

# Love's Farm News



There'll be spooky fun for the whole family at the Halloween Disco, plus a screening of Pixar's Coco the night before.

# Love's Farm Halloween Disco

### Saturday 27 October 6-9pm Love's Farm House

Unearth your most ghoulish costumes and terrifying dance moves for our annual Halloweeen Disco. There will be fun and games for younger children from 6pm and a disco inferno for all ages from 7pm. The bar will be open too! Tickets cost £2 from the Farm House office or www.lovesfarmhouse.com.

Also don't miss the Halloween screening of Pixar's *Coco* on Friday 26 October. 6:30pm start, £5 per child, parents go free.

### Community Awards, AGM and Quiz Night Friday 12 October, 7:30-11pm Love's Farm House

Your community association works throughout the year to make Love's Farm a better place to live, and in October we invite everyone to get together to celebrate the sucesses of the past year and look ahead to the future.

2018 is shaping up to be a great year



Meet your neighbours and find out about LFCA's activities at our annual meeting, awards and quiz night.

for the Love's Farm community. We've seen the opening of Wintringham Primary Academy ahead of schedule to accommodate the children who weren't offered a place at the Round House, some fantastic community events including the Big Lunch and Great Get Together, and significant progress on parking restrictions and fencing for the Pirate Ship playground (see page 5). LFCA is proud to support these initiatives, and this is our chance to come together as a community to celebrate the people who make these things happen. We also want your input on LFCA's priorities for 2019, so please come along to meet your neighbours and share your thoughts.

The evening will also include a quiz and our annual Love's Farm Community Awards. There will be discounted fish and chips from Cox's at the Lighthouse, and the bar will be open. Hope to see you there!

## St Neots Film Festival

### 7-9 November, Cineworld St Neots and Love's Farm House

The St Neots Film Festival is back for a

third year, showing a rich variety of short films across three nights and two venues.

This year the festival received over 2,000 submissions, and while it wasn't easy whittling them down to just 50, it means the quality of the selected films is better than ever.

The festival takes place over three evenings. Children, Teenage and Documentary categories will be shown on Wednesday 7 November, 6-9pm at Cineworld, including films made by children at the Round House school. On Thursday, 6-9pm films in the Fiction category will be screened at Cineworld. On Friday from 7:30pm, the festival decamps to Love's Farm House to screen the winning films again, along with Q&A sessions with the filmmakers.

Tickets are available now from www.stneotsfilmfestival.co.uk.

# British Craft Ale and Cheese Tasting

### Friday 16 November, 8pm-12am Love's Farm House

After the great success of our Belgian beer evening in June, Love's Farm House is teaming up once again with Shumë, the new bottle emporium in Cross Keys Mews, St Neots for an evening of the best of British beer and cheeses.

The new wave of British ales is exploding with character, from the big flavours of Citra and Mosaic hops to IPAs made with lactose and vanilla pods. We'll be pairing them with some extraordinary cheeses



that might just melt your heart... or make your ears fizz with pleasure. Tickets cost £15 for a tasting menu of five beers and five cheeses for you to sample.

Shumë stocks over 30 British craft beers, and the full range will be available to try at the Farm House Bar on Friday 16 November from 8pm.

Head to www.lovesfarmhouse.com to buy tickets online, or pop into Love's Farm House (9am-3pm weekdays) or Shumë, Cross Keys Mews to buy tickets in person.

### Love's Farm Blooms Latest

The soggy August Bank Holiday weather may have been unfortunate for events but the rain was welcomed by me and the lovely family whose house overlooks what I am calling Yardgate.

All summer we have been trying to eradicate the Bindweed on this little corner. We, your Guerrilla Gardener and helpers, dug buckets and buckets of spaghetti roots out and put some plants in. The clay was like concrete. Hand watering, though done, was just not going to be enough! In my memory of the early days of Love's Farm and a photo I once saw, I think this plot is just south of the old farmyard, and the Poplar tree is the only one remaining from a number around the old house. Thus I have chosen what I think are old fashioned garden flowers that will seed and spread. We could even add a few vegetable plants, or anything anyone might suggest or donate.

The next area to tackle will be the southwest corner. Any ideas welcomed. phyllis.hooper@btinternet.com

Phyllis Hooper

# St Neots Half Marathon After-Party

#### Sunday 18 November, 1-5pm Love's Farm House

Love's Farm House is teaming up with our local running club, Love's Farm Runners for an afternoon of celebration and recuperation directly after the St Neots Half Marathon on Sunday 18 November. We'll be firing up the barbecue, and medalwearing run finishers can claim their free burger, sausage or veggie option. There will be a wide selection of hot, cold and alcoholic drinks at the bar, including freshly made smoothies and luxurious hot chocolate to replace those lost calories.

All welcome... invite your friends, bring the family and let's celebrate together.

Love's Farm Runners meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8pm at Station Square. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/ lovesfarmrunners for more information.

### What's New at Love's Farm House

### **Film Making Club**

### Mondays 4-5pm £25 per term, Ages 4-16

Movie Memoirs is hosting a new children's film-making club at Love's Farm House. Children are encouraged to plan, direct, produce and star in their own projects, based on Superheroes Save Halloween and The Very Naughty Elf. They will learn how to use the film-making equipment, as well as practising life skills like working in a team, all while putting their imaginations to the test. All footage will be edited and

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### Latin American Dance Class Saturdays 10.30-11am £4.50 per week, Ages 7+

Katy North Dance Academy have added a children's Latin American Dance Class to their already busy Saturday morning schedule at Love's Farm House. Latin American dance includes the Jive, Cha Cha, Samba, Rumba and of course the Paso Doble, as seen on Strictly Come Dancing! Contact katynorth. danceacademy@gmail.com or call Katy on 07500 875060 for more information or to book a free trial session.

# 6th St Neots (Love's Farm) Brownies

### Tuesdays 4.50-5.50pm £40 per term, Ages 7-10

Due to popular demand there is now a second Brownie pack on Love's Farm! Brownies introduces girls to a world of new opportunities, challenges and fun. They go on camps, day trips and sleepovers, as well as attending regular meetings where they learn new hobbies, get creative, have outdoor adventures and earn badges. Don't forget, Love's Farm House is also home to thriving Rainbows and Guides sections, as well as the original 4th St Neots (Love's Farm) Brownie pack. For more information or to register your daughter for any of the Girl Guiding sections visit www.girlguiding.org.uk.

# A Pirate's Tale

When Jack Sparrow set sail looking for Davy Jones' Locker I think we can assume that road safety was not the first thing on his mind. Unfortunately for the little pirates of Love's Farm, the risks of a high seas adventure extending outside the boundaries of the Pirate Ship play area onto Great High Ground are all too familiar to the families of our community. Luckily, all good adventure stories have a heroine waiting in the wings and in local resident Katie Boldero, the Love's Farm community have found the answer. She recognised that the fencing around the Pirate Ship needed improvement and with swashbuckling endeavour she decided to do something about it.

Using a petition to gauge local opinion, it quickly became apparent that other residents were very much in agreement.

With support from LFCA and myself as your district councillor, 500 signatures were collected. Next, we contacted Huntingdonshire District Council with an initial proposal of fencing plans and how to finance it.

Time passed and following on from our initial shot across the bows, one very early summer morning I met a representative from the operations division of HDC for a site visit.

At the end of August, it was confirmed that, following the efforts and lobbying of the local community, the operations team have given the goahead for additional safety fencing around the Pirate Ship Playground. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Katie for asking me to get on board with this adventure. All of your councillors for Love's Farm are available to discuss any local issues (contact details on page 7, or come to the councillor surgery, 10-11am on the first Saturday of the month at Love's Farm House). We can't promise to answer and fix every query or indeed get such a positive outcome as this case, but we will try.

Cllr Nik Johnson

# Arise, Keela MBE



Love's Farm resident Keela Shackell-Smith has been made a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2018.

In 2010 Keela set up the Environment Agency's award-winning, 2200-member Women's Network, providing a safe space to raise issues and take action to improve the experiences of women in the workplace. In 2015, she used this experience to create the Cross Government Women's Network with the Cabinet Office, supporting 60 networks representing 32 Departments and agencies. She is recognised within the Environment Agency and across Government as an inspirational leader in diversity and inclusion, specifically in gender equality.

It was for these, and other reasons, that we nominated Keela for an MBE.

Keela's open and honest approach has built a culture of trust and support for Women in the Environment Agency. Her influence has changed policy and improved the gender split at all levels of the organisation. Keela's passion and commitment inspires, promotes, and encourages women at every opportunity.

Keela is a brilliant communicator and is great at helping people to connect. There are so many people who feedback on the positive impact Keela has had on their lives, how they feel they can be themselves, and what a role model she is. Keela selflessly mentors others, inspires people and gives her time voluntarily to the network, as well as to a whole range of other voluntary roles including being an active member of Love's Farm Community Association (LFCA) and as a Brownies Leader.

Keela is a great Royalist, and we are absolutely certain that the Queen is looking forward to meeting her when she collects her MBE!

#### Claire Bell, Environment Agency Women's Network

### Save the Date: WI Christmas Fayre

### Sunday 9 December, 1:30-4pm Love's Farm House

Christmas is approaching fast, and our local WI group, Love's Farm Ladies, don't want you to miss their Christmas Fayre. There'll be cakes, competitions, gift stalls and a chance to meet Father Christmas himself. Entry is free so please put 9 December in your diaries.

### Meet Your New bpha Home Agent



Hi, my name is Lindsey Smith and I am your Home Agent on Love's Farm. I have over eight years of housing experience and previously

worked for a social housing provider in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire. I started my career in housing in the customer service department and moved into housing when I discovered my passion for supporting tenants and helping to make better communities.

I have been looking after Love's Farm for a few weeks now and am settling in well. I will be holding a drop-in session at Love's Farm House on the first Tuesday of each month from 10am until 2pm. It's a great opportunity for you to come and say hi, or if you have any housing questions including help with Universal Credit or rent queries, then please pop in and see me.

## Advertise Here

Advertise your company or event with a half-page, quarter-page or classified advert. This newsletter is delivered to 1,400 homes on Love's Farm. Contact Jenny on 01480 262626, jenny@lovesfarmhouse.co.uk.

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#### Community Chaplain, Breakfast Church

Helene Tame, 07938 803501 community.chaplain@ yahoo.co.uk

### 2nd St Neots Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

tinyurl.com/lovesfarmcubs

#### **Movie Memoirs**

Ages 4-16. £25 per term. www.movie-memoirs.co.uk

#### BPHA

Contact Customer Services on 0330 100 0272 www.bpha.org.uk

Hartbeeps Ages: 0 to 4, £7 per child. Contact Anna on 07903 142133 annac@hartbeeps. com, www.hartbeeps.com

#### Abacus Mental Maths

Contact Abi on 07712 659961 or Bedford@brainup. uk, www.brainup.uk

#### Zumba and Fitness Pilates

£5 per class. Contact Nicola at njfitnessandmassage@ outlook.com.

#### **Baby Sensory**

Birth to 13 months, £70 for 10 classes. Contact Sam on 07538 502587 beds@babysensory. co.uk, www.babysensory.com

#### 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 7 years, £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. Call 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

#### **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. www.facebook. com/StNeotsFilmClub

#### Nia

£8 per class. Contact Ildi at ildiko.miklos@hotmail.com, facebook.com/ildinia

#### Streetdance

Rosettes: Ages 4 to 6, £4. Junior Street Dance: Ages 7 to 10, £5.50. Intermediate Street Dance: Ages 10+, £5.50. Latin American: Ages 7+, £4.50. Contact Katy on 07500 875060, www. katynorthdanceacademy.com

#### Life Drawing

Contact Stephen at lifedrawing@neotists.co.uk

Love's Farm Ladies (WI) lovesfarmladieswi@gmail.com

#### Love's Farm Runners

Visit www.facebook.com/ groups/lovesfarmrunners

# What's On October 2018

LOVE'S Farm HOUSE



	Community Association					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Hartbeeps 10am, 11am, 12.15 & 1.30pm Film-Making Club 4 - 5pm Abacus Maths 5.30 - 6.30pm * Zumba 7 - 8pm Fitness Pilates 8.10 - 9.10pm	* Coffee Shop 9am - 12.30pm Baby Sensory 10am, 11.20am * BPHA Drop In 10am - 2pm Rainbows 3.45 - 4.45pm Brownies 4.50 - 5.50pm Pilates 6pm, 7pm, 8pm LF Runners 8pm @ Stn Sq	Tiny Tots Dance 10.30, 11.30am * Love's Farm Starlings 1.30 - 3pm * Minilinguals (Spanish) 3.45pm * Karate 5.30 - 7pm Yoga 7.15pm, 8.30pm LF Runners 8pm @ Stn Sq	* Little Loves 9.30 - 11 am Brownies 6 - 7.30pm Guides 7.30 - 9pm	Child & Me Zumba 9.35 - 10.20am Mum & Baby Yoga 10.45am * Messy Church 3.20 - 5.20pm Jr Youth Club 6 - 7pm * Cocktails & Karaoke 7.30pm - 12am	* Lazy Breakfast 9 - 11am Street Dance 9.15am, 9.45am, 10.30am & 11am * Councillor Surgery 10 - 11am	Life Drawing 9.45 - 11.45am Pregnancy Yoga 6.45pm
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