

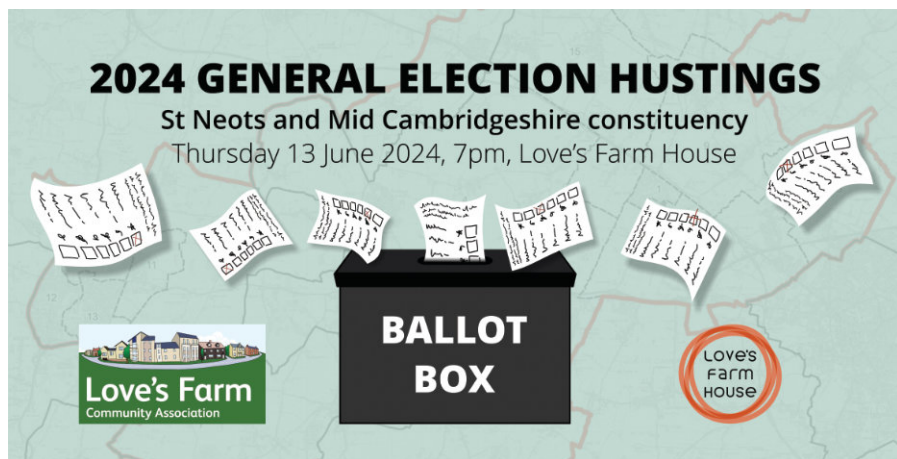


Love's Farm News

June - August 2024

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LFCA to Host General Election Hustings



Ask our local candidates for the general election questions about the topics that concern you

Thursday 13 June, 7-8:30pm
(doors 6:45pm), Love's Farm House

The United Kingdom will have a general election on Thursday 4 July. Boundary changes mean we get to vote in a brand new constituency called St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire. This stretches from St Neots to the outskirts of Cambridge, taking in

Cambourne, Bar Hill, Histon and Willingham.

The general election decides who will form a government and become Prime Minister. In each constituency, voters get to vote for a local candidate for that constituency.

As we go to press, six people have announced their candidacy for St

Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire. In alphabetical order they are:

Anthony Browne (Conservative)

Stephen Ferguson (Independent)

Kathryn Fisher (Green)

Marianna Masters (Labour)

James Sidlow (Reform UK)

Ian Sollom (Liberal Democrat)

The winning candidate will become our local MP, representing our interests in Parliament.

To help you decide who to vote for, Love's Farm Community Association is hosting a hustings at Love's Farm House on Thursday 13 June at 7pm. It's a chance to hear from each candidate, and members of the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions (submitted in advance).

All of the candidates have been invited to attend, and (as of 26 May) three have accepted. We're hoping and expecting that all of them will fit this important opportunity into their busy schedules.

If you would like to ask a question of the candidates, please send it to hustings@ourlovesfarm.co.uk. Please also mention in the email if you would not like your name attributed to this question.

Doors open at 6:45pm, with the event running from 7pm to 8:30pm. Extra parking will be available thanks to The Roundhouse Primary School.

Ste Greenall from Black Cat Radio will be compering to ensure that each

candidate has an equal chance to contribute.

Don't forget that you'll need to be registered to vote and have photo ID if you want to be able to cast your vote on 4 July. If you don't have ID, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. You can also register to vote by post. Find out more at www.gov.uk/how-to-vote



Summer Fair

Sunday 30 June, 2-6pm,
Love's Farm House

Love's Farm house is planning their summer Fair. Join us on Sunday 30 June from 2pm to 6pm for an afternoon full of fun and entertainment. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a variety of activities, sample delicious food from local traders or enjoy a coffee from our Farmhouse Cafe. The bar will also be open throughout the afternoon.

Explore unique handmade crafts from local businesses, Face painting and music. There will be traditional games and activities to keep the little ones entertained. Participate in our raffle or tombola for a chance to win fantastic prizes.

All proceeds go towards supporting and improving our services to the community and reducing our carbon footprint. The event is FREE and open to all. We cant wait to see you there!

If you are a local business that would like to show your commitment

to supporting the community and gain local recognition by securing a stall or by making a donation, please get in touch at bookings@lovesfarmhouse.co.uk

Our Green Spaces Need You



Volunteers planting new greenery at the north end of Love's Farm

Do you like gardening, planting and spending time outdoors? Love's Farm Community Association (LFCA) would love to welcome new volunteers to our community gardening team. Together we'll spend time in nature and look after Love's Farm's green spaces.

This spring we've been watching our local birdlife with interest. At our Bird Song Walk in May, we identified several countryside species that are nesting despite the groundwork happening on the Monksfields site. We've had sightings (and soundings) of yellowhammers, skylarks, white throats and tawny owls.

We've also been sowing

wildflowers to enjoy this summer. Take a look the next time you are passing the junction of Stone Hill and Great High Ground. You can already see shoots emerging.

As summer approaches, our environment grows in richness and variety. While nature is thriving, many areas still need our care and attention. Some of our woodlands are too dense and some are too bare. Some shrubs are overgrown and some beds lack colour.

The battle against litter continues. Volunteers aim to tackle this regularly, including pulling obstructions from the water in Fox Brook.

There are many opportunities for volunteers to get involved, enjoy the outdoors and make new friends. All ages are welcome and there's never any need to stay longer than the time you have.

Email chair@ourlovesfarm.co.uk for more details about joining our community of gardening volunteers. Contact helenetame@yahoo.co.uk for more info about litter picking.



Extreme litter-picking in Fox Brook

New Home for the Love's Farm Mini Library

Got a book you're finished with? Looking for something new to read? Then pop over to Love's Farm's latest miniature library, located just outside the Pirate Ship Playground on Great High Ground. This has moved from its previous home at 76 Stone Hill.

Feel free to drop off a book you have finished and grab a new read. Books for all ages are welcome, but no magazines or newspapers please. If the library is full, please save your books for another visit instead of leaving books on the ground nearby.



Installing the mini library by the Pirate Ship

There are three Love's Farm mini libraries: the Village Green (off Hogsden Leys), the foyer at Love's Farm House and near the Pirate Ship playground.

Heating Upgrades for Love's Farm House

Love's Farm House is thrilled to announce that we have been

successfully awarded a Capital Fund Grant to replace our boiler and install a more efficient air source heat pump. This will also allow us to implement the much needed air conditioning for the building. This update will ensure we can continue to be a 'warm space' and now a 'cool space' for the local community and a more comfortable environment for the activities within.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Cambridgeshire County Council for their support and investment in our community centre.

We are planning the installation during the holiday period to keep disruptions to a minimum during the installation process. We are excited about the positive impact this will have on our community centre and look forward to providing an even better experience for everyone who visits.

Love's Farm Big Lunch

Sunday 8 September, 12-4pm on the green near Auntie's Wood

The end of the summer holidays is marked by our annual community outdoor party. Join your friends and neighbours on the green next to Auntie's Woods playground for a celebration of the Love's Farm community. Bring a picnic lunch, sun protection, rugs and camping chairs. There will be children's entertainment and competitions for the grown-ups. We'll split into two teams: even numbered houses vs odd numbered



Fun and games with Emma at the Big Lunch

houses. Will the odds or evens be our 2024 champions? Join us and we'll enjoy the outdoors together.

Round House School Parking

The Student Council at Round House Primary Academy are concerned about car parking outside their school. Parking on the double yellow lines of School Drive makes it dangerous for children walking and cycling home from school.

To remind drivers of the danger they can create, children have created their own parking signs for School Drive. Students would like all drivers to use the school car park



The Student Council's "No Parking" sign

instead of parking on the double yellow lines outside the school. The children were very excited to hear their Deputy Headteacher, Holly Bates, on Black Cat Radio celebrating their work and highlighting their safety concerns.

Mindfulness with Jo

Sundays, 7-8pm from 16 June, Love's Farm House

The team at Love's Farm House are excited to announce the launch of a new class.

Find your Sunday calm with Mindfulness sessions with Jo. Experience a range of guided meditations to understand the importance of being still. You can lay down, sit up, stand up, curl up, have a snooze, the class is all about what YOU need for your mind and as we are all different there is no judgement, just encouragement.

Jo is an accredited Adult Mental Health First Aid England Instructor and an award winning tutor, who is passionate about making her classes accessible to everyone. Sessions are just £5 available to all over the age of 16 years. A relaxing and self-focused hour just for you!

Bring your own yoga mat and blanket or use one of ours. Change your Monday mindset and join us for the first session on Sunday 16 June at 7pm.

Please visit <https://bookwhen.com/kindmindfulness> to book your place.

Broadway Boogie Kids

**Mondays 5:10-5:55pm,
Love's Farm House**

Broadway Boogie Kids is a fun and energetic dance fitness class. The choreography is inspired by musical theatre from stage and screen and incorporates the principles of fitness to create a fun workout with all-round health-related benefits. It is a class that will allow children to grow their confidence, portray lots of different characters, take on different roles and combine them with movement to create their own Broadway show in this 45 minute workout.

Sessions are suitable for children aged four and above.

Please contact Molly at bbk.stneots@gmail.com for more information, or just turn up for a free trial class. You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram [@broadwayboogiekids_stneots](https://www.instagram.com/broadwayboogiekids_stneots)

Thirsty Plants at the Station

The planter boxes on the Love's Farm side of the rail station are kindly cared for by volunteers. These help welcome visitors to our community and provide colour to an otherwise lifeless space. Weeding and planting happens throughout the year.

However, during the summer, the plants get very thirsty. If you are passing on a warm day, please do spare the planter boxes a splash from



The volunteer-maintained planters would appreciate a drink in hot weather

your water bottle. With no water supply available, they'll only stay green with a little help from all of us.

Upcoming Events at Wintringham

Urban&Civic have an exciting programme of events planned for the summer. All events take place on Wintringham School Plaza, Nuffield Road, or inside the school hall.

Sport/Wellness Taster Event

| Saturday 8 June, 11am to 3pm

A day to try out some sport and wellness taster sessions, and find out what clubs and activities are available in your area.

Wintringham on Wheels

| Sunday 14 July, 11am to 3pm

A day of bike-themed fun! Try out a range of bikes and take part in some fun activities on the plaza.

Summer Pop Up Street Food

| Saturday 3 August 5pm to 8pm

Bring your family, pull up a deck-chair and enjoy a variety of tasty offerings from our food trucks and perhaps a cocktail from the bar whilst listening to the music.

Archaeology Event

| Saturday 28 Sept, 11am to 2pm

Come and talk to archaeologists and see the history beneath your feet with finds and artefacts from Wintringham. Try your hand at some ancient crafts and have a chat with our Iron Age re-enactor.

New Trees for Oliver Way

The junction of Bawlins and Oliver Way often becomes an unusable space in winter. Cars parking on the



New trees on the corner of Oliver Way and Bawlins

grass over many years created a muddy mess. After a year of campaigning by resident Siriol Hogg, BPHA have added four young fruit trees to this green space. This will provide an obstacle for parking and give the grass space to recover. In the future, our summers will have more shade and our springtimes will have blossoms to enjoy.

A Friendly Welcome at Love's Farm House

Did you know that our local community centre is open to the public during the week, and our friendly staff and volunteers are ready to assist? The foyer is open on weekdays from 9am to 3pm during term time, and 9am to 12 noon during school holidays.

Refreshments are available to purchase on Café days. We have comfortable seating, charging stations for your devices and our micro library with books, magazines and local literature. If you're looking for a warm, safe space during the day our community centre is here for you!

Join us at the Farmhouse Café for a selection of hot drinks and pastries every Tuesday and Thursday, or drop into our Lazy Breakfast café on Saturdays. We continue to open from 9am to 12 noon during term time. All of our café sessions are run by our wonderful volunteers!

The Farmhouse bar is open on alternate Fridays from 7.45 pm, where

we host Cosy Crafts, Love's Farm Book Club and Games Night or just enjoy a quiet drink with friends and family. Check the back page or www.lovesfarmhouse.com for details.

We are planning some special events during the summer, so please put these dates in your diary:

Join us for our annual 'School's Out' celebration at the Farmhouse Bar for **Kids Karaoke** night on Friday 26 July.

We've added a mid summer special **Karaoke Night** for everyone on Friday 23 August from 6-11pm (children welcome until 9pm).

To mark the return to school be sure to bring the family along for our **Back to School Disco** on Saturday 31 August.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

Pelham Road / Cambridge Road Update

Urban&Civic's contractors are continuing work on the junction to Pelham Road and Cambridge Road, converting it from a T junction (giving access to the Wintringham development) into a roundabout (to serve both Wintringham and Monksfields).

The contractors are due to open the western side of the roundabout on Tuesday 28 May, depending on some tarmac repairs that are scheduled. This will permit a right turn access from Pelham Road to Cambridge Road again.

The eastern side has been delayed as the temporary levels leave this with a big dip, and subject to flooding after heavy rain, so it cannot be opened yet. The area will be re-profiled and resurfaced and is scheduled to open on 21 June.

Please note that due to the nature of works, and weather, the dates cannot be guaranteed. The team pass on their apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

An Invitation from Love's Farm Ladies WI

*by Rachel Tellett
President, Love's Farm Ladies WI*

If you are interested in joining a sociable, friendly group which will offer you the opportunity to make new friends, broaden your horizons and enjoy some well-deserved me-time, then come along to Love's Farm Ladies WI and find out more.

We are a diverse group of ladies of all ages who enjoy informal meetings where we listen to enthralling local speakers, organise social events and support local charities and the community.



Balloon modelling with Love's Farm Ladies

We meet on the third Thursday of the month, right on your doorstep at the Reedman Rooms, St Neots Football Club at 7:30pm. We listen to a speaker, enjoy an informal chat over a cuppa and cake, then hold a brief business meeting.

Recent speaker highlights included an intriguing talk about St Neots Food Bank, an enthralling visit from a member of the Independent Prisons Monitoring Board and a hands on demonstration of Life Saving Skills from the Community Heart Beat Trust. We also organise social events, including meals, walks and cinema visits and organise impromptu gatherings via our thriving WhatsApp group. We arrange fundraising events, such as a tombola at the forthcoming Armed Forces Day, and

we donate to local charities such as MAGPAS and the St Neots Food Bank. We are affiliated to the National Federation of WIs, who offer further opportunities for talks and workshops at our local Huntingdon Centre.

Our next meeting, on Thursday 20 June, is a special Open Meeting, to which we invite other local WI members and local residents. This year our speaker is Black Cat Radio Presenter and former Fleet Street journalist Nigel Pauley. With over 30 years of experience in a range of journalism beginning on the Hunts Post, he will certainly have a wealth of fascinating experiences to share. We would be delighted to see you there.

If all of this appeals to you, then do please get in touch. Further details are in the What's On pages of Think



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

Please call 01480 262626 or email bookings@lovesfarmhouse.co.uk
for more information

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Local, or you can contact us at lovesfarmwi@gmail.com or on FaceBook. Your first meeting is free, although The Open Meeting in June, as an extraordinary Meeting, will cost £4 to attend, but your next meeting will be free. Whenever you come, a warm welcome awaits.

Love's Farm Resident Cycling to Paris to Raise Funds for Cancer

In a demonstration of courage, resilience, and community spirit, Neeley Casserly, a local resident and breast cancer survivor, will embark on a monumental journey from London to Paris to raise funds and awareness for the Hunts Community Cancer Network (HCCN).

Just two years ago, Neeley's life took an unexpected turn when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. As a single parent, the news was particularly daunting, leaving her feeling scared and isolated. However, through her journey, she found solace and support in the services provided by HCCN. The compassionate care and sense of community she experienced during her home visits from HCCN nurses and participation in support groups were invaluable in her healing process.

Now, determined to give back to the organisation that supported her through her darkest days, Neeley is taking on the challenge of cycling from London to Paris. She aims to raise both funds and awareness for



Neeley, all set for her epic cycling challenge

HCCN, ensuring that more individuals facing cancer receive the same level of care and support that she did.

"I am incredibly grateful for the support I received from HCCN during my battle with breast cancer," said Neeley Casserly. "Now, I want to pay it forward and ensure that others in our community have access to the same resources and support that helped me through my journey."

The ride takes place from 5 to 9 June 2024, where Neeley will spend four days in the saddle cycling from London to Dover and then across France to Paris.

Individuals and businesses can support the cause by making donations at www.justgiving.com/page/neeley-londontoparis2024

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Youth Café

School years 7-13. Email

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Love's Farm Tang Soo Do Karate Club

Ages: 6 to adult. Contact

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Street Dance / Dance Workshops

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