



# Love's Farm News



By Royal decree... undeterred by hail storms, our litter picker uppers were rewarded with pizza and cake.

## Clean for the Queen

**THANK YOU** to our intrepid Love's Farm community volunteers, forty in all, who braved the rain, hail, snow and sunshine to 'Clean for the Queen' at our last SMART day, picking litter from our shared green spaces and paths. The day's haul included a hoover, microwave and two traffic cones, multiple odd socks and a trailer load of rubbish and recycling! Her Majesty would surely have been proud of our efforts!

A special thank you to Frankie and

Benny's for supplying free lunchtime pizza and to Waitrose for a selection of cakes.

The Love's Farm Scouts group added to our efforts and did a group litter pick up at Auntie's Woods and nearby paths, gathering another eight bags of rubbish.

As a result, Keela Shackell-Smith from Love's Farm Community Association was interviewed on Radio 5 Live! Head to <http://tinyurl.com/LFCAqueen> to listen to the debate on iPlayer, (jump to 2 hours 27 mins).

## Chocolate Bingo

**Thursday 31 March, 6.30pm**

Join us for family bingo – we don't play for money, just chocolate and sweets, Love's Farm style! Just £1 for 10 games, great fun for all the family. Get practicing your bingo calls, Love's Farm! Doctor's orders – number 9....?

Egg Hunt will run from 24 March to 10 April 2016. It's free and easy to join in! There will be 30 numbered eggs hidden around Love's Farm (in shop and house windows). All you have to do is either download the form from



Look out for the eggs!

[www.ourlovesfarm.co.uk](http://www.ourlovesfarm.co.uk) and print it out, or collect a copy from Love's Farm House or 49 Wood Ridge Crescent. You have two weeks to hunt the eggs down, record on and return your form by 3pm on 11 April to be within a chance to win one of many prizes. The draw will take place at the Farm House Coffee Shop, Love's Farm House at 11am on 12 April.

## The BIG Love's Farm Easter Egg Hunt 2016

**24 March until 10 April 2016**

Now in its third year and back by popular demand! The Love's Farm massive Easter



# Hairstyling on Love's Farm

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and styling ladies' and men's hair**

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## Love's Farm Birthday Party for the Queen

**Sunday 12 June, 2-4:30pm**

Join us to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday here on Love's Farm! All the usual traditional birthday party fun and cake! Come dressed in red, white and blue or royalty theme. Lots of fun and games for all the family! Tickets will go on sale at Easter Chocolate Bingo on 31 March 2016. Children: £1.50. Adults: 50p. Limited tickets due to hall capacity.

## There is No Such Thing as the Dog Poo Fairy



X Marks the Plop

During March, a team of volunteers have been spray painting dog poo in bright pink. Why? To highlight that this is not acceptable on Love's Farm and to make sure that children avoid it.

The spray is non-toxic and will wash away with the rain. In just two weeks, over 300 were spray painted pink and a total of 200 were picked up by kind neighbours and friends. We shouldn't need to do this. We have some lovely paths and parks in Love's Farm and want to keep it that way. We have been amazed at the response on Facebook and thank you messages.

Thank you to our amazing volunteers who have supported this campaign. Email [keela.shackell@ourlovesfarm.co.uk](mailto:keela.shackell@ourlovesfarm.co.uk) to get involved, and call Hunts District Council's dog warden service on 01480 388388 to report dog fouling.

## Junior Youth Club update

**Fri 22 April, 5:30-7pm**

The junior youth club has got off to a flying start with 50 children on the books and 40 attending most weeks – meaning that for now we've had to close registration and set up a waiting list!

During our first term we've made pizza, eaten pancakes and raised money for OXFAM's Ethiopia drought appeal. We've made fimo clay creatures, hama bead creations and mother's day flowers. We've examined animal bones and x-rays and are looking forward to hearing about explorers and singing along to our favourite songs when the term closes with a visit from a local band!

The children and team have enjoyed table tennis, badminton, air hockey, table football as well as some more sedentary pursuits. Sessions close with a team game or two, interspersed with some 'team time' and a chance to spend a minute or two thinking about our club code – K.A.R.T.S – kindness and character, aspiration and attitude, respect and responsibility, team work and trustworthiness and speaking well of ourselves and others.

We're all really grateful for such a lovely bunch of children and a great beginning.

After Easter the club will move

to **Friday, 5.30pm - 7pm.**

Please contact Helene for further info

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



## New to Love's Farm House

There are seven new groups coming to Love's Farm House in April.

### Kids & Sibz

**Sunday 3 April, 3:30 - 5:30pm**

Kidz & Sibz is an exciting new group supporting families living with a difficulty, disability or medical condition.

Our mission is to provide an informal support network for parents and carers, and an opportunity for disabled children, young people and their non-disabled siblings to meet with peers in a welcoming environment.

Based at Love's Farm House, we meet on the first Sunday of every month from 3:30 until 5:30pm. On offer in the lovely community centre will be craft activities, board games, family games, construction activities, outside play, refreshments and an opportunity for all the family to socialize for a couple of hours outside of your home. Admission is free, but we would appreciate donations for refreshments.

Parents and carers are expected to stay and assist their child or young person, and be aware that whilst there

are activities for both children and older people, parents must judge whether an activity is appropriate for their child given their age or need for support.

We know that sometimes it can feel like you are dealing with your issues alone or with very little support, and even though no two families' circumstance will be the same, having a forum to share experiences will be a successful outcome for most. We welcome volunteers and there may be an opportunity to become a trustee of the charity.

### Life Drawing

**Sunday 3 April, 9am - 12pm**

Lead by artist Stephen Molyneaux, the monthly sessions will begin with an introduction on a different element of figure drawing, followed by a mixture of two-to-30 minute poses, drawing from an unclothed model. All abilities welcome.

Age 16+. Limited capacity so please email [hello@neotists.co.uk](mailto:hello@neotists.co.uk) to book.



Life drawing classes on the first Sunday of the month

### Little Loves

**Thursdays from 21 Apr, 9:30am**

Little Loves is a community-led parent

and toddler group for children aged 0-4 years at Love's Farm House. This newly formed group will offer a range of play, crafts, songs and stories – as well as connection, calm and friendship during the roller coaster ride of parenting!

Suggested donation is £1 per family, per week to help cover rent, refreshments and running costs but you're welcome to contribute more, or less, as you're able – we want everyone to be able to come!

If you have any quality pre-school toys or craft stuffs that you would be willing to pass on we would be really grateful – thank you!

For more information please speak with Roxy Andrews, Sam Claussen or

Becky Symms at the school gate or email Helene [community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk) or call 07938 803501.

### Switch Café

**Thursdays and Fridays,  
10am - 2pm**

Switch Café is open at Loves Farm House every Thursday and Friday 10am to 2pm, offering a good selection of hot and cold drinks and delicious, freshly-baked cakes at competitive prices. Our co-workers offer a warm welcome to everyone in the community. We also provide a takeaway service and lunches to order. Switch Café offers meaningful work placements and supported training for young adults



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ON THE FAMOUS BBC COMEDY SERIES

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# 19 - 21 MAY 2016

## THE PRIORY CENTRE, ST NEOTS

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Switch Café was opened by the Mayor and Mayoress

(co-workers) with additional needs, to help progress them towards paid employment and more fulfilling futures. Any profits made are reinvested to support our co-workers' development. Visit [www.switchnow.org.uk](http://www.switchnow.org.uk) for more information.

## Intermediate Street Dance

**Saturdays from 23 April, 10:45am**

Katy North's dance classes have been a big hit with children aged 4-to-6 and 7-to-10. This new Street Dance class is for kids aged 10 and over. Contact Katy on 07500 875060 or [katynorth.danceacademy@gmail.com](mailto:katynorth.danceacademy@gmail.com) to reserve your place.

## Pilates Professional

**Tuesdays at 6, 7, and 8pm**

Annie Morton's Pilates classes are another success story for Love's Farm House, and she's added another class at 6pm. Contact Annie on 01480 474 363 or [annie@pilates-professional.com](mailto:annie@pilates-professional.com) to reserve your place.

## Rainbows

**Thursdays from 21 April, 5-6pm**

Love's Farm House already hosts a

Brownies and Guides group, and from April they'll be joined by Rainbows. They meet on Thursdays 5-6pm and welcome girls aged 5 to 7. Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) for more information.

## Love's Farm House regular events

### Farm House Bar

**Fridays 7:30pm**

A bar within walking distance of home! Open every Friday at Love's Farm House from 7:30pm. There are themed evenings including Karaoke, Games Night, St Neots Film Club and our monthly Quiz Night. See the back page for the full schedule.

### St Neots Film Club:

#### *Pretty Woman*

**Friday 15 April, 7:30pm**

St Neots Film Club takes over Love's Farm House on the third Friday of each month, complete with a licensed bar and post-film discussion. The next screening will be *Pretty Woman* (1990).

Screenings on our top notch projection and sound system cost £2.50 to attend.

### Farm House Coffee Shop

**Tuesdays, 9am - 12:30pm**

The coffee shop has changed days. It's now every Tuesday morning from 9am until 12:30pm, serving up a scrumptious selection of home-made cakes and cookies. Swing by after the school drop off, or bring a friend along to treat yourself to fabulous coffee, cakes and biscuits.

## Lazy Breakfast

**Saturdays, 9am - 10:30am**

Ease gently into the weekend with bacon butties, pastries, toast, great teas and coffees and luxurious hot chocolate.

## Spotlight: Tegan Ryan from bpha

### A bit of background...

I have worked for bpha for two and a half years. I'm a housing officer and I manage the tenancies and the estate. I became a housing officer after working solely dealing with anti-social behaviour at bpha and finding it very interesting.

### What's a typical day for you?

A typical day involves getting up and ready for work, feeding the cat. When I get to the office, I see what the day has in store, catch up on any messages from customers, then usually out into Love's Farm for visits, walkabouts or meetings. When I get home, I go to the gym, have some dinner and then usually end up watching a crime drama like Silent Witness.

### What do you enjoy most about your role?

Being able to provide people with accommodation when they have no other option and they feel like they have nowhere to turn. It's very rewarding being able to give people a place to live.

### Do you have any top tips for residents?

If you are struggling — money wise, looking after the property, with any aspect of your tenancy — the earlier you contact bpha for help, the easier it will be to get it sorted.

Contact Tegan Ryan on 0330 100 0272, [info@bpha.org.uk](mailto:info@bpha.org.uk) or catch her at Love's Farm House on Tuesday 5 April, 9am-12pm or Thursday 21 April, 1-4pm.



Tegan Ryan from bpha

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**Next LFCA committee meeting:**

20 April at 7:30pm at Love's Farm House



# What's on

April 2016



Events are at Love's Farm House **foyer, hall** or **meeting room**, or **out and about**.  
 Events with a \* mean just turn up. For others, please book in advance.  
 Visit [www.lovesfarmhouse.co.uk](http://www.lovesfarmhouse.co.uk) or call 01480 262626 for more information.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
					<p><b>* Karaoke Night at the Farm House Bar</b> 7:30 - 11pm</p>	<p><b>* Lazy Breakfast</b> 9 - 10:30am <b>* Councillor Surgery</b> 10 - 11am</p>	<p><b>Life Drawing</b> 9am - 12pm <b>* Love's Farm Dog Walk</b> 9:30am at the Pirate Ship <b>* Kids &amp; Sibz</b> 3:30 - 5:30pm</p>
4	<p><b>* BPHA drop in</b> 9am - 12pm <b>Pilates</b> 6pm, 7pm, 8pm <b>* Love's Farm Runners</b> 8pm at the MUGA</p>	<p><b>* Love's Farm Starlings</b> (inc Health Visitors) 1:30 - 3pm</p>	<p><b>* Switch Café</b> 10am - 2pm</p>	<p><b>* Switch Café</b> 10am - 2pm <b>* Games Night at the Farm House Bar</b> 7:30 - 11pm</p>	<p><b>* Lazy Breakfast</b> 9 - 10:30am</p>	<p><b>* Breakfast Church</b> 10 - 11:30am</p>	
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