

Love's Farm News



Mrs Bubbles' Magic Show

Monday 9 April, shows at 1pm and 3pm, Love's Farm House

Roll up for an amazing afternoon of magic and mystery, bubbles and boogies. Mrs Bubbles has won rave reviews for her children's magic show, and for the Easter holidays she's bringing it to Love's Farm. The show lasts 90 minutes and is aimed at ages 3-7 but everyone's invited. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer and the coffee shop will be open.

Tickets are £5 per child; parents, siblings

over 12 and babies under 1 are free. Performances start at 1pm and 3pm. Call 01480 262626 or pop into the Love's Farm House office (open Monday to Friday, 9am-3pm) to book your place.

Green light for Wintringham

On 19 March Huntingdonshire District Council granted outline planning permission for a new development to the south of Love's



Wintringham is a major new development, located south of Love's Farm (shown at the top-centre of this map).

Farm, known as Wintringham.

The proposed development includes up to 2,800 new homes, two new primary schools, a community centre, health facilities and 63,000 sq metres of new employment space. Visit www. wintringham.org for more details.

Representatives from lead developer Urban&Civic and HDC's Planning department have attended Love's Farm Community Association meetings in recent months to keep residents informed and listen to their concerns and recommendations. There will be many more planning applications for the designs of buildings, roads and other infrastructure, and we look forward to this dialogue continuing.

Everyone is welcome to attend LFCA meetings and be part of this consultation. Join us on the third Wednesday of the month, 7:15pm at Love's Farm House: the next one is on 20 April.

Are You Registered To Vote on 3 May?

On 3 May 2018 Love's Farm residents will elect two councillors to Huntingdonshire Disctrict Council and four councillors to St Neots Town Council. The deadline to register to vote is 17 April. Visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote if you haven't already received your polling card.

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.stneotstc.gov.uk and www.huntingdonshire. gov.uk for more information.

In the February 2018 issue of Love's Farm News we offered to give a platform to candidates. The deadline for nominations is 6 April, so these will be available on our website from 7 April. Please head to www.ourlovesfarm.co.uk/election to find out who your candidates are.

The BIG Love's Farm Easter Egg Hunt 26 March to 5 April

Now in its fifth year and back by popular demand... the BIG Love's Farm Easter Egg Hunt runs from 26 March to 5 April 2018. It's free and easy to join in.

There will be 30 numbered eggs hidden around Love's Farm in the windows of

houses, flats, shops and community buildings. Download the form from www. ourlovesfarm.co.uk and print it out, or collect a copy from either Love's Farm House or 49 Wood Ridge Crescent.

You have ten days to hunt the eggs down, record their location on the form and return it to Love's Farm House or 49 Wood Ridge Crescent by 3pm on 5 April 2018. Winners will be announced at Chocolate Bingo (below).

Chocolate Bingo

Love's Farm House Thursday 5 April, 6:30 - 8pm

Join Emma for bingo Love's Farm style. £1 per person (mininum 10 games) and lots of yummy chocolate up for grabs. Will it be Pick and Mix 26, Candy Store 74 or Overweight 28? Please visit www.facebook.com/ourlovesfarm and join the Facebook event so Emma knows how much chocolate to order.



Gin Lab 2.0 Friday 11 May, 8pm Love's Farm House

If you attended our Gin Lab evening last September you'll know that we like to do things properly at Love's Farm House. On 11 May there'll be another ten delicious gins to try, ranging from premium brands to boutique curiosities. We'll be using the power of science to help us unpick the mysteries of life, the universe and gin. Definitely gin, anyway.



Give in to gin at Love's Farm House on 11 May

Tickets are £20 in advance from the Love's Farm House office (open 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday). For that you will get a taste of 10 gins, a platter of garnishes, lashings of Fever Tree tonic, tasting notes and a double gin and tonic of your choice to celebrate your scientific discoveries. Bottoms up!

Afternoon Tea & Spring Fayre

Sunday 29 April, 2.30 - 5pm Love's Farm House

Love's Farm Ladies WI group will be hosting an afternoon of family fun at Love's Farm House. There will be refreshments, a cake & bake stall, raffle and tombolas, competitions, crafts and much more besides. Please do come and join them for a cuppa and some cake, perhaps a look at the stalls, name the cuddly toy or guess how many sweets are in the jar. Bring your friends and family too. The group is raising funds for St Neots Acorn Cancer Support Group, and holding this event in conjunction with the WI Alleviating Loneliness campaign. For further details please contact Nikki at lovesfarmladieswi@ gmail.com or 07563 715043 or visit www.lovesfarmladieswi.co.uk.

LFCA Grants For Your Community Project

Are you involved in a club or community project that benefits the residents of Love's Farm, or do you have an idea for a new project?

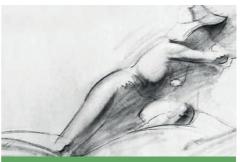
Love's Farm Community Assocation (LFCA) receives a yearly donation from St Neots Town Council to distribute to local groups. Grants of up to £100 are available to non-profit groups and individuals who can demonstrate how they can use the money to benefit the Love's Farm Community. It might be to pay for equipment, training or venue rental costs.

Previous recipients include Love's Farm Runners and 4th St Neots (Love's Farm) Brownies group. Head to www.ourlovesfarm.co.uk/grants to download the application form.

Life Drawing

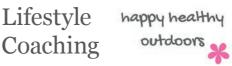
Sunday 6 May, 9:45 - 11:45am Love's Farm House

Life drawing sessions are back on the first Sunday of the month at Love's Farm House, starting on 6 May. Sessions last for two hours, starting with two-minute



Charcoal sketch by Stephen Molyneaux

poses and building up to 15 minutes. Professional artist and Love's Farm resident Stephen Molyneaux (https:// stephen-molyneaux.squarespace.com) will be on hand to offer advice between poses. £7 per session, over 18s only. Places are limited so please contact Stephen on stevemolyneaux@hotmail. com to book your place in advance.



Mondays, 8 - 9pm Love's Farm House

New lifestyle coaching sessions at Love's Farm House from Monday 16 April will help you live a healthier lifestyle.

Spring often feels like time for a new start. Do you want to make changes? Maybe lose weight? Change your diet? Be more active? Get some balance? Group coaching sessions with support and accountability to make long-lasting lifestyle changes will be starting at Love's Farm House on Monday evenings on 16 April. Contact Donna via www.happyhealthyoutdoors. com to find out more.



An amateur production of the BBC television series Written by Richard Curtis and Ben Elton

17th – 19th May 2018 Priory Centre, St Neots Tickets available from 01480 388922 or stneotsplayers.co.uk







Be inspired by amateur theatre

Walk and Talk Group

Fridays at 10am outside Love's Farm House

Women, would you like to meet up for some fresh air, a bit of exercise and a chat? Walking can improve your health and fitness, and being outside undoubtedly benefits mental wellbeing.

The Walk and Talk Group meets on Fridays at 10am outside Loves Farm House to walk for around 45 minutes to an hour, followed by the chance to enjoy a coffee and cake at Switch Café. The activity is led by Donna, a qualified walk leader, and is designed to be suitable for anyone — we welcome all levels of fitness and can be buggy friendly. There's no

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Love's Farm Community Survey

The results of Cambridgeshire County Council's recent survey of Love's Farm show a high number of families with young children living here. It highlights London as a major centre of employment for residents, along with the significance of St Neots as a local employer. Almost half of all those participating in the survey intend to remain on Love's Farm for at least 5 years, emphasising the generally positive views that many respondents have about living there.

The survey was held to find out more about who is living on Love's Farm 10 years after the first homes were built, to further understanding of local demand for services. More than 400 responses were received, with a third responding online. Between November 2017 and February 2018 surveys were sent to Love's Farm's residents, asking about:

- > the home they moved from and why,
- > the home they moved to and why,
- information about the people living in the household,
- their work, study and travel patterns, and
- their opinions about living on Love's Farm.

The survey results will be used to inform local planning of services at Love's Farm and other new communities developing across Cambridgeshire. A more detailed summary of the findings was presented to Love's Farm Community Association (LFCA) in February 2018. The presentation is available at http://tinyurl. com/lovesfarmCCC — Click "Expand All" and scroll down to "Presentation to Love's Farm Community Association 2018".



Saturday 23 June

Save the date — our 2018 Great Get Together community fun day is happening on Saturday 23 June, 2-4pm on the Round House school field and then afterwards at Love's Farm House for busking and BBQ.

Plans are well underway for the day which will include epic exercise and fitness advice from Love's Farm Runners, tennis taster sessions, an ex-Cambridge Ladies Cricketer hosting a game of cricket, petangue will be back and there'll be old-style sports day fun, plus bouncy castles, side stalls and more hosted by groups from across our community. The afternoon will conclude with a mile long run, jog, scoot, walk, shuffle from the school field to Love's Farm House where the fun will continue with live music from an assortment of local Love's Farm buskers (feel free to bring an instrument) and a BBQ and bar. Please get the date in your diary.



A slalom of doggy do on the path beside our primary school.

Say Noo to Doggy Do

A big thank you to our volunteers for spraying dog poo pink as part of our campaign. Shockingly, the worst place by far was the path to the school where over 30 bags were filled yesterday by a kind dog walker picking it up.

In the previous week a grand total of 168 dog poos were painted. The aim of painting the poo is to highlight the problem, but also make children aware that it's there and should be avoided. The volunteers are also distributing new signs around Love's Farm to remind everyone of the fines for dog fouling. Please also note that that dogs should be kept on leads next to roads.

If you see dog fouling on Love's Farm please report it online at www. huntingdonshire.gov.uk/environmentalissues/dog-related-issues

Messy Church Friday 8 May, 3:20 - 5:20pm Love's Farm House

Messy Church is back on 8 May and

will run at Love's Farm House straight after school. It will include the usual mix of themed activities, food and fun all designed to help us think together about Pentecost. What on Earth is Pentecost, you may ask? Come and find out — but in a nutshell it's what happens after the Easter story! Messy Church is hosted by the Breakfast Church team and is free, although donations are welcome on the day. Children do need to come with a grown up. More info from Helene community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk.

Muddy Church

Sunday 29 April, 10am Auntie's Wood

On 29 April Breakfast Church will head for the great outdoors and do another Muddy Church. Meet for breakfast at 10am at Auntie's Wood followed by some outdoor activities thinking about 'homes'; forest homes and temporary homes plus the importance of 'place' – and the truth that home is where the heart is.

Smarten up the Farm Saturday 19 May, 11am and 2pm Meet at the Pirate Ship

Join other community volunteers to help clear and clean our shared spaces and green places. If you notice particular litter hotspots please e-mail Helene at community.chaplain@ yahoo.co.uk and hopefully we can deploy volunteers on the day.



Congratulations to Caroline, Martyna and William on their grading success.

Karate Success

Three students from the St Neots Tang Soo Do karate club were successful at the regional belt grading held at Cambourne on 11 March. Junior beginners Martyna and William took their first step onto the belt ladder while senior Caroline double graded due to her previous experience in another style of martial arts. Congratulations to all three, just reward for all that hard work.

The club meets on Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7pm at Love's Farm House. Contact Paul on 07790 217170 for more information.

Love's Farm Parking Restrictions Update

The latest from County Council Highways is that they are finalising detailed draft proposals. This has taken longer than anticipated in order to balance requirements for safety and improved traffic flow with parking needs of residents. Publication of draft proposals and formal consultation will be May (after District and Town elections.)

Love's Farm Blooms

LFCA has used some of the money donated by St Neots in Bloom to plant 1,200 English bluebells, 400 wild daffodils and 400 wood anemones in and around Auntie's Wood. A huge thank you to all that helped plant them. Lots of children were involved and that is good, because the bulbs will take a few years to get established, so these young people should have years to enjoy their efforts. A bluebell wood in May is a wonderfully calming, inspiring and reflective place.

Watch out for the next phase of the enhancement of our green spaces. If anybody has their own ideas please contact phyllis.hooper@btinternet.com.



Easter Fun at the Farm House

School may be closed for two whole weeks, but don't fear, there is plenty of fun to be had at Love's Farm House this Easter. On Good Friday Messy Church will be meeting in the morning to learn about the Easter story through crafts and games, followed by hot dogs for lunch Breakfast Church will continue the Easter Theme on Easter Sunday, and of course it wouldn't be Easter without LFCA's Chocolate Bingo on Thursday 5 April at 6.30pm. For the kids there are dance workshops run by Tiny Tots Dance on 3 and 4 April, and Limelight Entertainment's Easter workshop will be inspired by Frozen, with games and crafts for children aged 3+ (all workshops must

be booked in advance). For the very little ones, St Neots Library will be bringing their Baby and Toddler Rhymetime to Love's Farm House on Friday 6 April at 10.30am and Love's Farm Starlings will be running on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 to 3pm, with toys and games for babies and toddlers, as well as baby weighing on 4 April. Mrs Bubbles is coming to Love's Farm House on Monday 9 April (see page 1). And of course Switch Café will be running on Thursdays and Fridays 10am-2pm throughout the school holidays for freshly prepared lunches, yummy cakes and hot drinks (no café on Good Friday). With so much to do, the school holidays will fly by!

Cocktails and Karaoke

Friday 6 April and 4 May, 8pm

Love's Farm House turns into a hotbed of Karaoke-flavoured fun on the first Friday of the month. We have 1,280 songs to choose from, four microphones, full disco lights and lyrics projected onto our cinema screen. It doesn't improve the quality of singing one iota but there are always top marks for effort.

And what better way to get you in the



Karaoke and cocktails every first Friday of the month

mood than with a freshly prepared cocktail. The menu changes each month and prices are very reasonable. Whether you fancy a Bruno Martini or a Barry White Russian, you know where to go.

Like Our Facebook Page (Or Don't)

There are lots of things happening on Love's Farm that we can't fit into this newsletter. The best way to keep up to date with news and events is to follow our Facebook pages at www.facebook.com/ ourlovesfarm and www.facebook.com/ lovesfarmhouse. You can also follow us on Twitter at @ourlovesfarm and @lovesfarmhouse. If you have a healthy aversion to social media, head over to our websites at www.ourlovesfarm. co.uk and www.lovesfarmhouse.com.

If your disdain extends to computers in general, pop in to Love's Farm House or call 01480 262626 (Mon-Fri 9am-3pm) to test Jenny's encyclopedic knowledge about Love's Farm House and beyond. Alternatively, use the inside back cover of this newsletter for contact details of local groups, classes, organisations and our local councillors.

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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

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/ tinytotsdanceclasses

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@ cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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

Love's Farm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Ages: 5-7 (Rainbows), 7-10 (Brownies), 10-14 (Guides). Contact guides@ lovesfarmguiding.org.uk, www.girlguiding.org.uk

Child & Me Zumba

Parents/carers with children aged 0 to 5, £5 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 803501, community. chaplain@yahoo.co.uk

St Neots Film Club

£5 per person. Contact Melina melinalafirenze@ gmail.com, www.facebook. com/StNeotsFilmClub

Streetdance

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 Katy on 07500 875060, www. katynorthdanceacademy.com

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Love's Farm Runners

Visit www.facebook.com/ groups/lovesfarmrunners

Wh	at's On April 2018					Sunday * Breakfast Church
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	10am - 2pm
2	Tiny Tots Dance Camp 9am - 12noon * BPHA drop in 1 - 4pm Pilates 6pm, 7pm, 8pm * Love's Farm Runners 8pm at Station Square	Tiny Tots Dance 10 - 11.30am * Starlings 1.30 - 3pm (Health Visitors until 2.45pm) Luna Yoga 8.15 - 9.15pm * LF Runners 8pm @ Stn Sq	* Switch Cafe 10am - 2pm * Chocolate Bingo 6.30pm - 8pm	* Switch Cafe 10am - 2pm Rhymetime 10.30am - 11am * Cocktails & Karaoke at the Farm House Bar 7.30pm - 12am	* Councillors Surgery 10 - 11am	* Breakfast Church 10 - 11.30am Pregnancy Yoga 6.45pm
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Hartbeeps 10am, 11am, 12.15pm & 1.30pm Abacus Maths 5.30 - 6.30pm Cubs 5.30 - 7pm * Zumba 7 - 8pm Healthy Happy Outdoors 8 - 9pm * Nia 8 - 9pm	* Farm House Coffee Shop 9am - 12.30pm Baby Sensory 10am, 11.20am, 12.40pm Pilates 6pm, 7pm, 8pm * Love's Farm Runners 8pm at Station Square	Minilinguals 9:30 - 10am Tiny Tots Dance 10.30 & 11.30am * Starlings 1.30pm - 3pm (Health Visitors until 2.45pm) * Karate 5.30 - 7pm * LFCA Meeting 7.30pm * LF Runners 8pm @ Stn Sq	* Switch Cafe 10am - 2pm * Little Loves 9.30 - 11am Little Loves hosts Parentalk 1.15 - 2.45pm Rainbows 5 - 6pm Brownies 6 - 7.30pm Guides 7.30 - 9pm * Love's Farm Ladies (WI) 8pm @ SNFC	Child & Me Zumba 9.35 - 10.20am * Switch Cafe 10am - 2pm * Farm House Bar 6 - 11pm * St Neots Film Club: Paddington 2 6:30pm	* Nia 8 - 9am * Lazy Breakfast 9 - 11am Street Dance 9.30am, 10am & 10.45am Lib Dem Surgery 10am - 12noon * Baby & Children's Market 2 - 4pm	* Breakfast Church 10 - 11.30am Pregnancy Yoga 6.45pm
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Hartbeeps

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