

## Under 5's activities in the Village Hall

### **Bumble Club – Mother & Toddler group**



We meet most Thursdays from 1.15 pm – 2.45 pm, and enjoy a different craft activity each week, there's also bike riding, singing, and a safe area for young babies.

A friendly welcome to all new comers whether you are parents, grandparents, or child minders; all are welcome. No need to book, just turn up.

Further details from Tracey 400855 or Tina 211955

### **Mini Music – Musical Activities for Children from Birth to School Age.**

Every Friday afternoon in term time 2.00 pm – 2.40 pm in the Small Hall with emphasis on parental interaction – something you can enjoy together. For further information contact Mrs. Frances Lawson 242987

### **Tumble Tots – Learning Through Play**

Friday afternoon in term time – times vary according to age. Structured physical play sessions for pre-school children, involves jumping, rolling, crawling and climbing through the apparatus. For further details contact Mandy Stephenson 01296 394709



### **Rucksack Music – A Toddlingly Musical Time for 0 to 3 year olds**

Wednesday afternoons 2 pm – 3pm

Come and join in with a relaxed, guided musical session for children with small percussion instruments to experience and enjoy! Lots of singing, marching, stomping, clapping, and just having a good time. No need to book – just drop in. For further details 020 8806 9335 or 07957 608 151

### *Learndirect at The Bridge Business and Training Centre*

Our centre staff will help you choose from our wide range of courses covering Computers, Business Management Skills and Reading, Writing and Number Skills. You can pick the level you feel comfortable with, from beginners to advanced.

Because Learndirect courses are computer based, you can learn at your own pace and at a time that suits you. Our courses are all competitively priced, many are subsidised and some are even ***FREE***.

To find out more please call The Bridge 01442 867828 or e-mail [iain.heslop@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:iain.heslop@dacorum.gov.uk) or visit us at

1-11 Bridge Street, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1EG



## LEVERSTOCK GREEN FLOWER CLUB

### Forthcoming Meetings

Thursday June 12th - Demonstration by Mrs. Sandy Bailey 'Floral Abundance'

Thursday July 10th - Demonstration by Gill McGregor with Balloon Display 'Summer Profusion'

Thursday August 14th - Annual Lunch in a member's garden

Thursday September 11th - Demonstration by Penny Stone 'Flowers in your Hair'

Thursday October 9th - Club Day - members entertain.

Hall open from 1.30 pm meetings start at 2 pm.

Visitors are very welcome at £3 a visit.

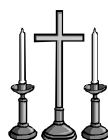
Please join us to enjoy the demonstrations and perhaps win one of the designs in the raffle.

Contact - Anne Birch, Club Secretary on HH 250093.

### **Holy Trinity Church** **Saturday Coffee Mornings**

There is a Coffee Morning and Traidcraft stall, selling fair-trade items, every Saturday morning from 10.00 to 12.00 in the Trinity Room.

Everyone is welcome - Why not call in for a coffee when you have finished your shopping?



### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30PM** **CANDLES AND CALM**

For just one hour step aside from the hustle and bustle and stress of everyday life. Experience a refreshing time of quiet recorded music, occasional readings and candles in a peaceful atmosphere.

This will not be a religious service - just a time to "be"

Please come and join us, bring a friend and maybe a cushion to add to your comfort!

**Autumn Newsletter** – please send items to be included to the Village Hall by 26<sup>th</sup> September



## JUNE 2003 Newsletter



### Come and join the fun – full details inside

During the afternoon there will be live music from **The Hemel Hempstead Band**. The **dog show**, **refreshments**, **beer tent** and all the popular stalls will be there. In the hall the large scale **model railway**, first seen in LG in 2001 will once again be on show and in the library the excellent **Arts and Craft exhibition**.

**A children's entertainer** will be putting on three shows this year in the main marquee. There will be a large number of **inflatable games** for the young and not so young to enjoy!

**Evening Entertainment** – the program will continue with popular bands to entertain you with a wide variety of music.

**We urgently need as many volunteers as possible for the Fete. If you think you can help, please contact the LGVA office.**

*Please buy the attached raffle tickets, come along, join the fun and enjoy!*

### **Art & craft exhibition – July 2003**



Come and see what talent there is amongst your friends and neighbours! We are again exhibiting home-grown art and craft in the local library in the week before and during the Fete...July 8th - 12th in normal library hours plus Saturday afternoon. You might still be just in time to join in and

share your skills with the village; so if you are a newcomer, telephone Diana Knapp (405399) for details, or pick up an entry form from the Village Hall office or the library.

## LGVA – EVENTS 2003

### Dates for your Diary

Race Night – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
Firework Display – Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> November  
Quiz Night – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
AGM – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
Carol Concert – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

### Fred Buglass Young Person's Award

Nominations for this year's inaugural award for young people aged under 19 years of age were received by 31<sup>st</sup> May. An engraved glass trophy and a WH Smith's voucher for £20 will be presented to the individual or group judged the winner at the LGVA Fete on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July. An engraved plaque will also be hung in the hall. Come along to the fete and cheer the winner!

If you know a young person or group of young people whom you think deserve the award, but have missed this year's deadline, don't worry, as we are now accepting nominations for the 2004 award.

Nominations can be made on the appropriate forms at any time until the end of May 2004. For full details either ask at the LGVA Office in the Village Hall or download details from

<http://www.lgchronicle.net/YouthAward.html>

### FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

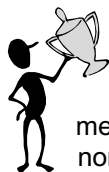
#### SPECIAL THANKS & WELCOME

Following the appeal in our last newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped LGVA by taking part in our various fundraising activities; helped deliver additional '500 club' newsletters, and answered our appeal for a potential Treasurer.

Two members of our local community **OWEN PERKINS & MICHAEL GARDINER** have agreed to join the committee as Trustees, and we co-opted them onto the team at our March meeting. They will both "shadow" our current Treasurer Colin Gage, and following the Trustee elections at the AGM, there will be a vote to determine the four officers of Leverstock Green Village Association. I am delighted to welcome Owen & Michael as part of the current LGVA team.

## The Fred Buglass Award

Following the inauguration of the Fred Buglass Youth Award, the LGVA Trustees have decided to bring the Fred Buglass Award for those over 19 years of age more in line with that of its youthful counterpart. At our May meeting details of the new criteria and nomination forms were approved, and these are now available from Sheila Knight in the LGVA Office at the Village Hall, or on line at <http://www.lgchronicle.net/BuglassAward.html>



The deadline for the 2003 award will be 1<sup>st</sup> October, but you do not need to wait until then to submit a nomination as these can be made at any time. Nominations can be made by individuals, groups, or organisations.

To be eligible for this award nominees must be either resident in Leverstock Green Village Association's area of benefit or their permanent place of employment must be within the same area, and:-

- Have worked to help the local community
- Have made a major contribution to the life of the village community
- Have helped promote the identity of Leverstock Green as a village community
- Have made a major contribution towards conserving or improving the environment of Leverstock Green

Previous nominees can be re-nominated provided they have not received the award. A new nomination form should be submitted.

### End Game Quiz Results

Well done everyone who took part - we hope you enjoyed the challenge. Scores ranged from 41 to 83 out of 100.

The winners of the £50 prize with a score of 83 were **Terri & Jeannie O'Brien** of Kilncroft. They were also the only contestants to get the correct answer to Q55: *An end for a Coded name A: Endeavour* (Colin Dexter's character Inspector Morse's Christian name is Endeavour.)

In second and third positions (Sorry, there were no prizes for these!) were **Pat Jenkins** with a score of 78, followed by **Jeane Smith & Mrs. K. Berman** each with 71.

Very well done to all of you.



## LGVA 500 Club Lottery Winners

The first draw in the LGVA 500 Club Lottery took place at 12 noon at Leverstock Green Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, with our Village Butcher **Larry Carr** making the draw. **PLEASE NOTE – THE NEW TIME FOR THE MONTHLY DRAW IS NOON.**

As tickets sales for the 500 Club have not yet reached the maximum of 500, the rules call for reduced prizes.

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize 20% of Monthly Income,
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize 10% of monthly income,
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> prizes 5% of monthly income.

### The April winners were-

- 1<sup>st</sup> (£46) - **Yvonne Baldwin**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> (£23) - **John Lawson**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> (£11.50) - **Richard M. Basterfield**
- 4<sup>th</sup> (£11.50) - **Susan Palmer Shaw**

### The May winners drawn by Ralph Lightstone of the Village Pharmacy were-

- 1<sup>st</sup> (£60) – **Mrs. Samya Koll**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> (£30) - **Richard M. Basterfield**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> (£15) – **Mrs. Kate Fortnam**
- 4<sup>th</sup> (£15) – **Mrs. Carol Rumble**

Sales of tickets have been encouragingly high following the recent special newsletter distributed to all homes in the Village. We expect the membership of the Club to continue to grow now that the Club is becoming well established, and we are confident that the prizes will be higher in future. Membership for the remaining 8 monthly draws in this year's 500 Club is £8 per ticket.

Membership is open to anyone over 16 whether or not they reside in Leverstock Green, and members may purchase more than one lottery number if they wish. Application forms are available from the Office at Leverstock Green Village Hall or can be downloaded from: <http://www.lgva.freereserve.co.uk/page16.html>

### Leverstock Green Players – Next Show!

July 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> – starting at 7.45 in Leverstock Green Hall.

Please support us by ordering your tickets from our ticket secretary HH 259573. We can promise you a great evening's entertainment of music, dance, and comedy, plus a supper during the interval. As usual we will be donating to a worthy charity.

### Fireworks

**Co-ordinator needed to arrange the show of the year in November 2004. Training given in run up to the 2003 display. Please contact the LGVA Office in the Village Hall.**



## Environmental Issues

### Bunkers Park

DBC are in the latter stages of installing security measures which we hope will be successful in preventing access to those who wish to spoil the amenity which is so attractive to us all.

- height restrictions at either end of the BOAT, (Bye-way Open to All Traffic)
- the replacement of wooden gates with metal ones at the car park and the Bunkers Lane end of the BOAT and the inclusion of removable posts to further restrict access
- ditches and mounds to prevent unauthorised vehicles driving onto Bunkers Park from the BOAT.

The pot holes in the access road to the car park have been filled.

DBC are actively involved in all aspects of the Park and have produced a five year management plan together with measures to encourage community involvement in the future management. Details of the plans are available for viewing at the LGVA office or the Civic Centre.

### Golf Course at Potters Crouch

St Albans Planning Department is keeping LGVA regularly informed on developments at Potters Crouch. The dumping of spoil has now stopped and the land has been top soiled in order to allow grass sowing. A lease is being negotiated between the owners of the land and the developer, and as soon as this is complete work will continue in earnest. Planning permission has been granted for the clubhouse complex.

### What's going on?

One of the big problems of organising Village events is publicity. Success of all the activities that your Association organises is only as good as the support from the residents of Leverstock Green and their friends. On numerous occasions residents when reminded of a function reply "**Oh I didn't know about that but would love to come. Are there any tickets left?**"

In order to keep you aware of what is going on we are considering running an LGVA e-mail publicity service where we would e-mail details of forthcoming events on a regular basis. If you would like to know what is going on in your village from the comfort of your home then e-mail us your address. If we get sufficient support to make it worthwhile then we will give it a go. If you have concerns over privacy or frequency of e-mails let us know what you would find as acceptable.

**E-mail: [mailinglist@lgva.freemove.co.uk](mailto:mailinglist@lgva.freemove.co.uk)**

## VILLAGE CENTRE BT CALL BOX



Given the item in the Gazette earlier this year stating that the BT Call Box in the Village Centre was to be removed, LGVA wrote to BT at the beginning of the year enquiring whether this was indeed their intention, whilst at the same time bringing the matter to the attention of local residents via our February newsletter.

We asked BT to provide us with statistics concerning both the overall number of calls made from the box, and the number of emergency 999 calls made from the box over the previous 1 or 2 years. We finally received a reply from the Project Liaison Manager at BT Payphones dated 9<sup>th</sup> April stating merely "**BT has no plans to remove this box.**"



## **LEVERSTOCK GREEN VILLAGE CONCERT**

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March the Phoenix Concert Band gave an excellent performance at this year's LGVA Village Concert. There were arrangements from several popular shows, including Phantom of the Opera and West Side Story, as well as some well known concert band and light classical pieces.

Ticket sales were a lot better than last year so you obviously all told your friends what a good night out it was! Thank you to everyone who came - it was lovely to see the hall full and to have such an appreciative audience.

Thank you too, to the band and to all my helpers from the village who made the night such a success. We made a profit of £185.72 on the night which was split between the band and the LGVA.

We are very hopeful that we will be able to stage a further concert sometime during March next year so - watch this space.

*RUTH CARL*  
(LGVA Concert organiser)



## **SHOP EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS!**

LGVA are selling Christmas cards this year featuring four different wintry views of Leverstock Green.

The cards are excellent value at £2.50 per pack of 10 x A5 cards of one design, with envelopes. The cards will be available at the fete, and then from the Village Hall Office.

Notelets featuring Leverstock Green's daffodils may also be on sale, but at the time of printing no firm decision has been made.