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Editor's Notes

Welcome to the 7th edition of the Village Voice. Can you believe we have been producing this format of the newsletter for over 3 years now? I hope you enjoy all the hard work myself, Bernadine Makins, Ray Clarke, Lesley and the committee put into this publication.

If you have any comments, good or bad, please feel free to let us know. We can only improve if you let us know what you think.

In this Issue we have all the usual articles for you to enjoy. We have included a new school, Chambersbury Primary (Page 13) and the pantomime which was a great success.

Stop Press - the players have agreed to put on another panto this year so please support them.

The Christmas lights, I thought, were the best they have looked in a long time. We also have Herts Connect, your local neighbourhood policing team in the magazine (Page 50). Why not subscribe to easyfundraising on page 42 a really easy to use link to any shopping channel you wish to access. If you nominate the LGVA we will get a small donation from them every time you order something online. This will help the LGVA carry on with all the activities we provide for the village.

I am reliably informed that the Leverstock Green village shopping centre improvements will be happening within the next few months (page 52).

And as always, PLEASE support the local trades that put their hard-earned profits into supporting us - without them the Village Voice could not exist.

Thank you.

Clive Hill



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Leverstock Green Village Association (LGVA)

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteer for LGVA. Without volunteers we are unable to run our activities. We are also always seeking more volunteers to help at events, count our magazine for delivery, deliver our magazine, letters, flyers etc.

This can be on either a “regular” or an “ad hoc” basis, for whatever time you are willing to spare.



Leverstock Green
Village Association

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or pop in and see her during office
opening hours 9.30am-12.30pm Mon-Fri.
or scan the QR code below.



500 Club

If you would like to support LGVA and at the same time have a chance of winning a prize, why not join our very own local lottery, the LGVA “500 Club”? **Membership only costs £12 per year and you have a chance of winning, each and every month, either the £100 first prize or £30 second prize.**



The maximum membership is limited to 500 and we are not there yet but even better, as the membership increases, so will the prize money and the number of prizes!

Also, membership per household is not restricted, so more than one family member can join.

The draw takes place in the Village Centre on or shortly after the first of every month and results and winners are notified by email/post. Results are also exhibited at the Village Hall (unless no publicity is requested).

The Club runs from April 1st each year, when subscriptions are renewable, but you can join at any time by paying the number of months up to and including the following March. For an application form, see our website: www.lgva.org.uk/500-club or scan the QR code above.

Alternatively, you can pop into the Village Hall during opening hours and collect a form from the office. After completing, just return this with your payment details (cash, card, cheque or standing order), then you will be allocated a 500 Club number.

(Registered with Dacorum Borough Council. Registration No. 76 under the Lotteries & Amusement Act 1976)

500 Club Winners

October 2025 – 220 members

Kathy Perry	019	£100
Michael Bullas	140	£30

November 2025 – 226 members

Pauline Lindsey	003	£100
Paul & Mary Frost	025	£30

December 2025 – 226 members

Geraldine Cox	251	£100
Jo Pugh	348	£30

January 2026 – 226 members

Tim Wheeler	439	£100
Graham Weight	255	£30

February 2026 – 226 members

Mrs D Williams	185	£100
Yvonne Horrod	061	£30

March 2026 – 226 members

Linda Land	077	£100
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LGVA SUMMER FETE 2026!

Date : 11 July 2026 Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm
Westwick Field, Leverstock Green HP3 8QG

This year's theme is World Cup 2026!

Lots of fun for everyone with a wide range of stalls, children's rides and activities, face painting, refreshments, bar, food stalls (pizza, burgers, hotdogs, chips, candyfloss and ice-cream van), raffle, bouncy castle, dance displays, fire engine, police, train rides, CPR and first aid demonstration and the dog show.

Design a World Cup Trophy Competition for Kids - prize for the best design!! There will also be an Auction for a 4 Ball Golf Voucher from the Centurion Club!

See the fete programme on the day for more information.



Leverstock Green Football Club

The football club is always looking forward to the future. One of these was the installation of solar panels to help reduce the impact on the environment and reduce costs to the club. The panels were installed by HDM Energies.

HDM Energies is excited to announce the launch of a new partnership with Leverstock Green Football Club. This collaboration will see the installation of a fully funded 24.5kWp solar array system, complete with a solar battery, provided at zero capital cost to the club. This forward-thinking initiative will enable Leverstock Green FC to significantly reduce electricity bills while establishing a lasting renewable energy legacy.

In partnership with Troo, a leading national energy consultancy, HDM Energies is delivering this project under its innovative Energy for All scheme. The scheme allows businesses and organisations to benefit from rooftop solar solutions without upfront costs. Through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), Leverstock Green FC will purchase the energy generated on-site at a low, fixed rate, reducing their reliance on the National Grid and cutting overall electricity costs.

Tony Smart, of Leverstock Green FC, expressed his enthusiasm for the initiative:

“Our solar installation from HDM marks the latest stage in our bid to make Leverstock Green a progressive club with a valuable, sustainable future. For HDM Energies to provide this fully funded solution for us gives us a massive boost in our progress toward both fiscal and environmental sustainability. Thank you to David Todd and the rest of the team at HDM Energies.”

David Todd, National Sales Manager at HDM Energies, highlighted the importance of the partnership:

“Working with community concerns like LGFC represents the ideals of HDM Energies. To provide a fully funded solution to this wonderful, progressive club goes toward fulfilling the vision of our owners and investors. We look forward to following the progress of Leverstock Green and wish them all the best after their recent promotion!”

This project reinforces HDM Energies’ commitment to driving accessible renewable energy solutions for organisations across the UK. By empowering clubs like Leverstock Green FC, HDM Energies continues to deliver on its mission of fostering sustainability and energy efficiency for local communities.

For more information about HDM Energies and the Energy for All scheme, get in touch.

To find out more about Troo, visit: <https://www.troocost.com/>



Tony Smart of Leverstock Green FC and David Todd of HDM Energies



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The Fred Buglass Award

The Fred Buglass Award was instigated in 2002 using funds from the Fred Buglass Legacy.

Fred lived in Leverstock Green for 45 years until his death in 1998 at the age of 93.

Fred Buglass was responsible for the formation of LGVA in 1962 and a Life President.

The award recognises the people in the village who, by their actions, help make this a nice place to live and a community to be proud of, and who contribute positively to the village. It is for anyone who contributes significantly to the Leverstock Green community.

A Youth Award was initiated in April 2003.

Nominations are required to be in by 1st September but can be made at any time during the year.

The nomination forms for both the adults and youth award can be downloaded from our website here - <https://lgva.org.uk/buglass-award/> along with the criteria for each award.



Or scan the QR code



Leverstock Green Parish Trust

Parish Trust – Charity No 302421

Leverstock Green Parish Trust was formed in 1992 from the sale of land in Pancake Lane where the original Village Hall stood. The main duty of the Trust is to provide assistance towards the maintenance and repair of the Village Hall. The Trust may also use income “ for charitable purposes for the general benefit of residents of The Leverstock Green area.”

We have given grants in the past to local schools, tennis, cricket and football clubs, Guide and Scout groups, Holy Trinity Church and many other small organisations.

We do not give grants to individuals.

If your organisation would like to apply for a grant pick up a form from the office at the Village Hall and return for the attention of The Secretary Levertock Green Parish Trust.

The Trustees meet quarterly usually around January, April, August and October.

J Hastings (Secretary)

LGVA Spring Quiz 2026

The annual quiz saw a full capacity turnout of 13 teams on 13th February 2026.

The winners on the night were 'The Punters' and the runners-up 'Bats & Balls'.



The full results on the night –

Table No	Team Name	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7	Round 8	Marathon	Total
2	The Punters	4	9	7	10	6	14	6	18	10	84.0
10	Bats and Balls	4	7	7	14	5	7	8	19	5.5	76.5
9	Saga Louts	5	7	16	3	5	8	9	17	4.5	74.5
1	Sunday Regulars	3	5	8	6	14	5	7	15	10	73.0
13	The Silent Majority	2	8	6	6	3	16	6	19	6	72.0
7	Horseshoe & Friends	4	6	6	8	6	14	8	16	4	72.0
3	Dream Teamers	3	7	6	2	14	7	7	19	7	72.0
5	The Farmers	4	7	7	3	6	8	7	20	8.5	70.5
4	The Chiltonians	4	3	7	16	6	5	5	19	4.5	69.5
6	The Infamous Five	4	8	6	5	2	6	14	19	4	68.0
11	The Brain Dead	3	6	7	8	5	10	7	13	6.5	65.5
8	The Magnificant 7	3	7	6	4	4	7	7	18	8	64.0
12	DJ Duo	2	5	6	2	2	6	5	8	5	41.0

Thanks go out to all who took part and the quiz master Roy Makins. A very big thanks to the assistants on the night—Iris and Julie, Colin Gage, Colin Durrant, Margaret Griffiths, Sue and Linda and also to those that helped with the arrangements before and after the event.

Bernadine Makins

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Your MP

Serving Hemel Hempstead as your MP is an honour and a privilege. Over the past year, I've worked hard to stand up for our community — tackling local challenges, supporting residents, and helping improve services that matter to us all.

I've held over 40 surgeries, pop-ups, and events to hear directly from residents, alongside 18+ ministerial meetings — including visits from the Prime Minister. In Parliament, I've raised more than 140 questions and speeches on local issues while handling over 2,000 constituent cases and sending 32,000+ letters and emails to support residents.

Closer to home, I've met with more than 20 community leaders, visited over 30 schools, and taken part in 150+ local visits to support organisations, charities, and volunteers working to make Hemel an even better place to live.

Tackling antisocial behaviour, improving healthcare access, and building a safer, fairer, and more prosperous community will remain my priorities in the year ahead. It's been a privilege to serve — and to keep working with you to make Hemel the best it can be.

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We are a charity run term-time pre-school based in the Westwick Room of Leverstock Green Village Hall since 1974. We provide top quality opportunities for our little ones aged 2 – 5 years. As a charity we rely heavily on donations and fundraising to enable us to continue to provide quality resources and engaging experiences.

Over the years we have held a range of fundraising events – the main one being the Village Fete where we have facepainting, sweet tombola, pick a lolly etc. We have also held cake sales, family picnics, raffles and more. We have been fortunate on two occasions to receive funds from Tesco's, as a result of our supporters using their blue coins. From this, we purchased a new mud kitchen and created a beautiful sensory garden for the children to enjoy.

As well as raising funds for our setting we have supported other charities, including Huntington's Disease by wearing odd and bright socks for a week. It was a lot of fun seeing how many different socks we all had. We have also helped Cracker Jacks (a children's charity), Children in Need and Comic Relief.

If you are interested in fundraising for our preschool or would like more information please contact 01442 266270 or email leverstockgreenplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk

Your support would be most welcome and help us continue to create engaging development opportunities for each child.



Chambersbury Primary School

Chambersbury Primary School is a welcoming school in Hemel Hempstead, just off Chambersbury Lane, educating children from ages 4-11 with a focus on community and growth. The school's motto—"Learning, Growing, Achieving... TOGETHER"—reflects its inclusive ethos and commitment to nurturing every pupil. Staff work closely with families to deliver an engaging, ambitious curriculum that inspires a love of learning and personal development. Chambersbury celebrates achievements and everyday school life on its Instagram, sharing moments from classrooms, events, and pupil experiences. It prides itself on a supportive environment where every child is known, valued and encouraged to thrive.



Leverstock Green CE Primary School

🌟 Spaces Available at Leverstock Green School Nursery 🌟

We are proud to offer a truly exceptional start to your child's educational journey at Leverstock Green School Nursery.

From Summer Term 2026, we will be offering **flexible hours and extended wraparound provision**, supporting busy families with high-quality care throughout the day in a safe, familiar school environment.

Our nursery provides a dedicated early years classroom along with the many advantages of being part of a vibrant, established school community. This ensures a smooth and confident transition into Reception and beyond. With access to our extensive school grounds and enriching outdoor learning opportunities, children are able to explore, discover and grow beyond the classroom.

What makes our nursery particularly special is that it is **led by an experienced, fully qualified teacher**. Every activity and learning opportunity is thoughtfully planned to meet children's developmental needs, ensuring the very best foundations in early communication, literacy, numeracy, and social skills — all delivered through engaging, play-based experiences and weekly Forest School sessions in our own woodland.

At Leverstock Green School Nursery, your child can expect outstanding care, expert teaching and the very best start to their school journey.

📞 **Call the school office today 01442 406520 for more information or to book a tour - we would love to welcome you!**



Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School

Hobbs Hill Wood Primary has had an exciting year so far with lots of amazing learning opportunities, outings and visitors to the school. We have completed the building of our new outdoor covered area (see picture). This new structure covers our entire playground and it is so tall you can see it from the surrounding area! It will provide us with shelter for playtimes and PE activities and shade in the summer and a space for our picnic tables.

- We are preparing for our new school year in September through the appointment of more staff and welcoming 60 new Reception children and 30 new nursery children. We still have a couple of spaces in our nursery so if you are looking for a place for your child you can find information on our website – www.hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk
- We have launched our new website with information about our school and what we do, so do take a look.

This will be my last article for the Village Voice as I will be retiring at the end of the summer term after 40 years of service to Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School. I have met so many young people and their families on this journey and I would like to thank everyone who has made my career such an enjoyable one.

Richard Haynes



Longdean School

It's hard to believe that I have already been Headteacher at Longdean for six months — the year is flying by.

Our priorities this year are clear and focused:

- **Outcomes**
- **Consistency**
- **Attendance**

By maintaining a strong focus on these areas, we aim to ensure that every Longdean student reaches their full potential and leaves us ready to compete with the very best in whatever path they choose in the future.

Attendance is currently a significant issue nationally, and I am keen to explore how we can work together as a local community to support families in ensuring that students are in school every day. I strongly believe that schools and society must work in partnership to address this vital challenge.

As a school community, we have also redefined our core values:

- **Pride**
- **Perseverance**
- **Ambition**
- **Respect**

Our mission is to ensure that these values are embedded in everything we do in our day-to-day practice, so that they are firmly rooted in our students by the time they leave Longdean.

We are incredibly fortunate to be part of the Scholars' Education Trust. During my first term, I visited all the SET secondary schools to build strong networks and to learn from, as well as share, best practice. I have also been visiting local primary schools to explore how we can work more closely together to support our communities and ensure a smooth transition for our students.

It has certainly been a busy start, but I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to lead this wonderful school into its next chapter and to be part of such a strong and supportive local community.



Mrs Ruth Georgiades - Headteacher

Woodfield School



Woodfield School Coffee Shop

Malmes Croft, Leverstock Green, HP3 8RL

Tucked within the grounds of Woodfield School, a specialist setting for pupils with severe and complex learning difficulties, you'll find one of the community's hidden gems: Woodfield Coffee Shop.

More than just a café, the Coffee Shop is proudly run by the pupils themselves. From preparing food and serving customers to taking orders and working as a team, students gain valuable life skills, confidence and real-world experience in a supportive environment.

Visitors can enjoy a range of refreshments and light bites, including freshly brewed coffee, tea and hot chocolate, cold drinks, cakes, sandwiches, sausage rolls, jacket potatoes and chips.

There are also daily specials on set days; menus are displayed in the Coffee Shop.

Open to the public during term time (Monday to Thursday 8:30am–3:30pm and Friday 8:30am–2:30pm).

Please note, we are closed on Wednesdays between 9:00am and 10:00am for a dedicated session for parents of children with SEND.

The Coffee Shop offers a warm, friendly atmosphere where you can enjoy good food while supporting pupils on their learning journey.



Table Tennis

The Leverstock Green Table Tennis Club has been in existence for approximately 26 years offering social play for members of all ages with 'intermediate' ability. We have three 2 hour sessions per week, held on Monday, Tuesday and Friday in The Village Hall

The club is affiliated with the Hemel Hempstead Table Tennis League (part of the English Table Tennis Association) and we have two teams representing the club who play matches with a number of other teams representing clubs in Hemel Hempstead and the surrounding area.

Currently there are 28 teams split into three divisions. Our '1st' team are in Div two and our 'A' team are in Div 3.

The league season runs from the end of September to the beginning of April with a three week break for individual cup competitions. Throughout the season there is also a club cup handicap competition which gives clubs in the lower divisions the chance to play teams with players of a much higher playing standard. There are often some upsets!

Up until this season the league consisted of four divisions. I'm pleased to report that our 1st team actually won and are the current (and last!) champions of div 4 with one of our players remaining unbeaten!

Claire





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Winter Fayre

The Winter Fayre was held on Saturday 15th November 2025 starting at 1.00pm and finishing at 4.30pm. It was followed by the switch-on of the Christmas Lights.

There were many and varied Christmas stalls and we had a great attendance with a festive atmosphere. Santa's grotto, much improved this year, was more popular than ever with the children and tea and cakes sold from the kitchen quickly disappeared. A visit from the cast of the Panto, which was a joint effort between The Players and LGVA, prompted people to book their tickets. Our Winter Fayre Raffle also proved popular as was our Tombola.

We hope you can support us again this year on Saturday 14th November 2026 at 1.00pm.





Christmas Lights



LGVA is very grateful to the following local shops, businesses and local residents for their generous sponsorship of the 2025 Christmas Lights.

MINDFUL ENERGY, WING FU, LOCAL RESIDENTS, LEATHER BOTTLE PUB, MANDY'S STORE, DP CLARKE BUTCHERS, LG FOOTBALL CLUB



Team Macy



Team Macy would like to thank everyone for their continued support throughout the Christmas period. We had a very wet and soggy Christmas light switch on but despite the weather we had an amazing response from our local community. The driveway was packed again, and the music was delivered from our very own 'JustACappella' choir based in Leverstock Green. They sang their hearts out in the pouring rain – and even offered to come back! The road closure meant that we were able to spill out on to the road which was lucky as there was not a space to be had on the drive!

The whole of December was pretty much a washout with almost daily rainfall, but despite that we had visitors to see the lights daily and managed to raise over £3,000!

Again, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support. In a rapidly changing world where everyone is always busy and money is always tight, we appreciate the support and generosity that allows Team Macy to continue raising money and awareness for congenital heart defects. Go Team Macy x



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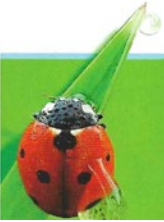
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Our aim is to provide a meeting place for retired and semi-retired men to get together and enjoy a monthly programme of a convivial chat over a cup of coffee and an interesting talk on a variety of subjects from visiting speakers. Our meetings are relaxed and informal, non-political and secular.

Additionally we have a programme of visits to places of interest to which partners and guests are invited. Club Lunches are a twice-per-year feature.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at St John's Church Hall, St John's Road, Boxmoor from 10.00am - 12.00 noon. Parking is available.

Our annual subscription is £32pa.

For more information about our programme visit: www.hemelprobus.org.uk/

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What's On

LEVERSTOCK GREEN VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

These are some of the activities that are available at the Village Hall. Full details of what's available are on our website www.lgva.org.uk or speak to our Administrator.

Art	Tuesdays, Wednesdays (both classes are full at the moment).
Badminton	Mondays (class is full)
Bridge Card game	Tuesdays
Calligraphy (U3A) The art of "beautiful writing"	Mondays (twice a month)
Designer 3 Flower Arranging	Saturdays (four times a year)
Everyone Active Exercise to music	Wednesdays
Fabric Friends Craft group	Fridays (alternate weeks)
Fitsteps Dancing to music	Wednesdays
Irish Dancing Traditional dance for children	Wednesdays
Just A Cappella Choir group	Mondays
Leverstock Green Indoor Bowls	Wednesdays
Leverstock Green Flower Arranging	Thursdays (every other month)
Leverstock Green Table Tennis	Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays (classes are full)
Leverstock Green Players Amateur dramatics	Thursdays
Leverstock Green Playgroup	Mondays – Fridays
Leverstock Green WI Women's organisation	Tuesdays (second of the month)
MAFVA Model makers (military vehicles)	Tuesday (fourth of the month)

What's On Continued ...

Magic (U3A)	Fridays (alternative weeks)
Pilates Low impact, mind-body exercise	Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
Tap Dancing	Tuesdays
Tea Dance	Thursdays (third of the month)
Westwick WI Women's organisation	Thursdays (second of the month)
Yoga Exercise that connects mind, breath and body	Tuesdays
Zumba High energy dance	Monday, Thursdays & Saturdays

Events & Dates

Fete	Saturday 11th July
Winter Fayre and Lights	Saturday 14th November
AGM	Monday 23rd November
LGVA & LG Players Panto	Saturday 28 th November & Saturday 5 th December
In the pipeline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Band Concert - Thursday 21st May • Pop Up Charity Shop - Friday 29th & Saturday 30th May • Summer Fete - Saturday 11th July • Winter Fayre & Christmas Lights - Saturday 14th November • AGM - Monday 23rd November 	

LGVA Hall Hire

We have three rooms for hire, the Main Hall (maximum capacity 150), the Westwick Room (max 60) and the Buglass Room (max 30).

You can hire our hall for classes and meetings and most other events including birthday parties, baby showers, gender reveals, anniversaries, weddings and engagements etc (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays). The hall and rooms can be hired in conjunction with one another.

The Village Hall also holds a Premises Licence.

Our fully stocked and professionally managed bar provides beers, lagers, various wines and spirits.

We currently have availability of space for both regular and occasional bookings.

Before submitting any booking forms, please contact our Administrator, Lesley, for any additional information, pricing and availability.

Buglass Room & Westwick Room



The Westwick Room is
10.6m x 6.3m

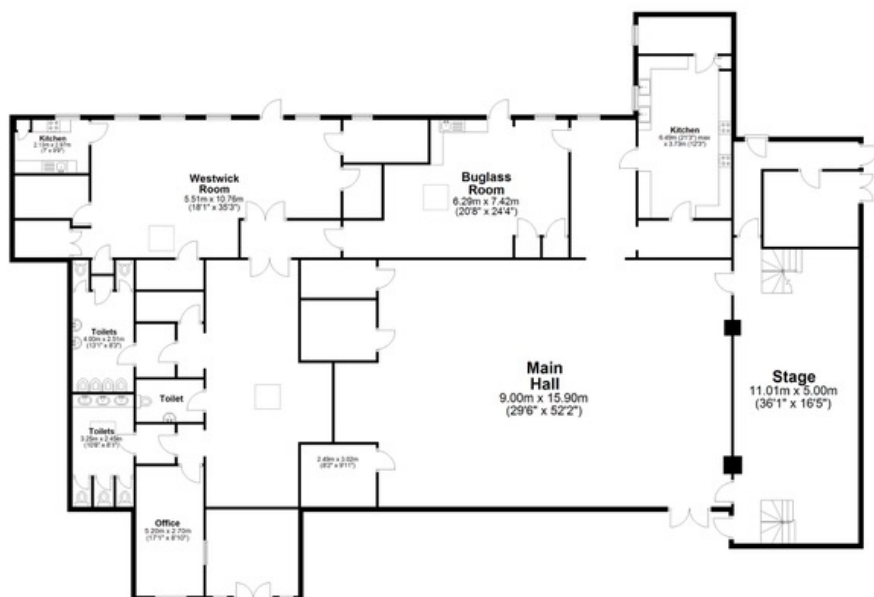


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Main Hall



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Main Hall Continued ...



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Pantomime

In November 2025 we performed our first pantomime, Dick Whittington, for over 30 years, in conjunction with the LGVA. We had no idea how it would go down, but the feedback we had was fantastic, with everyone saying how much they enjoyed it. This was a different challenge to the variety shows we regularly perform, making a nice change. I've lost count of how many people, in the group and audience, that have asked if we'll be doing another one this year. Such pressure!! All I can say for now is.....Fe Fi Fo Fum.

Ian Payne (AKA Joker John)
Chairman Leverstock Green Players



The Crown Estate

As many of you will be aware, The Crown Estate submitted its Outline Planning Application (OPA) for East Hemel in December 2025 following an 18-month community engagement programme which many of you participated in whether through one of our events, through our website or digital engagement platform, or contacting us directly through the dedicated project inbox.

Whilst the statutory consultation period is closed, members of the public are still able to make comments on the application through St Alban's City & District Council's planning portal using application reference: 5/2025/1964 or through Dacorum Borough Council's portal using reference: 25/02916/MOA).

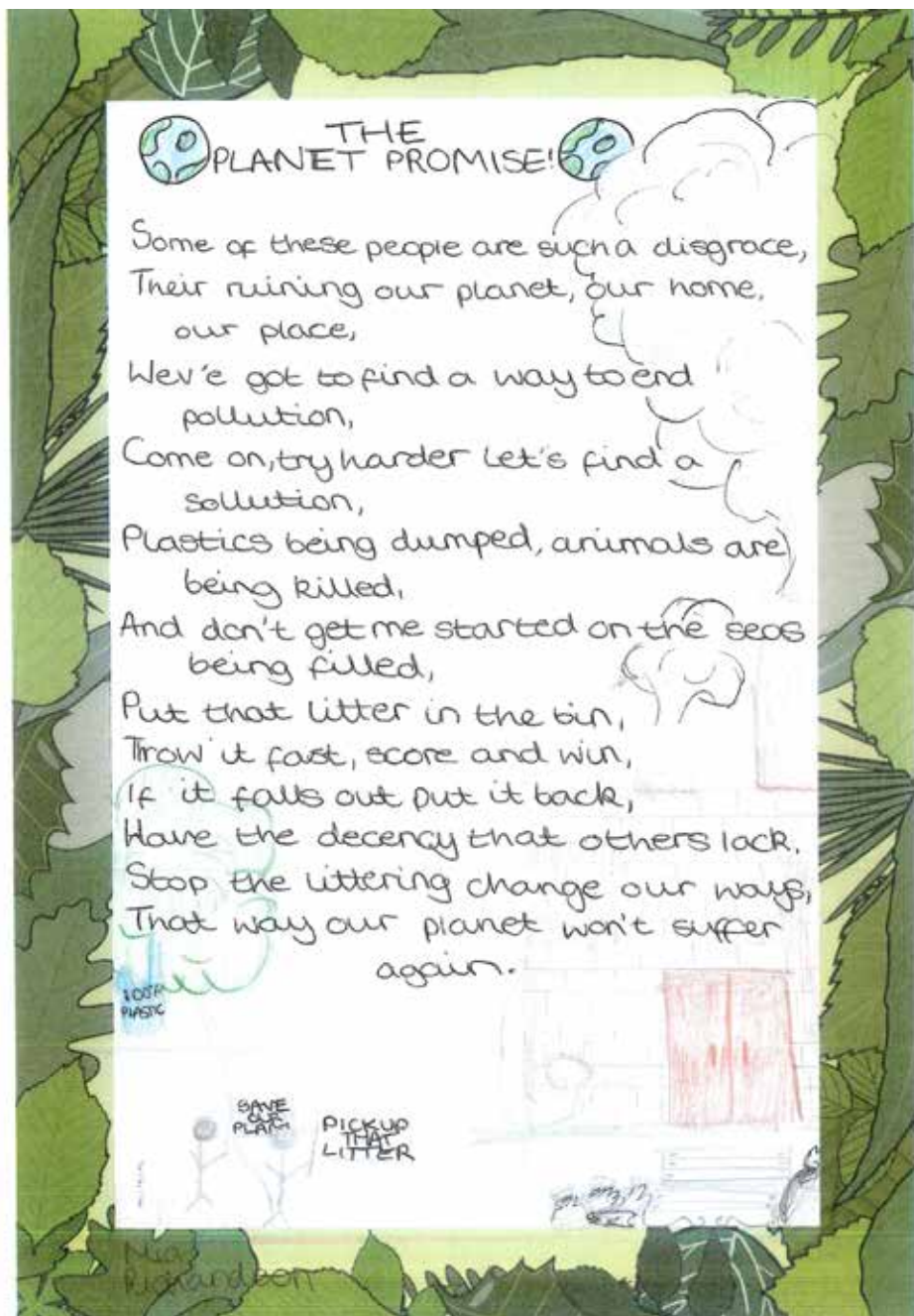
The purpose of an OPA is to determine whether a development is acceptable 'in principle' before more detailed plans are agreed. OPAs are often used on large, strategic sites like East Hemel for the purpose of fixing the key elements of the proposals (known as 'parameters'), including the scale of development as well as the location of different uses across the site and how key infrastructure required to support the new development is to be delivered (through a legal 'Section 106' agreement). The OPA will also demonstrate how the proposals align with local plan requirements.

The Crown Estate has submitted a wide range of supporting documents as part of the OPA which summarise the comprehensive technical work that has been undertaken and how that has informed our proposals. Please note, the OPA does not include detailed design work such as the look of new homes and the exact locations and design of individual buildings and landscaping; this will come forward through detailed planning applications if the OPA is approved.

We anticipate the OPA will be determined by the local authority in late 2026/early 2027. In the meantime, we will continue to share updates through the East Hemel project website.



Illustrative view of The Southern Centre



Mia Richardson - Age 11

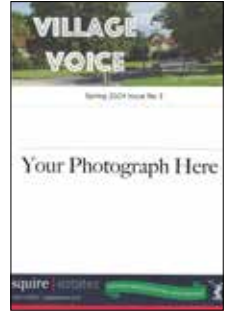
Photographic Competition

Why not enter our Photographic competition - It is free to enter.

The winner's photograph will appear on the front cover of the Village Voice in the autumn edition.

A Leverstock Green related photograph would be in keeping with the magazine, and, preferably an Autumn or Winter related photograph would be good.

Just email your picture to Lesley:- lgvaoffice@gmail.com with your name and the road you live in, although not essential.



Our panel of judges will pick the lucky winner as we did for this issue.

Congratulations to Alexandra Daly for her photograph of Bunkers Park in late Spring.

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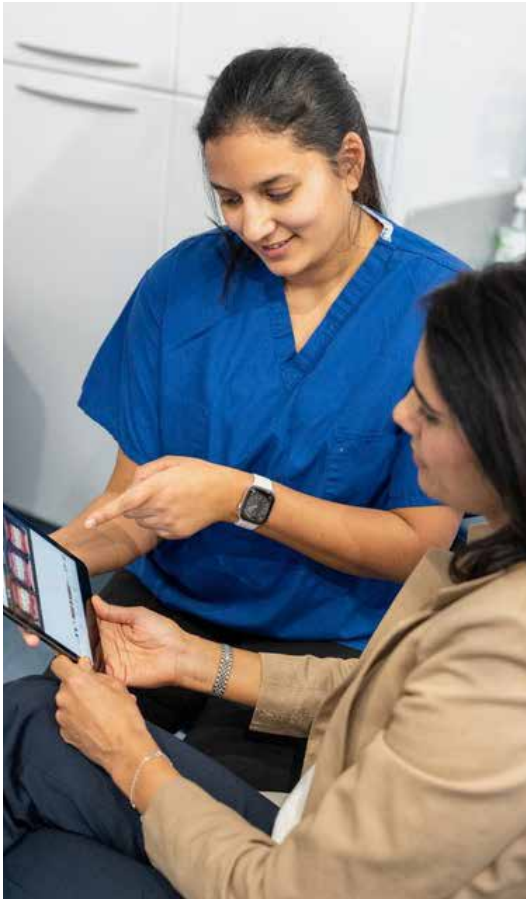
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Leverstock Green Dental Practice has been caring for the Hemel Hempstead community for over 40 years. Founded by Dr Girish Bhuvu, the practice is now led by his daughter, Dr Kinnari Bhuvu, proudly continuing the family tradition of trusted, high-quality dental care.

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A Year With The Mayor

Serving as Mayor of Dacorum has been one of the greatest honours of my life and possibly one of the most energetic. When I began the year, I expected a chain, a few speeches and the occasional ribbon. What I did not fully anticipate was hundreds of events, walking 100 kilometres in February, and consuming enough cake to personally sustain the borough through winter. At the heart of it all, however, has been something far more important than ceremonies or calories: community.

Leverstock Green perfectly embodies what makes Dacorum so special. It was a joy to open the Summer Fete, where the entire village seemed to turn out, proving once again that sunshine, stalls and sponge cake are powerful tools for social cohesion. Turning on the Christmas lights was another magical moment, with that wonderful collective countdown reminding us that shared experiences especially illuminated ones matter.



The Christmas Fayre brought together local businesses, volunteers and families in a wonderful display of community spirit. Events like these aren't just pleasant diary entries for a Mayor; they are the glue that binds us together.

Christmas Fayre fun at Holy Trinity Church with Revrd Dianna Stretton.

I loved the pantomime and the multiple shows and events that take place in the village hall, if you don't visit regularly then pop in and find out about the range of clubs and activities that are on, there is literally something every day. If you turn up when the Leverstock Green players are practicing, you may well find yourself in a future pantomime!

One lovely moment in Leverstock Green was celebrating the 50th anniversary of Leverstock Green School. Fifty years of shaping young minds is no small achievement.

A Year With The Mayor Continued ...

Of course, I cannot mention health without addressing what was arguably the most ambitious cardiovascular initiative of my mayoral year: the 100k boundary walk. In February. We began at Holy Trinity Church optimistic, layered and blissfully unaware of quite how long 100 kilometres actually is.



The start of the 100 km boundary walk from The Holy Trinity Church around the Borough of Dacorum.

February, as it turns out, is not the warm-up month of choice. Community spirit flourishes when shared adversity is involved, for example muddy falls! The walk was a testament not just to physical stamina, but to collective determination and good humour. If ever there was proof that Dacorum residents are resilient, that was it. It was also a great opportunity to visit a range of faith venues and raise funds for the Mayors Future Fund which will support Dacorum organisations financially – No it is not my retirement fund!

In Leverstock Green, I was particularly struck during my visit to the residents of Sibleys Orchard by how keen they are to be fully involved in village life. Inclusion is not a grand gesture; it is a simple invitation. So I would warmly encourage organisers of local events to continue reaching out. When everyone is welcomed, everyone benefits. Community health improves. Smiles increase.

Thank you to every single person that has supported me through the year particularly our lovely vicar Revd Dr Dianna Stretton who has supported the mayors civic dinner and civic service. Leverstock Green embodies the spirit of community and many of those positive aspects I have been able to share across the Borough so thank you to every single one of you that makes Leverstock Green the amazing community that it is.

To donate, scan this QR Code or go to Fundraiser by Catherine McArevey: Cathy is raising money for the Dacorum Mayor's Future Fund.



Leverstock Green Tennis Club



A new year brings exciting news - Padel tennis is becoming increasingly popular in the UK and is coming to LGLTC ! Planning permission has been granted for two covered and floodlit padel courts at the club to allow year-round use in all weather. It is anticipated they will be open at some point in 2026. Follow the club's facebook or instagram for the latest updates.

At the end of 2025 the club took a major step in sustainability by installing 25 solar panels on the clubhouse roof, along with a battery storage unit. This is expected to make annual energy savings of £4,000, to be reinvested back into the club to improve facilities. A big thank you to Leverstock Green Parish Trust for funding £6,000 and to club member Richard Hirons in running the project.

Our Tennis Open Day will be on Sunday 26th April - adults from 10am-12pm and juniors 12:30-1:30pm. No equipment or experience necessary, just bring some enthusiasm and find out more about our amazing club!

Sign up using the QR code.



Jess & Louis
Winter Tournament winners



Leverstock Green Bridge Club

The Club continues to thrive with membership now in excess of 220 players. Bridge continues to grow in popularity with the five teaching courses that the Club now runs having over 140 students on the registers. The teaching courses are for absolute beginners as well as improvers and people who wish to return to bridge. The Club will be starting new courses in September and anyone interested should contact Alan Woof (ajwo56@hotmail.com or 07714 430650).

The Club is open to players of all abilities with weekly sessions on both Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Throughout the year the Club runs a number of trophy events and in addition to that many members play in county and national events – with some success !

Back in January we ran a heat of a national competition in which over 420 pairs played the same hands simultaneously and two of our members – Simon Cook and Bob Howard – won the event (picture below). Hertfordshire Bridge run a number of events and we have had some continuing successes there also, with pride of place being the result in the Pairs competition for less experienced players where club members finished first and second (Julia Sharp and Gary Jobsey the winners with Julie and Simon Roberts the runners up).



Cultivating with Clive

If you love your garden, veg plot or allotment. I write a monthly article on the LGVA website <https://lgvacultivating-with-clive>

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Why not have a look each month and pick up some useful tips on what to do in your garden?

The winter was a big challenge for everyone with all the rain we had. Our allotment in Brickmakers Lane was constantly under water. At least things have dried up now and we can all look forward to enjoying the summer.



Happy Gardening - Clive Hill



The Mediterranean Garden



The Pond



The allotment



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The last quarter LGVA were paid out just over £27. I'm currently sitting in no 2 of the 30 supporters we have can you sign up and beat me?

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Cricket Club

'The Cricket Club At The Heart Of Its Community' says the sign on the front of Leverstock Green CC's clubhouse & patio, where members and guests mix together enjoying a quiet drink and convivial conversation.

With so many different community activities delivered throughout the calendar year, we at the club work hard to justify our hard-earned reputation as a provider of a warm welcome and generosity of spirit to everyone who visits.



Our Herts County Trophy winners - Under 12's group

Situated on the village green, providing cricket to watch for passers-by every weekend and most midweek evenings between May and September, LGCC's modest membership fees provide bar discount and free access to a great range of events.

Cricket Club Continued ...



We look forward to welcoming you to The Green very soon.

Richard Walker - on behalf of LGCC's Management Team

Bunkers Park

Bunkers Park SANG Update

We hope you are appreciating the many improvements that have been made at Bunkers Park over the last year including new benches, picnic tables, gates, tree planting and hedge-laying. These works are all part of the Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace delivery works, more information can be found on our website, by scanning the QR code.

The next phase of work will include the creation of a surfaced path around the Top Fields in Bunkers Park. This will be a loosely surfaced path which should be accessible all year round for visitors and provide a walking/wheeling route for less abled visitors too. Additional benches as resting spots will also be installed around this area. These works are planned to begin in mid-August and expected to take around 5 weeks. There will be minor disruption on site whilst these works take place, so we apologise in advance for any inconvenience and we will keep visitors informed closer to the time.

After the installation of this surfaced path, works are planned on the entrance track and car park. We are planning on upgrading the surface of the entrance track to tarmac. In addition to this the car park will be slightly expanded and formalised parking spaces along the track will also be created, all surfaced with tarmac. Drainage will also be improved around the area to improve access into the site and onto the newly installed pathways. This work is planned to begin in mid-September. In the meantime, the track will continue to be temporarily repaired with a 'Type-1' aggregate (crushed rock/concrete) to fill in existing potholes.

If you wish to make any comments on upcoming plans or general management works at Bunkers Park please contact Steven Werrell, SANG Delivery Officer:
steven.werrell@dacorum.gov.uk



Bunkers Park Continued ...

Bunkers Park 22nd February 2026

I was fortunate enough to meet Paul Blissett whilst he was hedge laying in Bunkers Park along the footpath from Chambersbury Lane to Bunkers Lane today. He explained to me that he was not coppicing but performing hedge laying which can be found in different designs. To the south of Bunkers Park car park there is an example of southern style hedge laying which was laid by another hedge layer. Here's a link to Paul's website where there is a host of information and his portfolio to help you learn more -

<https://hedgelay.co.uk/index.php>



Paul's work



Southern Hedge Laying in The Mattens

Before I reached Paul, I had been revelling in the bird life that was bobbing in and out of the hedge laying that had previously been created, blue tits, robins, a dunnock and a flock of house sparrows. I was also treated to the sight of a flock of sky larks in the crematorium field.

Although the cows are not in Bunkers, there are other activities going on. In January the local RSPB group conducted their January bird watch on the 28th of which 26 species were recorded.

<https://ebird.org/hotspot/L11434509/bird-list>

Bernadine Makins

Piano Recital

On 5 March Yuval Zorn, acclaimed pianist, played Schubert to an enraptured audience including local residents and councillors, on a Boesendorfer piano provided by Chiltern Pianos, at the hall belonging to Adeyfield Free Church at Maylands Plaza.



Leverstock Green Memories



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Your local contactable officer is listed as PC Josh Shea below, you can also contact us via our <https://www.herts.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/> or call 101. If it is an emergency, you should always call 999.

		
James Watson Inspector	Simon Jackman SPCSO for Leverstock Green	Roger Akhtar Sergeant

Local Priority Issues

Priority	Action taken
Tackle drug use and vehicle related anti-social behaviour in the Bennetts End area, including Coronation Fields and local shops. Issued 01 January 2026	Residents will see their dedicated team of PCs and PCSOs working alongside partners to address the issue, through an increased police presence, engagement events and targeted enforcement. Actioned 01 February 2026
Tackle anti-social behaviour around Apsley Marina. Issued 01 January 2026	Residents will see their dedicated team of PCs and PCSOs working alongside partners to address the issue, through an increased police presence, engagement events and targeted enforcement. Actioned 01 February 2026
Reduce speeding in Bovington High Street. Issued 01 January 2026	Residents will see their dedicated team of PCs and PCSOs working alongside partners to address the issue, through an increased police presence, engagement events and targeted enforcement. Actioned 01 February 2026



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Village Shopping Centre Improvements

Leverstock Green Ward Councillors have been working with DBC officers on the Village Centre and shops. The shops are popular, and it is time the area was given a makeover. In response to requests from local residents, there will be a sign which will point towards local amenities; tennis, cricket and football clubs, highlighting what Leverstock Green has to offer. As part of the encouragement of an active lifestyle, bike stands will be installed at either end; outside the Village Hall and near the Spar, for convenience. There will be a notice board near the shops.

Sunnyside Rural Trust is collaborating in designing and constructing a beautiful garden, or green corridor to replace the brushland which separates the Centre from the main road. There will be planters for flowers, and benches to enable people to sit and enjoy the surroundings.

The project is funded in part by Homes England, in part by Sunnyside and in part by the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), paid by developers to support infrastructure near places of development.

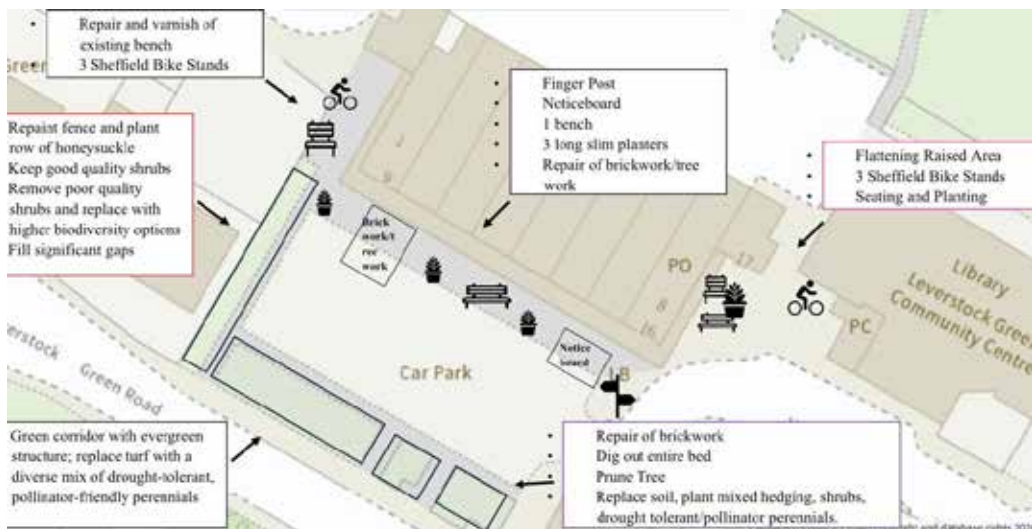
Councillors are in conversation with our County Councillor to decide what to do about the Pagoda at the entrance (owned by HCC). It is expensive to repair and at least about twice a year it gets damaged by a vehicle. Councillors would welcome suggestions as to what to do about the structure, and any other constructive suggestions about the Centre plans would be welcome.

Cllrs

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The 4th July from 12-3pm is our Summer Fun Day in the churchyard. Come along for stalls, food and games!

On the 26th July at 3pm we will have our next Calm Church service. This is a service designed to support and welcome children who are neurodivergent or have SEND needs and their families.

It is a simple service with some songs and a story, followed by biscuits and squash.

Get in touch to find out more: dr.dmstretton@gmail.com

Revd Dr Diana Stretton, Team Vicar



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The World Cup will be upon us in June, although some of the game times are a bit awkward this year, we will be showing as many of them as possible. I will keep everyone updated on the Facebook page with our plans for the games nearer the time.

We continue with our very popular monthly Bingo on the last Thursday of every month with cash prizes. On Thursday 30th April we will be holding a Quiz night, updates will be on our chalk boards & Facebook page as well as any other events we will be holding throughout the year.

We are available to host wakes as we are only a short distance from the Crematorium, please call the pub 01442 239911 with any questions or queries.

I would like to sincerely thank you all for your support & custom especially through these tough times.

Best wishes, Nicki and the staff at The Leather Bottle



The Leather Bottle - Circa 1950's. Courtesy of Paul Tilbury

Leverstock Green Memories



Cox's Pond, Leverstock Green Road (Adeyfield)



3 houses on Leverstock Green Road (The A4147)



A view of the cottages and the church from the green

Pictures courtesy of Paul Tilbury

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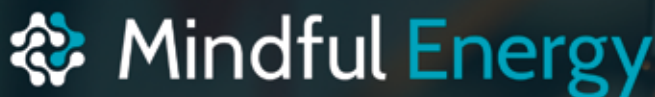
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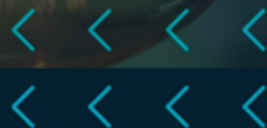
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