

Welcome to the June 2014 newsletter from the Love's Farm Community Association (LFCA).

# **Community Champions!**



Love's Farm Community Association has won a bpha Community Champion award. Members of the committee and our top newsletter deliverers were invited to a volunteers evening in Bedford, hosted by bpha. We were commended for our events, newsletter, facebook group, website, smart days etc. Our Chair, Marcus Pickering, collected the award on behalf of the Association and we look forward to displaying the framed certificate in our new Community Centre.

#### Intergenerational event

Kathy Bowles from the Care Network joined our meeting to talk about an intergenerational event on 1 October at the St Neots Football Club. The event includes activities and sports for the over 55's and school children. It will be held in the afternoon, further details will be added to our website closer to the time.

## Shops opening soon

Two local businessmen have been successful in having a <u>pharmacy</u> licence approved and will be opening for business in the last remaining retail unit on Love's Farm in the Autumn. Love's Farm residents produced an overwhelming show of support with numerous emails in support of the venture in the face of tough legal opposition from St Neots' existing high street pharmacies. The <u>fish and chip shop</u> and pizzeria will open soon.

## Big Lunch – 31 August

Our annual Big Lunch picnic will be held on 31 August. LFCA have a marquee, games and dancing. Everyone welcome. Last year we had a glorious day with over 80 residents.



## Youth work volunteers

We are looking for one or two volunteers to support youth work on Love's Farm. It's only two hours a week, on a Tuesday evening, 17:30-19:00. If you would like to know more, get in touch.

#### AGM – 17 October

Date for your diary, join our AGM on 17 October at the Football Club.

#### Parking problems

We are currently collating evidence of parking issues on Love's Farm. We know of some hot spots such as the bridge on Stone Hill, caused by cars parking on the bridge. We have also had reports of people parking on School Drive when dropping off children. This blocks the exit of the residents parking area. We are collecting evidence of these issues, please send us photographs to:

parking@ourlovesfarm.co.uk

## Redrow submits plans

Redrow have submitted plans for their last remaining plot on Love's Farm, adjacent to Great High Ground. The application is for 54 homes, with a mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses. Vehicle access will be from Oliver Way and an entrance from Bawlins, opposite the small play area. The detailed plans can be found on our website.

## **Street Reps meeting**

We are hoping to launch our Street Reps scheme shortly. Street Reps will be contacted with further details, but there are still some streets without reps. Email <a href="mailto:lovemystreet@ourlovesfarm.co.uk">lovemystreet@ourlovesfarm.co.uk</a> if you would like to volunteer.

# **Quiz Night**

Join us at the Reedman's Bar at St Neots Football Club for our quiz on the last Friday of the month (check the website). Bring your own drinks and glasses. Max of 6 people per team. £1pp - don't worry if you have not got a team, there's always someone you can join.

#### **SMART** day

Join Phyllis and the gang to give Love's Farm a tidy. Meet at the Pirate Ship on 5 July, 11am to 1pm and/or 2pm to 4pm. Check the website for our next SMART day.

#### Café Church

Meet others from Love's Farm and St Neots, enjoy free tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches, activities for all ages and a time for reflection and singing - all welcome. 4:00pm - 6:00pm, 06 July 2014. Round House Primary Academy.

#### New on the forum

- Flexible Childminder required
- moving boxes
- Brownie Guide group
- Hairdressers
- Broadband Service

## LFCA committee meetings

The LFCA committee meetings start at 19:30 at the football club. The next meetings are provisional, check the website closer to the time.

- 13 August 2014
- 10 Dec 2014

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#### Keep in touch

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