

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

Community building update

By Philip Gibbs, Vice Chair LFCA



Our own meeting place in Loves Farm will help us build our community by bringing together groups, youth projects and having a central hub for residents. There have been several developments regarding our new community building. Unfortunately the tender amount was nearly twice the amount of budget available. As such, progress was slowed. The Community Association have found ourselves "Piggy in the middle" of Huntingdonshire District Council and our Town Council as we don't have control over construction or financing, it's up to the two councils. Following a meeting with the Town Council, they felt that the design should be modified to fit the money available, for example, using a timber framed building, which could provide a larger building than originally planned. There is much to do, getting а new design agreed with Huntingdonshire District Council planning Department. A lot of work has gone into this project already, and we hope to have new updates soon.

SMART days explained

By Phyllis Hooper SMART days tidy up our community. Tasks involve tidying the shared green areas, taking the bark guards



off of trees, litter picking, anything residents feel needs a tidy up. Approximately, every 6 weeks we will advertise the date on the website, facebook, newsletter and keep an eye out for our banner on The Roundhouse School fence. During our last SMART day, we were asked by the District Council to remove the tree guards. They have provided us the tools, over 300 guards were removed thanks to our lovely volunteers. Any suggestions/ queries, please contact Phyllis on 211398. Let's SMARTen our Loves Farm. SMART dates for your diary:

- Wed 26th June 7pm to 9pm
- Wed 24thJuly 7pm to 9pm
- Sat 17th Aug 11am 1pm, 2pm 4pm
- Sunday 29th Sept 2pm to 4pm.

Facebook friends

We now have 422 members on our Facebook group. For up to date news, events, local information and chat with fellow Loves Farm residents.



Search 'Loves Farm Community Association'. Recent posts include the St Neots Flower Festival 28-30 June and the Roundhouse School Fayre 14 June.

Aunties Wood is named

Barry Chapman, our District Councillor, attended our recent Loves Farm Community Association meeting and told us about a new sign at Aunties Wood. The sign will be used for wildlife spotting. Aunties



Wood was named by our events coordinators Niece and Nephew as it can be seen from their Aunties house.

Our monthly quiz

Join our popular Loves Farm Quiz Night at the Football Club, last Wednesday of every month, 19:30. You don't have to have a ready formed team, just come along and join a team.

Website news

Take a look at <u>www.ourlovesfarm.co.uk</u> . Recent news posts include:

- Huntingdonshire Draft Local Plan to 2036
- <u>St Neots Continental Market</u>
- <u>Church news</u>

New to our website?

Have you seen the 'information for residents' section of our website? It includes bin collection days, buses, trains, car share, walking, cycle maps. Anything else we should add?

Let's discuss

What's being discussed on the Loves Farm discussion forums this month?

- Caterpillar infestation
- What are your typical broadband speeds
- Registering at the Doctors
- <u>The St. Neots Food and Drink Festival</u> 2013

Out and about

Following our communication questionnaire, we were asked for more information on local <u>attractions</u>. We feature 3 places each month, all within



an hour's drive of Loves Farm. This month highlights include:

- Gamlingay Woods great for walking dogs
- Irchester Country Park Café, adventure playground
- Fermyn Woods Country Park

Upcoming events

Coffee, Cake and Chat - Free, and open too all - children welcome. 10:30am Friday 21 June, St Neots Town FC.

Little Paxton PaxFest and Fun - 12:00pm Saturday 13 July, Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field, Little Paxton

Quiz night – Weds 26 June, 19:30. General knowledge.

Our Local Councillors

Our Town Councillor sits on the Loves Farm Community Association, and our District and County Councillors often attend meetings. Take a look at our new page on our website for further information about <u>our Local</u> <u>Councillors</u>.

Keep in touch

There are multiple ways to keep in touch with neighbours in Love's Farm, through our website or Facebook (Loves Farm Community Association).

Also, we always like to hear <u>feedback</u> on our newsletter.