

Welcome to the May 2013 newsletter from the Love's Farm Community Association.

Our new look newsletter

A very big thank you to everyone that responded to our communication questionnaire. We asked questions about our newsletter, website and Facebook group. As such, we will now issue a



slimmed down version of our newsletter on a monthly basis, alternating between a paper version and electronic version. To receive the electronic version, sign up to the Loves Farm website and you will be sent the e-newsletter. The questionnaire also highlighted some key articles you would like to read:

- St Neots information
- Development news
- Places to visit

We will also make sure the newsletter, website and Facebook reflect each other. Your feedback on the new style is much appreciated. Contact: <u>Keela Shackell-Smith.</u>

Upcoming events

All events are at St Neots Football Club unless otherwise stated. Check out our Facebook group/ <u>website</u> for the most up to date event information

- Coffee, cake and chat 17 May, 10:30
- LFCA meeting 21 May, 19:30
- Quiz night 29 May, 19:30

Contact: Emma Lovelock

Hot topics - footbridge

In March, Network Rail, First Capital Connect, Councillors, Loves Farm Community Association and residents attended



an update on the new railway bridge to St Neots train station. The plans are now in detailed design phase and we saw the designs, including 4 lifts and a staircase. Work has now started and due to finish February 2014.

The design of the new bridge is similar to Huntingdon station and will be fully enclosed. There will **not be parking** available on the Loves Farm side of the station. A discussion needs to be had with the County Council because parking restrictions cannot be put in place until the roads have been finished and adopted by the authorities. Much of the conversation at the meeting was concerns over parking. Enforcing parking restrictions was also raised as a major concern.

For <u>further information</u>, take a look at the noticeboards in the ticket hall at St Neots train station.

Let's chat

Join the conversation on our website forums:

- Service charges?
- Eastern expansion planning application
- Shops what shops?
- Childcare
- Broadband service

Smart day success

Thank you to everyone that joined our latest SMART day, aka litter picks. We found far less rubbish than previous picks, but



have to keep up the momentum. This time we focussed on Cambridge Road and Dramsell Rise. It's only a couple of hours, once a month and something the whole family can get involved in. Phyllis also gives out sweets to the volunteers! Keep an eye on the website for <u>future SMART days</u> and get involved! Contact: Phyllis Hooper.

Young people

Younger members of our Community have been meeting at the Roundhouse School



on Tuesdays evenings. More than 100 young people came along over the first 5 weeks leading up to Easter, enjoying activities such as sport; dance; Claymation; drama and an Easter Egg Hunt. The club, which is supervised by staff from the Youth Service Providers and supported by bpha's Community Officer, runs from 5.30 - 7:30 and is open to all young people living on Love's Farm. So if you are aged 10 - 14 and are looking for something different to do on a Tuesday evening, come along and join us. Contact: Linda Whitfield, Community Officer bpha, 07545 936 347.

Out and about

Our new section of the website on <u>places to visit</u>. This month's highlights include Grantchester Meadows for afternoon



tea, Hinchinbrook Park, the park that has everything and Aspley Wood.

Church news

Several of the churches in St Neots come together to create opportunities to informally meet with others. We meet on the first Sunday afternoon of each month from 4.00pm at The Round House School. We do activities for all, followed by a short and informal service. It is fun and free! Also, do you ever feel lonely or in need of a little company? There is a chance to meet up for coffee and homemade cakes and biscuits on the third Friday of the month at the Football Club from 10.30- 12.00 noon.

Contact: Rev'd Sarah Gower.

Wintringham Park

Huntingdonshire District Council attended our recent LFCA meeting to learn lessons from the development of Loves



Farm. They would like our thoughts to feed into the development of Wintringham Park (the triangle of land to the south of Love's Farm and bounded by the A428 and the railway line). We also saw the plans for the Eastern expansion. There are a proposed 2900 homes to the South, 1200 to the East. Discussions at the meeting included the proposed district centre (including supermarket), parking, traffic and the phasing of the development. Further Information and discussion can be found on our <u>website</u>.

Keep in touch

Take a look <u>online</u> for further information on bin collections, bus services and trains, map of Loves Farm, local attractions, local history and football. There are multiple ways to keep in touch with neighbours in Love's Farm.



http://www.ourlovesfarm.co.uk/

Facebook (Loves Farm Community Association)

We always like to hear feedback on our newsletter. Contact:

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