

September - November 2024

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# Cabaret Entertainment at the Farm House

| Friday 13 September, 8-11pm, | Love's Farm House



Join us for a night of stunning live musical theatre performances, Broadway Boogie dance floor fillers and a big sing-a-long finale.

Our Backstage Bar will be open with show-stopping cocktails. Tickets cost £15 and include a welcome drink. Over 18s only. Dressing up for the occasion is encouraged but completely optional. A must for musical theatre fans.

Tickets for this fabulous event are available in advance from www .buytickets.at/dsmdancewithlynne Contact Lynn at dsmdancewithlynne @gmail.com for more information.

### Halloween Disco

| Saturday 26 October, 6pm | Love's Farm House

The Halloween Disco is a Love's Farm institution and it is back!

Put on your creepiest costume, don your dancing shoes and join us for a mixture of cheesy pop hits and Halloween classics, ghoulish games, silly dancing and lots more.

We'll be kicking off at 6pm with games for younger children, followed by disco fun for all ages. There will be prizes on offer for everything from



It's not just the little monsters who dress up — mummies and daddies can too

best costume to freakiest dance moves, and Halloween-themed drinks and snacks will be available at the bar in addition to our usual licensed bar menu.

Fancy dress is encouraged but not essential. Tickets will available soon from www.lovesfarmhouse.com/tickets or keep an eye on facebook.com/lovesfarmhouse for more info.

## A Message from Ian Sollom MP



lan Sollom is the new Member of Parliament for St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire

Following the General Election held on 4 July 2024, I am truly honoured to have been elected as your MP for the newly created constituency of St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire.

Throughout the campaign I heard of the everyday challenges constituents are facing, like trying to see a GP or dentist, dealing with the cost of living and particular worries about our secondary schools. I will work hard to be your champion in Parliament on

these issues.

Whether you voted for me or not, I also want everyone to know that I will keep listening to you — that's why I've launched my new constituency survey to understand what other issues are most important to you. Keep an eye out for one coming through your door soon, or fill it in online at www.iansollom.org/survey

At the time of writing, I am still finalising my constituency office but I will share this on my social media accounts in due course.

You can contact me via email on ian.sollom.mp@parliament.uk or reach me via these links: www.iansollom.org www.facebook.com/lanFSollom https://x.com/lanSollom www.instagram.com/iansollom

## Love's Farm Big Lunch

| Sunday 8 September, 12-4pm, | Auntie's Woods Playground

It's time for our annual 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 houses. Will the odds or evens be our 2024 champions? Join us and we'll enjoy the outdoors together!

## Hire Availability at Love's Farm House

We're excited to introduce a new daytime hire rate of only £15 per hour for the main hall at Love's Farm House. This reduced rate is available from 9am to 3pm on weekdays during term term, and excludes private events.

At Love's Farm House, we're committed to supporting our community and budding businesses. You might be a startup looking for a space to host a workshop, or an instructor who needs a venue for a course.

Our community centre is ready to host your next event, meeting, or class. Please get in touch at bookings@lovesfarmhouse.co.uk to book and enjoy the new rate.

Love's Farm House is also available for parties, Christenings, wedding receptions and other private events at weekends and any other times when we have availability around our regular bookings. From October we will be accepting party bookings on Friday evenings, too.

## Wildflowers

Did you enjoy this summer's wildflowers at the junction of Great High Ground and Stone Hill? With seeds provided by Huntingdonshire District Council, this lovely display of colour was created by the Love's Farm Volunteer Rangers.

There are many opportunities to

get involved with the Rangers, enjoy the outdoors and make new friends. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. Please email chair@ourlovesfarm.co.uk for more details about joining our community of gardening volunteers.



The flowers on the junction near the Pirate Ship were planted by volunteers

# Loyalty Cards at the Farm House Café

Love's Farm House is introducing loyalty cards for its Community Café. Collect nine stamps when you buy a drink and you'll get your tenth drink for free.

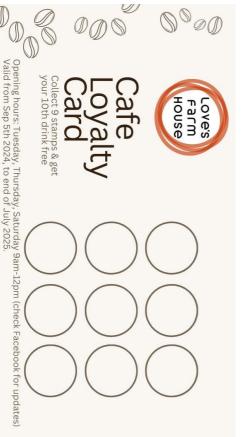
The café is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings during school term time, serving up drinks and snacks including delicious delights from Three Sweet Treats and Poffertjes (small fluffy pancakes) from Little Dutch Bites. Follow us on Facebook for details of opening times.

We will also give you a 30p discount on hot drinks if you bring your own cup. Cut out the loyalty card overleaf and bring it along to our next café morning.

## Changes at the Round House School

Tracy Bryden has stepped down as head teacher of the Round House Primary Academy. Tracy joined the school in September 2013, in the same year that the Diamond Learning Partnership Trust took over the management of the school. We estimate that there are 1,000 children who will remember her as their head teacher.

She leaves the school in a good state, performing well academically, rooted in its local community and





Holly Bates (r) takes over from Tracy Bryden as head teacher of the Round House school

with a safe, friendly atmosphere.

Tracy will continue her role as head teacher at Wintringham Primary Academy. We thank her for everything she's done for Love's Farm, and wish her well for the future.

We're delighted to congratulate Holly Bates as the new head teacher of the Round House. She has worked at the school since 2014, and served as its deputy head teacher since 2018. We're certain that the school will continue to thrive in her care.

# New Classes at the Farm House

We have new classes coming to Love's Farm House. Look out for **Root to Rise Yoga** classes by **Lianne Marie Yoga** on Mondays, **Messy Munchkins Playgroup** and **Baby Massage with NJ Fitness** on Tuesdays.

In November we're looking forward to welcoming **The Good Sense** with **Baby Massage** and **Sensateenies**.

We also have classes and sessions from Mama Baby Bliss, Broadway Boogie (and Kids), Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Karate, Youth Cafe, Youth Club, Little Loves, Pilates, SJP Finance, BPHA Housing, and Street Dance! Not forgetting our bar nights and community cafe, there's something for everyone. See our What's On Guide on the back page for September's events, and the inside back cover for contact details.

## Help Out with Cambridge United Women's Football Club

Join Cambridge United Football Club for an exciting season of women's football at our home fixtures held at St Neots Town Football Club — just beyond Love's Farm House on Kester Way.



Cambridge United Women's Football Club play their home games at the St Neots Town Football Club ground on Love's Farm

The club seeks enthusiastic volunteers to assist with match-day support, become turnstile operators and help run the bar. Be part of an amazing team and support local women's football. No prior experience is needed and you'll enjoy free access to all CUWFC fixtures.

Matches are mostly on Sundays. Email dougiem@cambridgeunited .com to register your interest

## Join the BioBlitz

Sunday 8 September, 12-4pm Auntie's Woods Playground

Become a wildlife explorer for a day and discover what's living right on your doorstep. Using the "iNaturalist" phone app, we'll take photos of plants, animals, insects and fungi. Scientists will review our findings and help us create a nature map of Love's Farm. It's citizen science at work!

Just like a real scientific expedition, everything you find will be documented and passed on to local and national databases that monitor wildlife. We'll also have a leaderboard of Love's Farm explorers and a live map of our nature observations.

Lara will be on hand at the Big Lunch to help you download the app onto your phone. She'll also give you a demo of how to begin recording plants and animals. The app is easy to use and fun for kids, grown-ups, beginners and experts alike.

## Parking Wardens Are Coming

In 2025 the police will hand over parking enforcement to Huntingdonshire District Council. Wardens will begin patrolling on 3 February 2025. During the first month, wardens will issue warning notices to vehicles parked illegally. From 3 March, parking wardens will issue penalty charge notices.

The cost of a penalty ticket is either £50 or £70. Payments made within 14 days will receive a 50% discount.

This autumn there will be an increase in repairs to road signs and painted lines across Huntingdonshire. This will make the parking restrictions clear to all drivers.

The Police (via 101) will remain the main contact for dangerous and emergency parking issues.

## **Open Eco Homes**

The 15th annual Open Eco Homes event will spotlight the future of sustainable living in homes across Cambridgeshire. Local people will open their homes to both the ecocurious and those considering their own home improvements. This year includes the opportunity to visit a beautifully renovated home in Great Paxton. From 21 September to 20 October, attendees can participate in free, expert-led talks and tours of eco-homes in person or online.

Visitors will see air source heat pumps, solar PV panels, battery storage and mechanical ventilation with heat recovery. Other highlights will include advanced insulation, natural materials, draught-proofing, high-performance windows and doors, and climate-resilient gardens. Both new builds and retrofitted homes will illustrate diverse approaches to lowering carbon

footprints and energy costs.

Nine innovative homes will open their doors, offering something of interest for everyone. The event also features a series of talks, including:

- Low-cost Home Energy Improvements
- · Heat Pump Myths
- · How to Use a Heat Pump
- · Climate Friendly Gardening
- · Retrofitting Older Homes

All events are free but advance booking is required. For more information and to book your place, visit www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/ open-eco-homes

Would you like to volunteer your Love's Farm home to demonstrate retrofit options? If so, email chair@ourlovesfarm.co.uk

## Quiz Night and AGM

| Friday 8 November, 7.45pm | Love's Farm House

How well do you know Love's Farm? How did Hooper's Green and Auntie's Woods earn their names? Do you know your "Pastures" from your "Paddocks"? Join our quiz and pit your knowledge against your neighbours.

Love's Farm House and Love's Farm Community Association will be hosting their Annual General Meetings along with a quiz about our community.

This is a great opportunity for us to gather together, find out what's happening across Love's Farm, meet



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the volunteers who help to deliver great things and perhaps get involved yourself. The bar will be open and everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

## **Smarten Up the Farm**

Saturday 7 September, 11am and/or 2pm, meet by the Pirate Ship

Come wearing sturdy footwear, pick up a grabber and hi-viz and help to give Love's Farm a spruce up ahead of the Big Lunch on Sunday 8 September. If you've never tried it, we reckon you'll be surprised how satisfying litter-picking can be.

## Monksfields Construction Noise

Residents will be aware that work is well underway to prepare the site to the east of Love's Farm for the new Monksfields housing development. Those closest to the construction site are enduring relentless noise and — especially given the often unsociable hours of the works — Cllr Marcus Pickering has engaged with the developer to determine the expectations around noise and working hours.

The works commenced on 3 June 2024 and the consented working hours are 7am to 7pm on weekdays, and 7am to 1pm on Saturdays.

The loudest noise has been attributed to earth-moving plant, which is scheduled to be working near the border of Love's Farm until the end of

November (weather permitting).

More information can be found at www.ourlovesfarm.co.uk/news



# Volunteers needed!

Do you care about our community and want to help make it more welcoming and interesting?

- keep your skills up to date and/or develop new ones
- meet like-minded people in your neighbourhood
- practice your English (if you are an English language learner)

Love's Farm House is recruiting volunteers for regular and one-off volunteering opportunities. You could

- Volunteer at our cafe'
- · Help deliver exciting new events

Training and support are provided and we welcome all people from across the community.



We are also looking for people with IT, legal, HR and grant application experience.

Please scan

the QR code to fill in our form or email community@lovesfarmhouse.co.uk if you have any questions.

## What's Been On at Love's Farm House

Our new trustee Sarita Mal reports on her summer at the Farm House

Thank you to everyone in Love's Farm, Wintringham, St Neots, and beyond who attended our **Summer Fayre** at the end of June. This event, lovingly organised by our dedicated volunteers and staff, was a tremendous success. As my first big event at Love's Farm House, I was overjoyed to see so many community members enjoying the day.

The feedback from stall holders was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing interest in future events. It was especially heartwarming to see young entrepreneurs in action, with about half of our stalls managed by under-18s. The jewellery and magic sand bottle I bought have already brought smiles to their new owners — thank you!

I had the pleasure of running the treasure hunt stand, and I want to thank everyone who participated. Although I didn't spend much time in the garden, I heard fantastic things about the Guyanese Cuisine and Broadway Boogie. A special thanks to Lisa for the light-up lettering in the foyer — they added a touch of nostalgia that has brightened our coffee mornings and meetings.

Congratulations to all the raffle prize winners! It was wonderful to see the generosity of our local businesses, and I hope the prizes have brought you joy.

The funds raised from the event will go towards improving the sustainability of Love's Farm House. If you have any ideas or suggestions for quick wins you noticed while at the fayre, please reach out!

We've also had requests for a similar event at Christmas, potentially a craft market with more festive entertainment. If you're interested in getting involved or even organising the event, please get in touch. Let's make it another celebration to remember!

Thanks to everyone who supported the free yoga classes at Love's Farm House to celebrate **Yoga Day 2024**, themed "For Self & Society." A special thanks to our local shops and the football club for allowing me to put up posters and share on your socials. It's been wonderful getting to know you, and I hope we can collaborate more in the future!

My goal was to spread love and joy, and it was heartening to hear such positive feedback from those who attended. I'm so glad people left feeling healthy and lighter.

It seems there is a demand for yoga across St Neots, but perhaps not as



Sarita (third right) with the team setting up for the Summer Fayre

much here in Love's Farm and Wintringham. I would love to hear your thoughts on this. Please email bookings@lovesfarmhouse.co.uk, marked for the attention of Sarita.

Oh, and if you feel passionate about sharing a particular celebration with our community, get in touch — let's see how we can celebrate together!

# Your Community Centre Needs YOU!

Love's Farm House is a brilliant part of our community, where people can come together for classes, meetings, parties, events... and even delicious coffee and pastries! But did you know that it is managed by a charity run by local residents?

As Love's Farm House enters its tenth year, it continues to struggle in its financial recovery following the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown and the cost-of-living crisis. The centre currently relies on its financial reserves to cover its running costs, but it cannot continue to do this indefinitely — particularly as the building itself ages, requiring more frequent and costly repairs.

Love's Farm House belongs to everyone in our community — but it can only stay open with your help.

So.... How can you help? There are many ways:

- · Buy a cuppa at our café
- · Sign up for a class
- · Hire the hall for a party
- · Come to an event... or even

- organise one of your own!
- Join us for a Friday night drink check our What's On guide for opening dates and hours
- Share our posts and events with your friends and community
- · Become a trustee or volunteer

Please get in touch at bookings@lovesfarmhouse.co.uk if you'd like to find out more.

## Date for Your Diary... Carols on the Square & Christmas Cheers

| Friday 20 December, 7pm

Pop a note in your diary for 20 December, when we'll be gathering at Station Square to get into the Christmas Spirit with some carol singing. We'll have a mix of traditional carols and the odd yuletide pop song, accompanied by local legend Chris Hatt on the piano.

After a good vocal workout we'll head to Love's Farm House for Christmas drinks and festivities. It's the perfect start to the Christmas break, shared with our neighbours. Non Love's Farm folk welcome as always, we look forward to seeing you!

## **Advertise Here**

Advertise your company or event with a half-page, quarter-page or classified advert. This newsletter is delivered to 1,500 homes on Love's Farm. Please contact Arwen on 01480 262626 (9am-3pm Mon-Fri) or email bookings@lovesfarmhouse.co.uk.

### Get In Touch

#### **Love's Farm News**

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## Love's Farm Community Association (LFCA)

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#### Love's Farm House

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## **Financial Difficulties**

Money Advice St Neots (Mast): www.mast.support 01480 260234, help@mast.support

#### **Breakfast Church**

www.lovesfarmchurch.com facebook.com/LovesFarmChurch

#### **BPHA**

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

### **Root to Rise Yoga**

Contact Lianne Marie via www.liannemarieyoga.com

#### Baby Massage, Lift Lean, Zumba, Fitness Pilates & Fit Mum

Contact Nicola at njfitness andmassage@outlook.com, www.njfitnessandmassage.com.

#### **Messy Munchkins**

Ages 18 months to 5 years. Visit https://messy-munchkinsplaygroup.classforkids.io/

#### **Pilates with Laura**

Contact Laura on 07900 242904 or laura@pilateswithlaura.co.uk

## **Healthy You**

Call 03330 050093 or visit www.healthyyou.org.uk

#### **Youth Café**

School years 7-13. Email enquiries@stneots-tc.gov.uk for more information.

### Love's Farm Tang Soo Do Karate Club

Ages: 6 to adult. Contact

## Broadway Boogie & Broadway Boogie Kids

Contact Lynne on dsmdancewithlynne@gmail.com or facebook.com/dsmdancewithlynne.

#### **Little Loves**

Ages: Birth to Preschool. facebook.com/ littlelovesbabyandtoddlergroup www.lovesfarmchurch.com.

#### **GPC Mixed Martial Arts**

Visit www.gpcmma.com.

#### Love's Farm Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

guides@lovesfarmguiding.org.uk, www.girlguiding.org.uk

### **Mama Baby Bliss Yoga**

Yoga for babies, toddlers, mums and dads. Contact joanna.miller@mamababybliss.com call 07904 374212 or visit www.mamababybliss.com/classes/book-a-class/bigqleswade-st-neots.

#### **Junior Youth Club**

School Years 3 to 6. Contact Helene on 07938 803501, community.chaplain@yahoo.co.uk

#### **Love's Farm Book Club**

Join the Facebook group at www.facebook.com/
lovesfarmbookclub

## Street Dance / Dance Workshops

Various classes for ages 4+. Contact Katy on 07500 875060, www.katynorthdanceacademy .com

#### Mindfulness with Jo

Visit https://bookwhen.com/kindmindfulness

## Footsteps Dance Academy (ballet, tap & modern)

Contact

missjemma@footsteps.co.uk or www.footstepsdance.co.uk

## Love's Farm Ladies (WI)

loves farmladies wi@gmail.com

#### **Love's Farm Runners**

Visit www.facebook.com/ lovesfarmrunners

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

tinyurl.com/lovesfarmcubs

## **Pregnancy Relaxation**

Contact Jessica at wholebirthandbeyond @gmail.com www.wholebirthandbeyond.co.uk



## What's On September 2024

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Lift Lean 6.15pm-7pm Zumba 7.05-7.50pm Fitness Pilates 8-9pm	*BPHA Drop-in 9am-1pm Messy Munchkins Playgroup 11.30am- 12.15pm, 1.15- 2pm, 3-3.45pm Pilates 6pm, 7pm, 8pm	Karate 5.30-7pm	*Farm House Café 9am-12pm *Little Loves baby and toddler group 9.30-10.30am	*Cosy Craft night/open bar at the Farm House Bar 7.30pm - late	*Lazy Breakfast Café 9-11.15am Street Dance 9.15, 9.45, 10.30, 11am	8
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Loves Farm House is available to hire for private hire at weekends.
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