10am - 2pm</p> <p>* Baby & Toddler Rhymetime 10.30 - 11am</p> <p>* Farm House Bar 7.30 - 11pm</p> <p>* St Neots Film Club: <i>The Lobster</i> 8pm</p>	<p>* Nia 8 - 9am</p>	<p>* Breakfast Church 10 - 11.30am</p> <p>Pregnancy Yoga 6.45pm</p>
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Events are at Love's Farm House foyer, hall or meeting room, or out and about. Events with * mean just turn up. For others, please book in advance. Visit www.lovesfarmhouse.co.uk or call 01480 262626 for more information.