



AUTUMN 2017 NEWSLETTER



**LGVA
FIREWORK
DISPLAY**

SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2017

FIREWORK DISPLAY STARTS AT 6.45pm
on the
WESTWICK FIELD BEHIND THE VILLAGE HALL
(GATES OPEN AT 5.30pm)

Adults £5 Children £3 Concessions £3
Family ticket £15 (2 adults & 3 children under 16)

Advance tickets at discounted prices can be
obtained from the Village Hall
or from Dave Clarke
the Village Family Butcher

Leverstock Green Village Association CIO, Charity no. 1172784

Leverstock Green Village Association

AGM

on **MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2017**
Starting at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

**Do come along and support
your Village Association**

**Join us for drinks and nibbles
at the AGM followed by a
Q&A session with your
Local and County Councillors**

This is a great opportunity to ask
questions on local issues such as
housing/schools/hospitals/roads/traffic

Please submit your questions in advance of the meeting to the LGVA Office
tel. no. 01442 268723, e-mail, lgvaoffice@gmail.com, www.lgva.org.uk

Leverstock Green Village Association CIO, Charity no. 1172784

Annual General Meeting - Monday 27th November 2017 - 7.45pm.

This will be the last AGM for LGVA and the first AGM for LGVA CIO
Join us in the Village Hall for the AGM followed by drinks, nibbles and Councillors' Question Time

Agenda available from the Village Hall Office in the preceding week. We would welcome nominations for new Trustees which should be submitted by 1st November. Information regarding nominations can be obtained from the Village Hall Office.

D.P. Clarke is
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LEVERSTOCK GREEN VILLAGE

FETE

Saturday 8th July 2017

The weather was again perfect for a fete, with a beautiful sunny afternoon. Immediately prior to the opening our local Member of Parliament, Mike Penning, his wife Angela and I walked round the stalls to judge which should win the "Best Dressed Stall" Rosette for 2017. With a theme of "Crazy Cats" we all agreed that the winner this year was the Leverstock Green Playgroup. The team members had made a real effort to dress the stall with handmade pictures and bunting. Given the Award of Merit rosettes for their stalls decorations were Heart to Herts and Holy Trinity Church.

A large number of Crazy Cats made by Sue Brind and Iris Parish adorned the Leverstock Green Village Association stalls and any available railings, greatly adding to the fabulous spectacle.



The fete was very well attended and there were plenty of stalls for people to browse. There was entertainment from Zumba and the Tennis Club outside and the annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition was held in the Buglass Room. Performances from Fusion and a demonstration of Short Mat Bowls in the Main Hall kept many people amused and entertained. A bevy of local ladies was also on hand to provide cups of tea or coffee and delicious homemade cakes. Local butcher Dave Clarke provided burgers and hot dogs, with refreshments from the Beer Tent provided by Carla Card.

The annual Dog Show took place during the afternoon and our special thanks go to the organisers and judges. The full list of winners can be found in this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way.

Audrey Weightman, Chairman

Art and Crafts Exhibition

I would like to thank all the volunteers, exhibitors and visitors who contributed to the Art and Crafts exhibition. Compared with previous years, entries were down but on the plus side the variety was up. Viewer numbers were also down. We would like some feedback about how we continue with the Art and Crafts exhibition, we don't want to do away with it altogether but feel it needs to change. We have received a few suggestions:

Make it more workshop based so that people can take part for a nominal fee and take away their creation (volunteers would be required);

Maybe making it bi-annual;

Any feedback, negative or positive will be gratefully received.

Bernadine Makins

LGVA PRESENTS

A BIG BAND CONCERT

FEATURING

THE HERTSWING BIG BAND

on Thursday 23rd November 2017

Concert starts: 8.00pm and finishes approximately 10.30 pm
Doors open 7.30pm - bring your own drinks and nibbles
Tickets £12 in advance from the Village Hall
There will be tables of 8, space to dance and a raffle.

HERTSWING BIG BAND CONCERT

Thursday 23rd November

Once again we are looking forward to welcoming the Hertswing Band to the Village Hall ready to entertain us. Whether you just enjoy listening or getting on your feet for a dance there will be something for everyone on the programme. All their other visits have proved very enjoyable and we are confident that this one will too.

LGVA

WINTER FAYRE

SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2017

OPEN from 2.00pm - 4.30pm
in the
VILLAGE HALL
Admission £1 children free
with the

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON AT 4.30 PM

Leverstock Green Village Association CIO - Charity no. 1172784

Wanted for the LGVA Winter Fayre at the Village Hall on Saturday 11th November.

Bric a brac, Items for Tombola and raffle, AND cakes.

If you are able to supply a cake for us we would appreciate your phone number at the office so that we have a record.

CENTURION CLUB FOUR-BALL GOLF VOUCHER

Once again our Fete was sponsored by Centurion Club which also very kindly donated a four-ball playing voucher to be auctioned on Fete day. The winner was one of our valued and regular helpers and, as has happened in the past, the sealed bids were outbid on the day. The winning bid added a considerable sum to the other fund-raising efforts of the day.

Our thanks go to the Centurion Club for donating the voucher and to the winner. We hope that the successful bidder and friends had an enjoyable game.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN FETE 2017 DOG SHOW WINNERS



- Child Handler:** 1st - Buster (Violet Jones) 2nd - Scout (F&G Selvey)
3rd - Nutmeg (Lola Ellis)
- Dog/bitch with the Waggiest Tail:** 1st - Barley (Sarah Kiesa)
2nd - Elvis (Paul Reynolds) 3rd - Max (Margaret Howard)
- Dog/bitch with the Most Appealing Eyes:** 1st - Alaska (J Preston)
2nd - Benny (Jane Lathaby) 3rd - Parker (Caroline Gamett)
- Friendliest Dog/Bitch:** 1st - Winston (Vicki Willett)
2nd - Dexter (Anita Barwick) 3rd - Monty (Nicola Callin)
- Prettiest Bitch:** 1st - Poppy (Kayla Vermaak)
2nd - Winnie (Tracey Cave) 3rd - Lulu (Erica Durrant)
- Handsome Dog:** 1st - Scout (F&G Selvey)
2nd - Presley (Lisa Penn) 3rd - Archie (Rachel England)
- Dog/bitch in Best Condition:** 1st - Benson (Alexander Davis)
2nd - Dixie (Emma Parker) 3rd - Dexter (Stanley Heritage)

EAST HEMEL DEVELOPMENT

St Albans City and District Council (SADC) intends to fulfil its housing needs by building 8000 new homes by 2031. To many people's annoyance the Council has seen fit to plan most of these to adjoin outlying towns and villages and to build an absolute minimum in St Albans itself. 2500 new homes are planned on Crown Estate land adjoining Dacorum with 1500 of these close to Redbourn and 1000 next to Leverstock Green. This is known as the East Hemel development. We now face an anomalous situation where 2500 households will be paying Council Tax to St Albans while using Dacorum's infrastructure and many of its services.

LGVA has been actively involved since 2014 when SADC consulted on the first draft of their Strategic Local Plan (SLP). The Village Association has expressed strong objections to the SADC proposals from the outset.

On 26th October 2016 the Planning Inspector, Mr David Hogger, ruled that SADC had failed in its duty to cooperate with neighbouring authorities, including Dacorum Borough Council, while developing its plans. SADC appealed and called for a Judicial Review in the High Court. The Appeal and Judicial Review took place in June of this year and on 13th July 2017 the Judge ruled against SADC. This effectively means that their SLP cannot go forward and we can now only await the next move by the Council and/or by the Crown Estate.

The Crown Estate held a public consultation (their second) on 24th June 2017 and LGVA circulated an information leaflet with the Summer Newsletter in

advance of this. The leaflet explained that the East Hemel proposals are the Crown Estate's vision for developing the land identified by SADC in its now invalid SLP. These are NOT official proposals supported by SADC and differ in many respects from the original plans, not least in the amount of Green Belt which would need to be released. The Crown Estate has obviously listened to comments from the earlier consultation and has watered down its proposals. Nevertheless, it has still earmarked more Green Belt land than LGVA believes is acceptable.

Although LGVA and many residents are opposed to the plans, it is highly unlikely that we will be able to overturn them in their entirety. There is a critical shortage of housing in the area and there are limited places where houses can be built. Since Hemel Hempstead was developed as a 'new town' some 70 years ago, this tract of land has been earmarked for eventual use as housing and, compared with much of the surrounding Green Belt, most of the land designated by SADC tends to be inferior in 'Green Belt' terms. Although the land is in St Albans, our council has stated that if it was in Dacorum, they would probably be doing the same thing.

Given that there is little prospect of stopping the development from eventually going ahead, LGVA is determined to limit the impact on the village and to retain the character of Leverstock Green. There may be opportunities to improve amenities such as medical facilities to benefit the existing community. With these aims in mind, we are working closely with the Crown Estate as well as other interested parties including community representatives in Redbourn and Harpenden and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE). We met with our MP, Mike Penning, (right) who supports the development in principle but joins us in seeking to limit the loss of any more Green Belt. We aim to keep the village community involved and informed as the plans evolve and we will be posting regular updates on the LGVA website, www.lgva.org.uk. These already include LGVA's response to the Crown Estate Consultation the results of which will be added as soon as they are published.



WHERE ARE THE BUNKERS PARK COWS?

A number of users of Bunkers Park have enquired about the recent absence of the cows. The cattle which graze there in the summer belong to the Boxmoor Trust who monitor their welfare. Unfortunately, due to the prolonged spell of dry weather during May and June, there was insufficient grass to sustain them and the Trust had to move them to more verdant pastures on Boxmoor land. We look forward to the cows returning to Bunkers Park in the Spring of 2018.

500 Club Winners

May – 232 members

Mrs Alice Hildersley
Mrs June Playle
Mr Richard Thwaites

Drawn by Cathy & Andy
Cunningham at Bentley's

144 £100
404 £15
106 £5

June – 232 members

Mrs Christine Randall
Mrs Julia Hastings
Miss Margaret Howard

Erica Durrant at LG Village Hall

464 £100
184 £15
188 £5

July – 233 members

Mr Michael Jacobs
Mrs Tricia Botten
Mr Harold Rylott

Carol Johnston at Bentley's

009 £100
445 £15
499 £5

August – 233 members

Mrs Samya Kroll
Mr Fred Glasscoe
Ms Sonia Payne

Lorna Blanchard at LG Village Hall

43 £100
148 £15
483 £5

Councillor Surgeries

These are held in the Village Hall Office on the third

Saturday of the month from 10 to 11am

21st October - Councillor Graham Sutton

18th November - Councillor Margaret Griffiths

20th January 2018 - Councillor Hazel Bassadone

17th February 2018 - County Councillor Andrew Williams

17th March 2018 - Councillor Graham Sutton



POP GUNS - NEW GUNS NEEDED. CAN YOU HELP?

The pop gun stall at the fete has been very popular for many years but unfortunately the air-rifles now need replacing. As new ones are very expensive it may not be practical to purchase them. If you have a disused air-rifle sitting in a cupboard and would be prepared to donate it to the Village Association we would be very grateful. We have a volunteer who will overhaul and make any necessary modifications or repairs so that is not a problem. If you can help, please take your unloaded item to the village hall office or leave a message and we will arrange collection.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN PARISH TRUST

The Trust was formed in 1992 following the sale of land in Pancake Lane where the original Parish Hall stood. By the terms of the Trust deed the first call on the income of the Parish Trust is the repair and maintenance of the Village Hall.

Any remaining income may be used at the discretion of the Trustees for "Charitable purposes which are of general benefit to the inhabitants of Leverstock Green" The Trust meets quarterly.

Applications for a grant, supported by documentation, should be sent to the secretary, Frances Bull, 22 The Horseshoe, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8QT

Diary Dates:

Firework Display - Saturday 4th November
Winter Fayre and Switching on of Christmas Lights - Saturday 11th November
Big Band Concert - Thursday 23rd November
LGVA AGM - Monday 27th November

LGVA summer photographic competition 'Animals'

Congratulations to the winners of the fifth photographic competition and thanks to all who entered.

The winners this time were:

1st: Barbara Le-Tallec *I've got my Eye on You!*
2nd: Barbara Le-Tallec *My best side.*
3rd: John Baldwin *Percherons at Work (France)*

LGVA would like to thank Tom Derbyshire and John Marshall of the Hemel Hempstead Photographic Society for judging our pictures.

The closing date for the next photographic competition will be 11th December and the subject will be 'Flowers'



Deadline for next Newsletter copy
Friday 2nd February 2018 - in digital format if possible.



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