

AUTUMN 2005 NEWSLETTER

FIREWORK DISPLAY



Saturday 5th November on Westwick Field.

Fully trained team members run this popular community event, and tickets will be available in advance.

Adult £3, child/OAP £2, Family £10 (Cheques to Leverstock Green Village

Association) or on the gate Adult £3.50, child/OAP £2.50, Family £12. Please bring the right change on the night but **NOT** your own fireworks or sparklers.

PLEASE NOTE, the event may be moved to Sun. 6th Nov. or cancelled if the weather forecast is predicting monsoon-like conditions or high winds. If the weather is doubtful, please look out for information on the advertising hoarding on the Green, or go to www.lgva.freereserve.co.uk for information.

In the event of postponement or cancellation, anyone with tickets requesting a refund needs to contact the LGVA Office during the week beginning 7th November.

Leverstock Green Village Association: Registered Charity No. 266940

Quiz Night

8pm Saturday
29th October 2005
Leverstock Green Village Hall
Tickets £7
Including supper

LGVA Dates for your Diary

Quiz Night - Sat. 29th October

Fireworks Display - Sat. 5th November

Race Night - Sat. 19th November

AGM - Mon. 21st November

Carol Concert - Sun. 4th December

Village Concert - Sun. 19th or 26th March
2006 (Phoenix Concert Band)

TO OBTAIN TICKETS IN ADVANCE -
- SEE INSIDE

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The AGM of Leverstock Green Village Association will take place on **Monday November 21st at 8p.m.** in the Main Hall, doors open from 7.30p.m.

A full agenda will be posted nearer the time. Refreshments will be served afterwards. AGM Standing orders available on request from the Office.

All Leverstock Green residents are welcome to attend, but only those aged 18+ are eligible to vote. More information inside regarding election of Trustees.

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ALTERATIONS TO VILLAGE HALL



Many of you will already be aware that unfortunately our bid to the Big Lottery for funding to build an extension to the hall was turned down. We are understandably very disappointed about this decision, particularly as it is extremely unlikely that any Lottery funding will be available for Village Halls next year.

We are currently in discussions with Dacorum Borough Council with a view to making some internal alterations to the Hall. These involve the refurbishment and possible re-siting of the kitchen. Once we have some plans and costs we will notify you.



It does, however, seem inevitable that any alterations or improvements we make in the immediate future will have to be funded by our own resources and with the help of generous donations. We would like to thank all those residents who contributed to the build a brick scheme for the extension. The money in this fund has, with their agreement, now been transferred to a building improvement fund together with other recently received donations.

We wish to assure you that the LGVA committee is working to provide the best possible facilities within the hall for the use of all our residents.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We are always ready to welcome new members. Would you like to join us?

Our regular meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday in the month, at 7 30pm, in the Village Hall, when we have a speaker plus time to chat and make friends.



In addition, there is a craft evening most weeks, a monthly discussion group, together with occasional walks, theatre visits and other outings.

Why not find out more from:

- Mary Harris tel: 01442 256393
- Betty Bradshaw tel: 01442 259870
- Kate Fortnam tel: 01442 258134

.....or just come to our next meeting. You can be sure of a warm welcome.

AGM



One of the principle items on the agenda for the AGM is the election of up to 12 Trustees to serve on the Main Management Committee, in addition to those nominated by local organizations and DBC. The Officers will be appointed by the committee at their first meeting following the AGM.

Are YOU prepared to stand for election to the Main Management Committee as a Trustee? We meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 8pm, except August. Seconded nominations for elected trustees (committee members) together with the signed agreement of the nominee that they are willing to stand for election should be received in writing at the Village Hall Office no later than 12 noon on Wednesday 16th November 2005. Only Leverstock Green residents aged 18 or over are eligible for election. We would welcome some new volunteers. It doesn't matter if you are a long-term resident of the village, or have only recently moved here, please consider joining us in helping to support our community.



Non-political Leverstock Green based schools/organisations and churches are entitled to nominate representatives to sit on the committee and act as Trustees. Please contact the Administrative Assistant Sheila Knight with any details. At the present time nine such groups are represented but more are welcome. The organisations currently represented are: Leverstock Green Amateur Dramatic Association, Leverstock Green Players, Leverstock Green Football Club, Leverstock Green Tennis Club, Leverstock Green Cricket Club, Holy Trinity Church DCC, Holy Trinity Church Ladies' Group, Wine Club, and RBR resident's Association. North End Resident's Association & Leverstock Green WI are also represented by existing Trustees.

The various LGVA committees and other volunteers undertake a great deal on behalf of ALL Leverstock Green Residents. Please don't take the work of LGVA for granted, come along to the AGM and give us your support. Standing orders concerning procedures at the AGM are available on request from the LGVA Office. Items for consideration under Any Other Business must be submitted in writing to the LGVA Office no later than Friday 4th November 2005.

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION



Thank you to all those who helped make this year's exhibition a success.

It was good to see some new faces joining our regular band of exhibitors and helpers, making it a real community effort.

The open evening, with art and craft demonstrations was a new activity this year, and proved so popular that we hope to build on it for next year.

If you have any suggestions for planning future exhibitions, or would like to get involved, please contact Diana Knapp -Tel. 01442 405399

Fred Buglass Awards - Congratulations Hannah & Michael.

At the summer fete two very deserving young people, Hannah Luck & Michael Tarver received their own Buglass Youth Award trophies, and their names now join Abbey Bryant's & Leverstock Green Scouts on the roll of honour in the Hall. For photographs and more details please visit



http://www.lgchronicle.net/YouthAward.html#anchor_66 LGVA have received two nominations this year for the fourth annual (adult) Fred Buglass Award. The official presentation to this year's winner will be made at the AGM, so please come along and find out who will receive this year's trophy and give them your congratulations and support. Want to know more about the award? Visit <http://www.lgchronicle.net/BuglassAward.html> or ask for details at the office. Previous winners were Frances Lawson, Mary Phipps & Barbara Chapman

Walking in Hertfordshire.



A new website for walkers in Hertfordshire

www.walkinginherts.co.uk gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County.

Guided walks: length of walk, which group is running it, when and where it starts and a contact number.

Books of walks: All the details are here, more than 20

Leaflets of walks: More than eighty leaflets listed.

Walking groups: more than 35 are listed

There are also links so that you can check: the weather for your walk, links to other useful sites, how to get to your walk by public transport –more is being added all the time.



Thurs.Oct.13th Irene Manson - The Sweet Things in life

FRIDAY OCT. 28TH AT 7.30 PM - **OPEN EVENING**
TOM HODGE - NATIONAL DEMONSTRATOR - THE
MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS, Sales, Raffle, Refreshments

Thursday Nov 10th Jane Haas Magic and sparkle
Thursday Dec 8th Christmas Party

Normal meetings - doors open 1.30 pm meeting starts 2 pm. Visitors are very welcome at £3 per visit. Membership fee £19 per annum. Please join us to enjoy the demonstrations and perhaps win one of the designs in the raffle.

Contact: Anne Birch, club secretary on 01442 250093 for further information

New library services for the visually impaired



Do you find it difficult to read ordinary sized print? Do you have problems using a computer because you can't read the text or see the icons clearly?

HCC's Library Service can help you. Recently we joined forces with the National Library for the Blind to launch our new services for visually impaired people.

New electronic magnifiers

New magnification and speech software to improve computer access

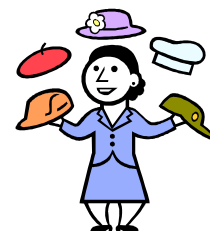
New Reading Group for people who read Large Print or listen to Talking Books. Free parking and disabled access. Contact Kathy Warden or Annette Jackson on 01438 737333, or ask at your local library

Age Concern Dacorum

Wear A Hat day

Friday 21st October 2005

Age Concern is a registered charity based in Hemel Hempstead that offers care and support to older people within the Dacorum community. On Friday 21st October they are running their annual "Wear a Hat Day" appeal. Similar to 'jeans for genes' day, they are encouraging everyone to put on a hat and donate a pound to Age Concern. The money raised goes straight back into funding the invaluable schemes they operate for the local community. To make it as much fun as possible the hat can be as bold and outrageous as you like. Perhaps that old wedding hat needs a bit of an airing? Maybe you've always wanted an excuse to wear that bright orange Beret? Even if you don't want to wear a hat there are numerous fundraising opportunities happening throughout Dacorum. If you want to get involved ring the office direct on (01442) 259049 or e-mail at acdacorum@wwmail.co.uk. And remember ...



"Wear a hat and give something back !"

Tickets for events can be obtained –

- in person from the office in advance.
- by post from the office in advance - please enclose details of your requirements, and a cheque made payable to Leverstock Green Village Association with payees name, address telephone number and Bank card details on reverse.
- From L Carr, Village Butcher, in advance.
- On the gate/door on the night if available.

Leverstock Green Care in the Community Forum



Are you a full or part time carer? Do you work in a caring capacity, either professionally, voluntarily or for a loved one? Sometimes it feels like you are in this on your own...

If this is you, there are others around who understand your world and you can meet them, share experiences, and offer support at the first 'Leverstock Green Care in the Community Forum' on Wednesday 26th October 2005 from 2.00pm in the Village Hall. Further details are available from the Vicar, Rev'd, Simon Cutmore: 01442 264860 or e-mail:

leverstockgreenvicar@fish.co.uk



500 Club Lottery

June 2005 Drawn by: Mr Larry Carr, Village Butcher
 1st £100 7 Mrs Jennifer Anne Tingle
 2nd £33 416 Mrs Pat Driver
 3rd £11 413 Mrs Jeanette Maria Allsopp

July 2005 Drawn by: Mr Billy Elson (Balfour News)
 1st £100 26 Rev. Michael Barton Tingle
 2nd £35 111 Ms Pauline Spendlove
 3rd £12 18 Mr Robert Bell

August 2005 Drawn by: Chris Anderton
 1st £100 93 Mr Peter John Day
 2nd £35 245 Mr George Playla
 3rd £12 334 Mrs Anne Revolta

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Race Night

**8pm Saturday
19th November 2005**

Leverstock Green Village Hall

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Including fish and chip supper





Summer Fete

Our Summer Fete Day on Saturday 9th July was a very successful event, and the LGVA Chairman & Committee wish to thank Pamela Richardson for all her hard work in organising such a splendid event. Nick Taylor managed a very successful team, co-ordinating the events on the day.

The theme of VE Day was supported by the British Legion, who managed a stall along with the other local organisations. This year our new MP Mike Penning opened our Village Fete; this was the first local fete he had opened as an MP.

During the week before the Fete, a very successful Festival week was held in the village including a Ramble, a Treasure Hunt, Arts & Crafts demonstrations and a Band Concert in the Village Church. Although rain stopped play for the planned Cricket Match, the LGVA team were made most welcome by the Cricket Club.

The LGVA would like to thank all those village residents for helping on the day or coming along to support the fete.

For a full report on the day's events visit our website: www.lgva.freeserve.co.uk



ICE: IN CASE OF EMERGENCY



Following the London bombings in July, the idea originating from Cambridge Ambulance Service quickly spread. They suggested programming your Mobile phone by putting ICE along with a name and telephone number to enable the emergency services to contact your family in the event of an emergency. This idea has now been expanded into a World wide medical notification service. For more information see <http://www.icecontact.com/index.php>

Overspill to website

Regretfully there were too many articles to include everything requested in this newsletter. Full versions of the following can however be viewed on our website www.lgva.freeserve.co.uk :

- Fete Report
- LGVA FETE Dog Show winners
- New Library services

Deadline for Next Issue

Please send contributions to the Village Hall Office by February 10th 2006. If you can e-mail the details or send them on a floppy disk or CD this would be very helpful.