



Love's Farm News

July - August 2023

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School's Out Disco



Start the holidays with our summer celebration at Love's Farm House

Saturday 22 July, 5-9pm
Love's Farm House

School is out for six whole weeks and we will be celebrating with a disco, Love's Farm House style, on Saturday 22 June from 5pm to 9pm.

We'll be dusting off the summer playlist, switching on the disco lights and providing lots of holiday fun for everyone, so bring the whole family. There will be games and crafts for the

children, we'll be selling ice lollies and other snacks to keep you cool, and of course the bar will be open so parents can relax with a drink while the kids have fun.

Tickets cost £3 per person (babies under 1 are free) and can be purchased at www.lovesfarmhouse.com/tickets. All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer, who must have their own ticket.

Love's Farm House Goes to Wimbledon

Sunday 16 July from 1.30pm,
Love's Farm House

What better way to kick off the summer season than with strawberries & cream and a spot of tennis? Love's Farm House will be showing the Wimbledon Men's Final on the big screen on Sunday 16 July. Doors open at 1.30pm, last orders at the cafe will be at 5.30pm, and the building will be open until the end of the match.

This is a **FREE** event and there's no need to book a ticket, just drop in for as long or as little as you like. The



Enjoy the Wimbledon Men's Final on the big screen (photo: Neil Tilbrook)

cafe will be open, selling all the Wimbledon favourites — strawberries & cream, scones, Pimm's and prosecco — plus our usual great selection of hot drinks, soft drinks, bottled beers, cakes and snacks.

Weather permitting, we'll open the



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garden for non-tennis fans to have a cake and a catch-up in the sunshine.

Children are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or carer at all times.

Visit the Community Garden and Mini Library



The Community Garden at 76 Stone Hill

The community garden had some young visitors a couple of weeks ago who came to plant seeds and sunflowers as part of their 'growing things' topic. The sunflowers have enjoyed the last weeks of sun and showers and are heading upwards. Keep an eye out for them as you make your way along Stone Hill.

The mini library box at the other end of the community garden is open to all. Please feel free to enter the garden either by the front steps or the side gate and take a browse of the available books. You're welcome to leave a book too.

The mini library box at 76 Stone Hill

is one of two on Love's Farm — the other is currently outside 73 Hogsden Leys.

Find out about East West Rail

| 20 July, 2-8pm, Love's Farm House

Further details have been announced for East West Rail — a new line that connects Oxford and Cambridge and will pass close to Love's Farm.

The proposals have been shaped by a second non-statutory public consultation and a range of environmental, technical and economic studies.

The East West Rail Company (EWR Co) are holding a series of events, where their experts from a range of disciplines will be on hand. If you have a question or would just like to talk EWR, come and say hello. One of these will be held at Love's Farm House on Thursday 20 July from 2pm to 8pm.

Sitting outside the formal consultation process, these events are an opportunity to speak to the team face-to-face and understand the East West Rail project update.

Find out more at communityhub.eastwestrail.co.uk

Summer Holidays at Love's Farm House

There's plenty going on at Love's Farm House to keep the kids

entertained this summer.

We'll be kicking off the school holidays with a **School's Out Disco** at 5pm-9pm on Saturday 22 July, where there will be fun for all the family with games, crafts and plenty of dancing. The bar will be open, selling sweet treats and ice lollies as well as our usual selection of drinks. Bring your friends and celebrate the start of summer!

Silver Rock Designs are bringing back their ever-popular Craft Club this summer, which will be running every Tuesday throughout the school holidays. Workshops are aimed at ages 5+. Each week offers a different medium to explore, so your child can



Get crafty with Silver Rock Designs

find the best way to express themselves creatively. Workshops cost £10 per child. Contact Jo on silver-rock@hotmail.co.uk or via [facebook.com/SilverRockDesigns](https://www.facebook.com/SilverRockDesigns) to book your child's space.

After the success of their Easter and half-term workshops, **Katy North Academy of Dance** will be back with two two-day workshops this summer. The workshops are for children aged 7-18 years, and no experience is needed to attend.

Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 August will be a Multi-Style Dance Workshop, where children will learn a variety of dance styles including street dance, lyrical, rock 'n' roll and Latin American.

Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 August will be a Kids of West End Musical Theatre Workshop, celebrating musicals with a strong child lead and musicals loved by children. Workshops run from 9am-3pm each day (drop-off from

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I look forward to seeing you.



Enjoy a drink in the garden at Love's Farm House — the bar is open every Friday evening from 7:45pm

8.30am) and cost £45 per two-day workshop.

On Friday 18 August, **St Neots Library** will be bringing their Baby & Toddler Rhymetime to Love's Farm House from 10.15am to 10.45am. Bring your baby or pre-school age child (0-5 years) along for some singing and rhyming fun!

Our last hurrah of the summer will be a **Back to School Disco** on Saturday 2 September. Keep an eye on www.lovesfarmhouse.com and our social media pages for details. And don't forget, the bar is open every Friday evening as usual throughout the summer, for a local drink with a short walk home.

Weekday Hire Slots Available at Love's Farm House

Love's Farm House has some availability for regular hire from September 2023, including lunchtime and after-school slots.

The hall at Love's Farm House is a multi-purpose space suitable for all kinds of activities, including baby, toddler and children's groups, exercise classes, slimming groups, educational activities and many others. The hall measures 17m x 9m and has a capacity of 100 people seated or 150 standing. There are plenty of tables and chairs, an A/V system with projector and microphone, disco lights, free Wi-Fi and garden access. The current hire fee for the hall is £15.75 per hour for non-profit groups and £20.25 per hour for commercial organisations. Kitchen access can be added for a small additional charge.

If you are interested in hiring the hall for your activity and would like to check availability, get in touch via bookings@lovesfarmhouse.co.uk or give us a call on 01480 262626.



The main hall at Love's Farm House has some availability for new regular hirers

Intrepid Fox Brook Explorers

Ian and Gareth have been hard at work clearing rubbish, silt and plants.



Clearing out Fox Brook to ensure the rainwater flows smoothly

When Monksfields (AKA Love's Farm East) is built, Fox Brook will play a vital role in managing surface water runoff. Thanks, on behalf of current and future residents, Ian and Gareth!

Please contact chair@ourlovesfarm.co.uk if you would you like to become the caretaker of a green space on Love's Farm.

Could YOU Volunteer for Love's Farm House?

Volunteering is a great way to meet people, have fun and help your local community along the way.

At Love's Farm House there are opportunities to get involved in a

whole host of volunteer activities, from spending a couple of hours weeding the garden to helping out with our fundraising events and discos, to spending one morning a month serving coffee and pastries at Lazy Breakfast.

Everyone is welcome, no particular skills or experience are required. If you're interested in finding out more, please fill in our volunteer register at tinyurl.com/54r8e3j2 or contact jenny@lovesfarmhouse.co.uk.

The Big Help Out

The Big Help Out was a happy and fun-filled day of clearing and creating. Dozens of volunteers joined together to help clear our shared spaces and green places of litter and waterway debris, as well as prepare the garden space at the front of our school for its new sensory and memorial garden. That was officially opened on Friday 16 June following an afternoon where the children and team at the Round House shared their favourite memories of Jo Whitney who sadly died in February.

Both days were reminders of the strength and care of our community.



A great turn out for the Big Help Out



The Sensory Garden at the Round House School was created to honour the memory of Jo Whitney

Rose Acres Management Company

In 2022, the Community Association undertook a survey of local residents. We discovered that homeowners who had a management company for maintenance of communal areas were overwhelmingly unhappy with the service they received. This March, LFCA welcomed Paul Mulgrew to our monthly meeting to explain how some residents of Love's Farm took maintenance matters into their own hands.

In 2015, Paul moved to Love's Farm and purchased a house from Bovis Homes on Gorse Crescent. The purchase included obligatory membership in Rose Acres Management Company. This private non-trading limited company was set up to manage the maintenance of communal spaces and

assets spread across the estate. There are 110 homes covered by the company spread across various Love's Farm streets. These include some, but not all, homes on Gorse Crescent, The Pastures, Ash Tree Lane, Waterland, Station Square, Dramsell Rise, Embry Drive, Great High Ground and School Drive.

All homeowners in the company must pay towards upkeep of communal areas. Management of the company and maintenance work responsibilities were handed over to Gateway Plc in 2017. The Managing Director of Gateway became the sole director of Rose Acres.

Paul and other residents were unhappy with the work undertaken (and neglected) by Gateway. Maintenance visits to the site were paid for but not completed. One day, Paul discovered green areas in dire need of attention that Gateway could not physically access. It took Paul's intervention for Bovis Homes to



Rose Acres Management Company covers various properties around Station Square

create a gate so that the area could be maintained.

Paul also discovered that Gateway was mistakenly planning to repair a wall that was owned by BPHA. Luckily this was stopped and Rose Acres members were not charged for the work.

At this point Paul and other residents decided that changes needed to be made. However, the appointment of new company directors could only be completed at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).

For four years, Gateway postponed and delayed holding an EGM.

Residents later learned that this was because Bovis Homes had neglected to register each homeowner as members of Rose Acres. It also became clear that Bovis Homes had not legally handed the communal areas over to Rose Acres. These mistakes had to be corrected before an EGM could be held.

In May 2022 Rose Acres finally held an EGM. Six residents successfully put themselves forward to be directors (including Paul). April 2023 marked the beginning of the first financial year with company directors who are also residents.

Being a director is an unpaid, often



Host your party at Love's Farm House

Children's parties (12-3pm or 3-6pm) - £90

Saturday night (6pm-midnight) - £290

Saturday all day (midday-midnight) - £450

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for more information

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thankless and relentless task. But now residents will have much more influence over the running of the company, and maintenance tasks can be completed by local businesses.

Don't Suffer in Silence



Love's Farm is a multicultural and diverse community where all people are welcome. Hate crimes are not tolerated.

As defined by the police, hate crime can fall into one of three main types: physical assault, verbal abuse and incitement to hatred. A hate incident is any incident which the victim, or anyone else, thinks is based on someone's prejudice towards them because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or because they are transgender. Not all hate incidents will amount to criminal offences, but it is equally important that these are reported and recorded by the police.

Victims of hate crime and racial abuse and are sometimes reluctant to come forward. But reporting incidents to the police is essential to help eliminate this unacceptable behaviour. You can report incidents by phoning 101 or online at www.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/hate-crime/hc-av1/report-hate-crime (or use the QR Code above)

Please do not suffer in silence.

Love's Farm is a community where all our residents should feel safe.

Love's Farm Out of Doors

With Phyllis Hooper

So technically it is mid-Summer! Most people, like me, will be trying to understand what happened in Winter and where was Spring. I still think we in UK are very lucky with our weather compared with many countries. Farmers sometimes moan about the unfriendly growing conditions but I do think that climate change is making a rather random pattern of the old seasons. Being a geologist, I know this has happened many times over the millennia but that doesn't make it any easier to deal with.

This winter we had that killer week in early December and so many well established plants just could not come back from 8 days of continuous sub-zero temperatures. Large hebes 10 or 12 years old are now ugly brown messes; I think I've lost the potentially huge redwood that was doing well down below Gorse Crescent; several



Quince flowers in bloom

15 year old trees around our farm just as they should have been. Then we had such a wet January and February but too cold and now still chilly and such a drying wind — many plants just can't cope.

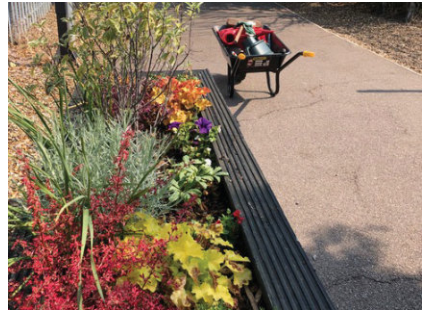
It took a friend and I two long sessions and four trips to the tip to cut back two clumps of phormium (New Zealand flax) that were more than 12 years old but had succumbed to the weather.

So what do we think of the Long Grass policy? I must admit I was dubious when we missed the first cut and I had been somewhat anxious about mention of "rewilding" but I did scan the QR code on one of the info boards and it was both informative and persuasive. With such a proven reduction of all levels of biodiversity and the need for as much carbon capture as possible, it seems manicured green spaces are a thing of the past, or should be.

Certainly my little dog and several small children I've seen love gambolling in the long grass.

Talking of biodiversity, over the last few months I've seen more hedgehogs than previously, several muntjac deer, one rabbit and signs of foxes. Our annual ermine moth decimation seems later than usual. There are three oaks behind Hoopers Green that have a complete woolly coat of poplar and salix "fur".

The station planters have been a challenge what with the weather and



The planters on the approach to the Station

people borrowing plants only to leave them elsewhere, but I think they look better. I am waiting for some Welcome and Farewell notices that the Round House pupils are planning to make. Plans for improving Station Square continue to exercise some minds!

Enjoy your summer — we are really very lucky to have so much lovely green space around us. If you have any queries I am happy to try and help.

PS: I heard and saw a Nightingale near Hull Way in April but I expect it was en-route to Paxton Pits.

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What's On

July 2023



Events are at Love's Farm House foyer, hall or meeting room, Round House School or out and about. Events with a * mean just turn up. For others, please book in advance. Visit www.lovesfarmhouse.com or call 01480 262626 for more information.

Saturday	Sunday
<p>* Lazy Breakfast 9.15 - 11.15am</p> <p>Street Dance 9.15am, 9.45am, 10.30am, 11am</p> <p>Footsteps Dance 8.45am - 4.30pm</p>	<p>Love's Farm House is available for private hire at weekends. Call 01480 262626 or visit www.lovesfarmhouse.com</p>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>Hartbeeps 9.30, 10.30, 11.30, 12.45</p> <p>Kidslingo French 4.40 - 5.20pm</p> <p>Lift Lean 6.15 - 7pm</p> <p>Zumba 7.05 - 7.50pm</p> <p>Fitness Pilates 7.55 - 8.55pm</p>	<p>* Farm House Cafe 9am - 12noon</p> <p>* bpha Drop-In 9.30am - 12noon</p> <p>Rainbows & Brownies 5pm, 6.15pm</p> <p>Pilates 6pm, 7pm, 8pm</p> <p>LF Runners 8pm</p>	<p>Fitness Pilates 10.30 - 11.30am</p> <p>* Youth Cafe 3.30 - 5pm</p> <p>Karate 5.30 - 7pm</p> <p>Broadway Boogie 7.10pm</p>	<p>* Little Loves 9.30 - 10.30am</p> <p>Baby Massage 11.20 - 12.35pm</p> <p>Sensatots 1 - 1.45pm</p> <p>GPC MMA 4.30pm, 5.15pm</p> <p>Guides 7.30 - 9pm</p>	<p>Toddler Yoga 9.45am</p> <p>Baby Yoga 10.45am</p> <p>* Karaoke & Cocktails @ the Farm House Bar 7.30pm - 11pm</p>	<p>Footsteps Dance 8.45am - 4.30pm</p>	<p>* Breakfast Church 10am</p>
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