



Autumn 2026 - Issue No. 8



Picture taken by Mavis Tilbury



Relax... Let's make your home
move as stress free as possible

squire
estates

T: 01442 233 533 | **E:** homes@squireestates.co.uk | **W:** www.squireestates.co.uk

Editor's Notes

Welcome to our Autumn edition of the Village Voice.

We have a jampacked issue for you – all the usual articles from our clubs, schools and events are included and there are a few new articles you might find interesting. We have a young photographer article on page 32, so if you are under 16 and like taking photos of Leverstock Green, please submit your photos to Lesley at the Village Hall (lgvaoffice@gmail.com).

We have a piece on the council boundary changes on page 48; all you keen fisher people have a look at pages 50 and 51; Kent Brushes are celebrating their 250 year anniversary which you can read about on page 59; The Christmas Fayre and Christmas Light switch on is on page 5; do not forget Father Christmas is visiting the Village Hall at the Christmas Fayre (pages 5 & 6). If you like a pantomime the Leverstock Green Players will be performing “Jack and the Beanstalk” this year, details on page 31.

We also would appreciate your help if you have any spare time. We are always looking for volunteers to help with delivering this magazine or helping with the summer fete and other events – please see page 3. All the trustees of LGVA are volunteers. As we are a charity, we are always looking for ways to raise much needed funds for the organisation.

Why not join our 500 club (page 4), it only costs £12 a year and you could win up to £100.

Easyfundraising is free to sign up and use if you shop online you could help LGVA, full details on page 42.

As ever I would like to thank all of our sponsors. Incidentally I have used most of them so can personally recommend them. Without their generous support this magazine would not be published so PLEASE try to support them.

Thank you to Lesley, Bernadine and Ray who without their efforts this publication would not be possible.

Thank you.

Clive Hill



FSC
LOGO

*The Village Voice is printed on FSC paper that comes from sustainable forests.
When you have finished with this publication please recycle in your blue lidded bin.*

Leverstock Green Village Association (LGVA)

Contact Us -

Our Administrator, Lesley, can be found in the Village Hall office
Monday to Friday,
from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Leverstock Green Village Hall, Village Centre
Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire HP3 8QG

Telephone 01442 268723

Email lgvaoffice@gmail.com

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/229284140440>

Website— <https://lgva.org.uk>

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 able to spare.



Please email Lesley, our Administrator:
lgvaoffice@gmail.com

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 post and displayed on the noticeboard outside the Village Hall. Results are also exhibited on the Village Hall website www.lgva.org.uk or scan the QR code above (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

April 2026 – 205 members

Suzanne Nkonkomalimba	314	£100
Colin Gage	345	£30

May 2026 – 205 members

Lesley Goundry	135	£100
Nicola Haden	496	£30

June 2026 – 205 members

Allan Meredith	494	£100
Teresa Timberlake	441	£30

July 2026– 210 members

David Green	090	£100
Stephen & Christine Bergh	017	£30

August 2026– 211 members

Graham Cox	176	£100
Martin Chapman	028	£30

Mandy's

CONVENIENCE STORE

Northend Farm, Hemel Hempstead

*Your Local Store
For Everyday Essentials*

- ✓ Groceries & household essentials
- ✓ Fresh bread & dairy
- ✓ Chilled foods & frozen goods
- ✓ Snacks, confectionery & drinks
- ✓ Beers, wines & spirits
- ✓ Top up your mobile
- ✓ Friendly, helpful service

Great Value Locally!

Supporting Our Local Community

OPENING TIMES

Monday to Saturday
7.30am – 7.00pm
Sunday
8.00am – 4.00pm

Pop in, and see us! Mandy's Convenience Store
Northend Farm, Hemel Hempstead

Shop Local Support Local!

LG Winter Fayre

Saturday 14th November 2026

1.00pm-4.00pm

The Village Hall, Leverstock Green HP3 8QG

Admission £1 - children free

***Santa's Grotto £2.00, a variety of stalls
and plenty of refreshments***



***Followed by Christmas Lights Switch
On by Councillor Catherine
McArevey at 4.30pm***



Meet & Greet Santa

Come and visit Santa in his
magical grotto at LGVA Winter
Fayre

£2.00 per child - please book
via email lgvaoffice@gmail.com
or pop into The Village Hall
Monday-Friday 9.30am-2.00pm
Pay on the day (cash only)

SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2026

1.00PM - 4.00PM

LEVERSTOCK GREEN VILLAGE HALL

Village Centre, Leverstock Green
Hemel Hempstead
Hertfordshire HP3 8QG



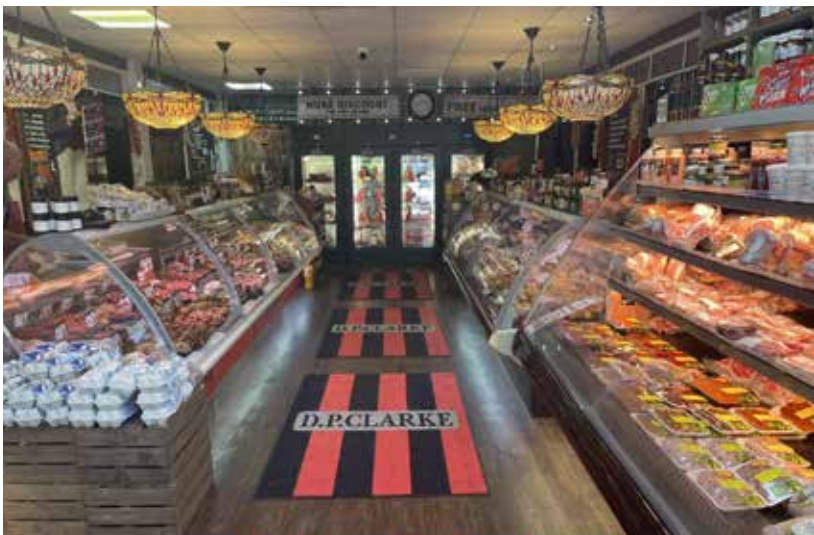


DP Clarke
FAMILY BUTCHERS



Our dry aging cabinets enhance the flavour and tenderness of the meat through the process of time.

It may seem early but we will have our usual range of high quality free range turkeys, boneless turkey crowns, 3 birds rolled into one, beautiful Scottish grass fed beef, Gressingham geese, free range ducks, free range pork, Scottish Highlands venison and many other game products. All available to order for Christmas. We offer a free delivery service. Except during the Christmas week. We have also introduced meat cabinets, which mature the beef to ensure that the tenderness and flavour of the meat is at its best.



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 Leverstock Green Parish Trust.
The Trustees meet quarterly usually around January, April, August and October.

J Hastings (Secretary)

Quiz Night

Do you have what it takes to be the ultimate quiz champion? Then, gather your friends and join us for Quiz Night at Leverstock Green Village Hall, Village Centre, Leverstock Green HP3 8QG. This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition.

FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2027

Doors open 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start
Tickets £12.50 including a ploughman's
Maximum of 8 per table
Sorry no children under 18
Bring your own drink, glasses and cutlery

**To book scan the QR code and
buy online or contact Lesley
on 01442 268723 or email
lgvaoffice@gmail.com**



TICKETS £12.50

*More Info : www.lgva.com
Charity No 1172784*

Your Local Councillors



Councillor Catherine
McArevey

Mobile: 07929 569768

Email: Catherine.Mcarevey@dacorum.gov.uk



Councillor Jonathan Gale

Mobile: 07702 202 966

Email: Jonathan.gale@dacorum.gov.uk



Councillor Robin Bromham

Mobile: 07456 918101

Email: Robin.bromham@dacorum.gov.uk

Your County Councillor

Andrew Williams

Contact details:

Mobile 07879 662924

Email: andrew.williams@hertfordshire.gov.uk



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 have regular meetings with 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.

Contact:

 david.taylor.mp@parliament.uk

 david4hemel.org

 01442 816885

 facebook.com/davidtaylor4hemel

A purple and yellow advertisement for Catkins Business Services. The background features a city skyline at night. The text is white and yellow. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

Catkins Business Services

Creative, flexible & affordable

WEB DESIGN

We design, develop, host and maintain engaging websites and online shops

 catkinsbusinessservices.com

 catkins@catkinsbusinessservices.com

 07771 783434



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.



Last year was another brilliant year for our wonderful school. Whether your child excels in music, sport, art or academics - Chambersbury is the place to be! Last academic year Chambersbury was awarded the Gold school games award and won 3 art competitions including the Armed Forces Christmas card competition.

We pride ourselves on valuing and knowing every child in our school, where they are encouraged to thrive, be resilient and push themselves to reach their full potential.

We'd love to show some new faces around the school, tour dates for the September 2027 intake are taking place on both Wednesdays and Saturdays in the Autumn and every morning during the second week of January. Please see below for full details. To book your space please email admin@chambersbury.herts.sch.uk

We also have a number of community events that take place across the year, including a quiz night, Winter and Summer Fair. Please look out for these dates, you'd be most welcome to attend.

What our pupils have to say

'Looking for a school that not only gives the best education but also cares about social and emotional wellbeing? Then look no further. (A)
'Champions Choose Chambersbury' (F)
'We care for our school and the people here' (A)
'We have wonderful teachers' (V)
'Are you looking for a school that offers a high education for your child? Well you've found the right place! Chambersbury is an amazing, inclusive environment that your child will thoroughly enjoy' (I)

I look forward to welcoming you to our School soon.

Mr Payne, Headteacher.

CHAMBERSBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Learning, Growing, Achieving, TOGETHER

SCHOOL TOURS
Come and see our school in action!

SATURDAY TOURS
3/10/26, 17/10/26, 14/11/26, 12/12/26, 9/1/27
9:00am–10:00am

EVERY WEDNESDAY
16/9/26–9/12/26
9:30am–10:30am

EVERY MORNING
6/1/27–14/1/27
9:30am–10:30am

BOOK YOUR TOUR

We look forward to welcoming you!

Chambersbury Primary School is a place where each individual is cared for deeply, valued and respected - Where everyone in the school community has the opportunity to learn in an environment full of excitement and fun, so they can grow up to be "change makers" and "assets" in the community, society and world they live in.

We can't wait to meet you!

admin@chambersbury.herts.sch.uk



The Barber's Workshop



Hostking Court, Maylands Avenue, HP2 4BE



Your local Barbers established since 2018

We are a reputable VAT registered Business.



Come meet our professional experienced team waiting to give you the latest sharp look, clean fade, or whatever your preference, in the comfort of our **air-conditioned shop.**

Find us down the side of Tesco Express.

You can walk in, call us on:

01442 769201 07956 499208

or secure a timeslot booked through

our website: **barbersworkshop.uk**

(Scan the QR code below to visit website)



To celebrate your boys very first haircut we will present you with a charming certificate featuring a lock of hair!



Leverstock Green CE Primary School

We have been absolutely delighted with the role play furniture we were able to purchase thanks to the generous support of the Parish Trust. It has quickly become one of the most popular areas in our EYFS classroom and has made such a positive difference to the children's learning.

One of the best things about the new furniture is how easily it can be adapted to fit whatever the children are exploring in their learning. This term, our focus has been on traditional tales, and the role play area has transformed time and time again. It started life as Grandma's cottage, where children eagerly acted out scenes from *Little Red Riding Hood*, taking turns to be Grandma, the wolf, the woodcutter and, of course, Little Red herself. The conversations, storytelling and imaginative play that followed were wonderful to see.

Not long afterwards, the children decided it should become a busy baker's shop inspired by *The Little Red Hen*. They worked together to "bake" bread, serve customers and take orders, using lots of new vocabulary and developing their confidence to speak and listen to one another. More recently, the furniture has become a magical gingerbread house from *Hansel and Gretel*, complete with imaginative feasts and plenty of storytelling adventures, especially when we added some gingerbread scented playdough into the mix!

The role play area has encouraged children to communicate, negotiate, solve problems together and build on each other's ideas. Even some of our quieter children have grown in confidence, joining in conversations and taking on different characters during play. It has been lovely to watch friendships develop as the children create stories together and immerse themselves in imaginative worlds, and has encouraged our reluctant writers to pick up a pencil with purpose and meaning.

We are incredibly grateful to the Parish Trust for making this possible. The furniture has become a valuable part of our classroom and is helping to inspire creativity, language development and collaborative play as well as support our learning in other areas every single day!



Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School

School Celebrates Retiring Headteacher after 40 Years

Children, parents, staff, former staff members, governors and local authority representatives came together at Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School for a memorable evening of celebration as the school marked its 40th anniversary and honoured the retirement of Headteacher Richard Haynes after 40 years of dedicated service.

The school's annual Families on the Field event took on added significance this year, providing an opportunity not only to celebrate another successful academic year but also to recognise the remarkable contribution Mr Haynes has made to generations of children and families within the local community.

Speaking at the event, Deputy Headteacher Annie Sheehan paid tribute to Mr Haynes' long and distinguished career. Mr Haynes joined Hobbs Hill Wood in September 1986 as a newly qualified teacher and went on to progress through the school's leadership team, becoming Deputy Headteacher before taking on the role of Acting Headteacher and subsequently being appointed Headteacher in 2001. Over the course of his career, he directly taught around 1,200 pupils and, as Headteacher, oversaw the education of approximately 1,500 more.

The celebration reflected the strong sense of community that has become a defining feature of Hobbs Hill Wood over the years. Families spanning multiple generations attended, including former pupils who were taught by Mr Haynes and who now have children of their own at the school. Several former members of staff also returned for the special occasion, joining current staff, governors and representatives from the local authority in recognising his legacy.

The outdoor event featured an evening of entertainment and celebration, with performances from pupils showcasing their musical and dancing talents.

One of the highlights of the evening was a live performance from Elton John tribute act Elite Elton, whose set provided a festival atmosphere as families gathered on the school grounds to celebrate the school's milestone anniversary and Mr Haynes' retirement.

Miss Sheehan highlighted the enormous impact Mr Haynes has had over four decades of educational change, praising his unwavering commitment to ensuring every child received an excellent and well-rounded education.

She also spoke about his contributions beyond the school itself, including his work with Dacorum Family Services, collaboration with local headteachers, and his support for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) across Hertfordshire. His involvement in representing the views of primary schools at local authority level was also recognised.

Throughout his time at Hobbs Hill Wood, Mr Haynes has been a familiar presence at many community events, including Christmas fairs, summer fairs, sponsored walks, fireworks displays and fundraising activities. These initiatives have helped fund important improvements to the school, including playground equipment, classroom technology, educational visits and enhancements to the school environment.

In his own address to guests, Mr Haynes reflected on his journey at Hobbs Hill Wood, recalling how he first arrived at the school as a student teacher before officially joining the staff in September 1986. Over the following four decades, he undertook a variety of roles, including Maths Lead and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO), before progressing into senior leadership and eventually becoming



Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School Continued...

Headteacher. Thanking both current and former colleagues for their dedication and support over the years, he said it had been a privilege to lead Hobbs Hill Wood for the past 25 years and spoke warmly of the many children, families and staff who had been part of the school's journey.

The evening ended with heartfelt applause from children, parents, staff, former colleagues and community representatives as Mr Haynes was thanked for four decades of service and wished a long and happy retirement. As Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School celebrates its 40th anniversary, the event served as a fitting tribute to a headteacher whose leadership has left an enduring mark on the school, its families and the wider community.

Best wishes

Richard D Haynes - Headteacher

Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School
Peascroft Road, Hemel Hempstead
Herts. HP3 8ER

Tel: 01442 401222
Email: head@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk
Web: www.hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk

Woodfield School

Woodfield School has had a good year! More of our pupils have been able to get out and about into the local community, especially with the recent arrival of our new minibus.

Our pupils enjoy accessing a range of sporting activities, as well as slightly more unusual activities such as fishing for the day with a barbecue.

We enjoyed celebrating our Leavers this half term, with a lovely Leavers' Assembly and our Leavers' Prom, which most of our Sixth Formers were able to attend.

We are looking forward to the summer break and to returning in September!





Leverstock Green Village Association CIO

Charity No. 1272164

AGM

Time 8.00pm

Date Monday 23rd November 2026

LEVERSTOCK GREEN VILLAGE HALL
HP3 8QG

This is part of an Open Evening -
meet your local and county
councillors.



Leverstock Green Village Association CIO

Charity No. 1272164

AGM

OPEN EVENING



Date 23rd November 2026



Time 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start

We will be conducting the formal business of the AGM at 8.00pm and will also be presenting the Buglass Award.

Come along and meet the team who manage your village hall and run village events. Also meet your local and county councillors in an informal setting.

This is a great opportunity to ask questions on local issues.



Ozlocks

LOCKSMITH

Locked out of home? Need a lock repair?

Maybe you require urgent access to a property or you would like me to upgrade or change your locks. I can help!

- UPVC Lock Repair /Replace
- Lock Replace /Upgrade
- Protecting Your New Home
- Commercial & Residential Properties

For more information,
get in touch with Chris today:

✉ info@ozlocks.co.uk

🌐 www.ozlocks.co.uk

☎ 07831 120301



CERTIFIED
LOCKSMITH

CERTIFIED LOCKSMITHS & SECURITY

- Trusted by the industry
- Local & independent
- DBS checked & insured



My business protecting yours...



Table Tennis

For around 25 years, there has been a thriving table tennis club in the village. It has been a regular and enjoyable part of village life for its members.

Meeting three times a week during the day at the Village Hall — on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays — the club brings together a group of intermediate-level players who predominantly enjoy doubles play. The emphasis is on good-quality table tennis, friendly competition and the social side of the game.

Over the years the club has built a strong and committed membership, with regular sessions providing both exercise and companionship. In addition to club play, we are proud to field a team in the local league, continuing a long tradition of representing the village in competitive table tennis.

The club has remained active and successful thanks to the enthusiasm and support of its members, and we look forward to continuing this well-established village activity for many years to come.

Kind regards

Claire



Looking for a Trusted Local Dentist?

SAVE £60



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO BOOK!

01442 213836

Exclusive New Patient Offer - only
£99!

What's included?

DENTAL
EXAMINATION

30 MINUTE
HYGIENIST SESSION

FREE DIGITAL
X-RAYS

FREE AIRFLOW
INCLUDED

15-17, VILLAGE CENTRE, LEVERSTOCK GREEN,
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HP3 8QG

LIVE SITE {STUDIO} ARCHITECTS



CONTACT US
07478648733



architect@livesitestudio.co.uk
www.livesitestudio.co.uk

Summer Fete

The 2026 summer fete had a World Cup Theme and was held on the 11th July 2026. The day was very hot but turnout was high which was reflected in the funds being raised. It was opened by Catherine McArey, Councillor, who also judged the best dressed stall. There were children's rides; bouncy castle; train rides; stories and drama from Storybox; Giant Games; Zumba dance display; the Bar; pizzas; burgers; ice cream; slushies and strawberry crepes. We had a penalty shootout and design a new World Cup Trophy which was won by Bobby Deacon and a visit from LG Players promoting the panto "Jack and The Beanstalk" to be held in November and December this year. The best dressed stall winner was the Leverstock Green Women's Institute and Highly Commended was Anne-Marie at Wibbly World. Thank you to the volunteers who helped set up and pack away, everyone who took part and all who attended.







BIG BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FEATURING HERTSWING BIG BAND

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 7.00PM FOR 7.30PM START.
LGVA BAR OPEN.



TICKETS £15 PER PERSON (INCLUDES EVENT
PROGRAMME) IN ADVANCE FROM THE VILLAGE HALL
(MONDAY-FRIDAY 9.30AM - 2.00PM) OR
VIA THE QR CODE



RAFFLE
PRIZES TO BE
WON



MERCEDEZ

- laundry & ironing
- shirt service
- curtains & sofa covers
- duvets & pillows
- suedes & leathers
- shoe repairs
- wedding dress specialists
- repairs & alterations

ECO-FRIENDLY

DRY CLEANERS & LAUNDERETTE

OPEN 7 DAYS



52 The Queens Square, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4EW

Tel: 01442 217742

14 Stoneycroft, Warners End, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP1 2QE

Tel: 01442 392667



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/

If you are interested in becoming a member please contact our Secretary: hemelprobus@gmail.com

MERCEDEZ

10%

Discount

Valid throughout

Nov & Dec 2026

on receipt of this voucher

ECO-FRIENDLY

DRY CLEANERS & LAUNDERETTE

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 Wednesday classes are fully subscribed).
Badminton	Mondays (fully subscribed)
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

Pop Up Charity Shop	Friday 30th & Saturday 31st October 2026 (Half Term)
Winter Fayre & Xmas Lights	Saturday 14th November 2026
AGM	Monday 23rd November 2026
LGVA & LG Players Panto	Sat 28th Nov - 1.30pm & 5.30pm Sat 5th Dec - 1.30pm & 5.30pm
Big Band Concert	Saturday 12th December 2026
Quiz Night	Friday 19th February 2027

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

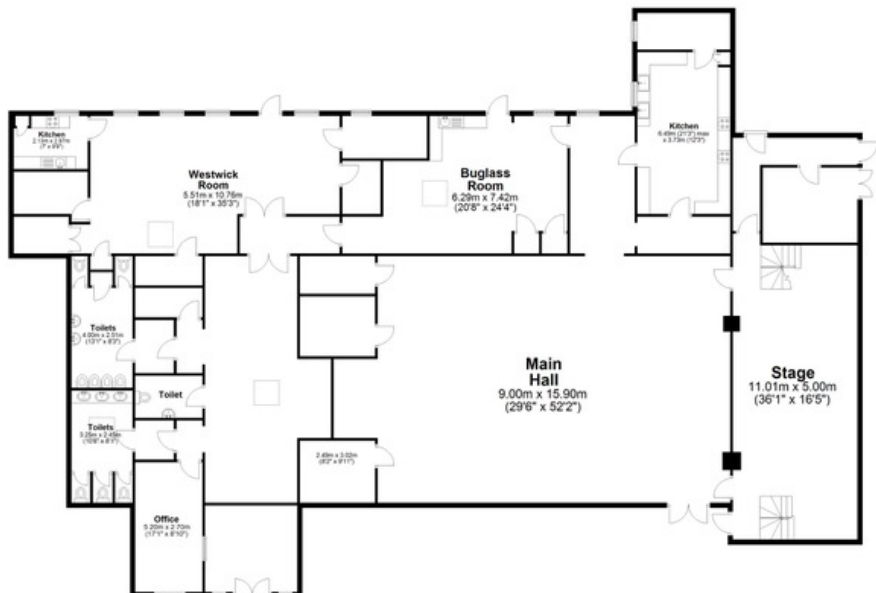


The Buglass Room is
7.4m x 6.3m

Main Hall



The main hall is 15.9m x 9m (not including the stage)



Main Hall Continued ...



Bar



Don't forget to book our fully stocked bar for your next event.

The Crown Estate

The Crown Estate launches first East Hemel Community Newsletter

Last month, The Crown Estate launched the first East Hemel Community Newsletter, providing local residents with an update on the East Hemel proposals and the next steps in the planning process.

The first edition includes an overview of the submitted Outline Planning Application, which sets out the principle of development before more detailed designs come forward. It also features a spotlight on transport and an update on progress at Cherry Tree Lane Community Garden. The transport update covers the proposed Strategic Transport Corridor, improvements to the A414 and Junction 8 of the M1, and proposed quietways to support walking, cycling and local access

We want future newsletters to cover the issues and questions that matter most to local people. If you have suggestions for topics you would like to see covered, feedback on the format, or questions for the East Hemel project team, please email Hemel.enquiries@thecrownestate.co.uk.

You can view the newsletter on the East Hemel project website or on the LGVA website.



Welcome to the East Hemel community newsletter!

Welcome to the first edition of the East Hemel community newsletter! This newsletter will be an opportunity to keep up to date on the latest information, activities and milestones for East Hemel as it progresses through the planning stages.

We want to say a massive 'thank you' from The Crown Estate for your input and ideas over the last 18 months as we've engaged closely with the local community on the East Hemel proposals. As many of you will be aware, we submitted an Outline Planning Application (OPA) for East Hemel to both St Albans City & District Council (SADC) and Dacorum Borough Council (DBC) at the end of 2025.

This followed over 18 months of close engagement with the community, including through public events, community design workshops, site visits and study tours.

The insight gathered from local knowledge has been incredibly valuable in helping us to shape, refine and finalise the OPA for East Hemel. Throughout the project so far, over 1,300 people attended one or more of our events and over 4,500 people visited the project website.

Pantomime

Following on from the unexpected success of Dick Whittington last year, we're well into rehearsals for our next pantomime, Jack & The Beanstalk. Once again it promises to be a lot of fun for the whole family (oh yes it does). We are excited to be able to bring an amateur production to Leverstock Green at an affordable price and hope we get another great response. It's a really great way to start the Christmas season. We hope you can join us and spot a few local faces on the stage. If you happen to have bought a front row seat, well all I can say is that you've done so at your own risk.

Ian Payne – Chairman LG Players



THE LEVERSTOCK GREEN PLAYERS & LGVA PROUDLY PRESENTS

A GIANT OF A PANTOMIME...



SCAN FOR TICKETS

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

SAT 28 NOV & SAT 5 DECEMBER 2026

1:30PM & 5:30PM

£15 Adults / £10 Children (Under 16)

Bar will Be Available / Bring Snacks

At The Village Hall, Leverstock Green

Tickets Available Online

www.ticketsource.co.uk/leverstockgreenplayers

Young Photographer

'Young Photographer' is a new feature for all you budding young photographers. Open to under 16 year olds only. Please send your photographs to Lesley:- lgvaoffice@gmail.com



Taken by Georgie - aged 9



Saffron

INDIAN RESTAURANT & TAKEAWAY

Nestled in the picturesque Old Town Saffron is the place for authentic Indian cuisine. Renowned for its exceptional food, outstanding service and warm inviting atmosphere. Saffron is more than a restaurant it is a culinary journey through India. Whether a Takeaway, our special Gourmet nights. Or just a catch up with friends at the weekend.



GOURMET NIGHTS

5.30pm to 10.00pm Sunday to Thursday

DINING IN ONLY

Choose from our menu

1 starter, 1 main dish, 1 side dish,
1 rice dish & 1 nan bread

ONLY **£17.95**

per person

T&C apply



FREE DELIVERY within 3 miles
for orders over £20



**FULL TAKEAWAY
DELIVERY SERVICE
AVAILABLE**



Visit our website
www.saffronhemelhempstead.co.uk



Or scan the QR code



69 to 71 High old street
Hemel Hempstead HP1 3AF



01442 230606



Radio Dacorum



Radio Dacorum is your local community radio station, bringing you great music, conversation and local stories every week. Join us for our live **Breakfast Shows** on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8am-10am, **Drive Home with Classical Music** (coming soon on Mondays, 4pm-6pm) and **Drive Home with Country Music** on Wednesdays, 4pm-6pm. Stay listening for **Dacorum Live with Leslie Tate**, celebrating local people and community life, followed by **Your Words with Louisa Guise**, our new spoken word show. Louisa is actively seeking poetry, short stories and creative

writing from local writers to feature on air. Plus, enjoy our popular **Film & Theatre Show** every Thursday, 6pm-8pm. Listen at www.radiodacorum.org.uk or simply ask your smart speaker to "Play Radio Dacorum."

Repair Sheds

What Are Repair Sheds?

A place to make new friends and contacts, support and encourage each other and above all have fun!

The Repair Shed brings older men together to stay healthier and happier for longer by making, mending and learning. Our Repair Shed helps combat the challenges of isolation and the loss of social continuity associated with aging by providing a supportive environment in which older people who are practically minded and want to make things, do repairs, share skills and learn new ones.

Whilst the Shed movement was started by men, everyone is welcome, we even have a "Sewing Café" at our Redbourn Shed.



Take a look at our website for more information -<https://www.communityactiondacorum.org/services/the-repair-shed/>



Or find us on FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/TheRepairShed>



SIMMONS

BAKING SINCE 1838

Simmons Bakers - Hertfordshire's local family bakery - offers a delicious range of treats, from inventive new creations to cherished family favourites.

Come and enjoy our range, from rustic sausage rolls and crusty sourdough loaves to freshly roasted coffee and hot breakfast baps!



A Year With The Mayor

Having been a local councillor for over 30 years, I am a strong advocate for local democracy, making decisions close as feasible to the people who are to benefit from the outcomes. We are about to experience a major change to local government in our area so I thought this topic could be of interest to our community in Leverstock Green

Local Government Review – an introduction.

The Government's decision for the Local Government re organisation [LGR] was announced in mid-July. The County Council and the 10 District Councils will be dissolved to be replaced by 4 Unitary bodies. It is expected that our Unitary Council will be named West Hertfordshire. There will be elections in May 2027 for the new West Herts. Councillors who will be on the Shadow Council until 'Vesting Day' on 1st April 2028 when Dacorum and St Albans will disband. There is a huge amount of work to be done to bring together all the teams so services for residents can continue with minimal disruption. When the new Unitary is set up, our communities will be served by a council responsible for around 371,000 residents, about double the numbers now in Dacorum.

What does this mean for us as residents? Firstly, successive Governments have been creating Unitary



Councils over decades so it's not just a recent whim. As a result there is a body of experience to guide the merger process – which is likely to take a number of years – but the intention is to reduce bureaucracy, make it easier for residents in their dealings with the council and of course reduce the cost of public services. [For more information Local Government Reorganisation | Shaping Hertfordshire's Future] Community Governance review – consultation to be a Parish/Town Council

Following Unitary, residents of Hemel Hempstead and neighbourhoods close by, amounting to around 70,000 electors, will be without a local body to represent their interests; although there will be duly elected Unitary Councillors they are likely to find themselves distracted by the task in hand. The Borough is conducting a consultation among residents [Draft Recommendations Consultation | Let's Talk Dacorum] that runs until 18th Sept, looking for their

thoughts on setting up a new Hemel Hempstead Parish/Town Council – alongside Berkhamsted and Tring Town councils and 14 further parish councils. If Hemel residents choose to 'emparish', it will rank among the 5 largest such Councils in England. In the absence of a local council, a resident will always be at a disadvantage in dealing with a large, possibly distant, council.

Interestingly, residents of St Albans city, faced with the same issue have already voted to set up what will be a new Town Council.

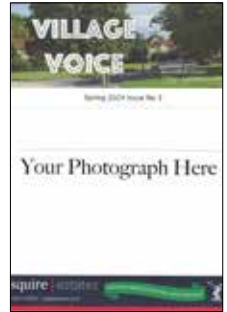
Photographic Competition

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 Spring edition.

A Leverstock Green related photograph would be in keeping with the magazine, and, preferably a Spring or Summer 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 Mavis Tilbury for her photograph of The Green.

GOOD LUCK.



Relax with Lunch, Dinner, Afternoon Tea or a classic Sunday Roast, all crafted with seasonal flavours in an elegant setting.

Make a Reservation
01442 510520



Leverstock Green Tennis Club



Padel has arrived at Leverstock Green Tennis Club! In partnership with Zing Padel, 2 courts have been installed at the club to provide Hemel Hempstead with its first padel courts. Different membership options are available and there are coaching sessions for those new to the game. Why not give it a go? To find out more, visit the Zing Padel website: <https://www.zing-padel.co.uk>.

The club held its club championship finals day in July. There was fantastic tennis on show, some very close matches and all cheered on by a healthy audience. In typical tennis fashion, the day was fuelled by sandwiches, strawberries and cream, and of course jug-loads of Pimms.

If you're interested in learning a new skill, please get in touch: lgltc.membership@gmail.com.



Leverstock Green Bridge Club

In recent months members have continued the run of success for the Club. Naomi Gibbs and Mike Rawlins won the Herts Championship Pairs and went on to represent Herts in the national Pairs final. Kirtida and Pankaj Mehta won a Herts county event for less experienced pairs which again saw them represent Herts in a national final. On top of that Philip Bond and Paul King won the Herts Charity Cup final and a Herts Open Pairs event respectively.

The Village Hall was used as the venue for a Hertfordshire Bridge Association event in July with some of the top players from Herts and surrounding counties entering, alongside some of our Club members. Our Club members again shone in this high class field with Maggie Moore and John Wareham finishing third and Pat Hogger and Harry Sack coming fourth.

The Club runs several weekly sessions for players of all abilities and also has a very successful teaching program. We have a growing reputation in the area, particularly around the teaching program, and this is driving our membership growth. Currently the Club has more than 220 members. One new member saw fit to send me an e mail, which I am including below:-

'I have been so impressed with the club, how active and organised it is. I have lived in Leverstock Green for 25 years but had no idea what a thriving Bridge club it has, drawing in people from well beyond its expected catchment because of its welcoming atmosphere, but particularly I think, because of its teaching program.'

New teaching courses started in September for both Beginners and Improvers with another new Beginners course starting in January 2027.

For more information on these courses, or the Club in general please contact

Alan Woof (ajwo56@hotmail.com/07714430650).

Leverstock Green Bridge Club

Founded in 1973

A friendly community club for players of all abilities

Cultivating with Clive

This summer has been an immense challenge with the lack of rain and a hosepipe ban. Some things did better than others. At the allotment, beans, carrots and lettuce really struggled. However, my Sweetcorn, tomatoes and pumpkins really thrived in the heat. All of the plants in my mediterranean garden did well as you can see in the pictures below.



<https://lgva.org.uk/cultivating-with-clive/> or scan the QR code.



Sweetcorn



The Mediterranean Garden



Marrow



Pumpkin



ONE CALL SERVICES

All aspects of Heating-Plumbing-Electrical

Covering Herts, Beds & Bucks

Over 25 years experience

Christian Moore

07940 269 143

info@onecall-services.co.uk



Please sign up to easyfundraising to support the LGVA when you are shopping online and some when you are shopping in store. You can shop at over 8,100+ shops and sites and raise free donations from big name retailers like John Lewis, Amazon, Tesco, Currys, Asda, Iceland, eBay and Apple. All you need to do is create an account on their site and then choose a cause to support – Leverstock Green Village Association.

After creating an account at easyfundraising if you visit their website to find retailers and shop as usual, a percentage or fixed fee of your purchase is donated to your selected cause. What I would say is read any terms and conditions stipulated by retailers. Some retailers

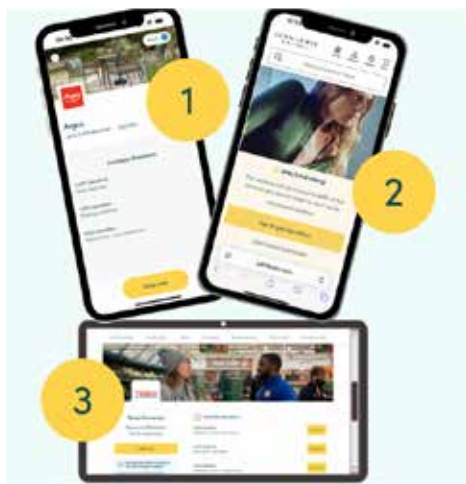
are now doing instore donations and I'm sure this will spread. Some retailers offer increased donations from time to time as well.

I also take part in all the draws when they run events and make my husband participate as well. Just by entering your stamp card when completed after 5 shops enters the LGVA into a prize draw where we have our fingers crossed!

Even though some of the contributions seem small they all mount up in the end.

The last quarter ending 31st July 2026 LGVA received £86.37, our second ever largest amount! Thank you to everyone that currently supports us and has helped to contribute towards this payment. I'm currently sitting in no 2 of the 31 supporters we have, can you sign up and beat me?

Here's the link to support us - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lgva>



3 simple ways to raise

1

App

Download our free app on iOS or Android. Choose a retailer, shop as normal, and your cause gets a free donation.

2

Donation Reminder

Add our browser extension and get a handy pop-up whenever a retailer is offering a donation – just click to activate.

3

Website

Log in, pick your retailer, shop, and raise a free donation when you checkout.

Join easyfundraising

Bernadine Makins

GP Membership

**Private GP Support starting
from £20 per month**

Enjoy peace of mind and smarter savings,
all through convenient monthly payments.

Simply choose the GP Membership that is
right for you and be seen in person, in time,
at One Stop Healthcare.



Visit **OneStopHealthcare.com/GPMembership**
to find out more

Cricket Club

COMMUNITY & CRICKET TOGETHER AT LGCC

With the 2026 cricket summer having once again enjoyed a broadly uninterrupted run of around 20 weeks' of action on The Green, focus during the Autumn at Leverstock Green Cricket Club turns to the many community activities to which the clubhouse plays host.

These are all offered to provide different socialising options during the cricket off-season to members of the local community - regardless of whether someone is a club member or not.

The jewel in the LGCC crown is the community-led 'Tea @ The Green'. This is a free-to-attend gathering over a cuppa for local people who might find company and a chat useful. It takes place every second & fourth Thursday each calendar month, between 10.00am and 12noon.

There's a weekly hour-long drop-in Qigong (Tai Chi) session every Tuesday morning at 10.30am, with gentle stretching and strengthening exercises, while the Yoga & Relaxation group - to which anyone is welcome, meet every Thursday evening at 6.30pm for around 90 minutes.

Two darts teams represent LGCC, on Monday and Wednesday evenings, almost year-round - with regular fixtures loaded more towards winter months, while the clubhouse rings out to the tune of old-time & bluegrass music courtesy of a Hootenanny, held every first Tuesday of the month at 8.00pm, hosted by maestro-in-residence Chris Lawrance.

With live music gigs, sports shown live on the three clubhouse big screens and cash prize bingo every last Friday evening of the month, there's something for everyone to enjoy at the village cricket club - a true community asset.



LGVA Pop-Up Charity Shop

For those of you who have not been to our Pop-up event here are some details. We intend to hold this event regularly during the school holidays; the last one was held on 21st and 22nd August this year. Our next one is expected to be during the half-term break, 30th & 31st October. Opening time is usually from 10.00 am till 3.00 pm on a Friday and Saturday.

All our stock is sourced from members of the public and is sold to assist with the maintenance and running costs of the Village Hall. Donations of good quality games, clothes, toys and treasures can be left at the Village Hall on weekdays between 9.30am and 2.00pm.



Romain Decorators Ltd

Local professional
Painter and Decorator,
based in
Leverstock Green,
Hemel Hempstead.

If you require any
decoration works,
internal or external.

- ✓ Rooms freshened up
- ✓ Front of house
- ✓ Fence or shed

Please contact me for a
free no obligation quotation.

Email - romaindecorators@outlook.com

Mobile - 07917 897781

FB - Romain Decorators Ltd





THE DRONE PILOT UK

AERIAL VIDEOGRAPHY & PHOTOGRAPHY

 terry.panos@gmail.com

 07891 081087

 @THEDRONEPILOTUK

 UNITED KINGDOM

ALL EVENTS WORK



ALL EVENTS WORK

Bunkers Park

The Belted Galloways

The Belted Galloways cows came back from the Box Moor Trust in April 2026 to Bunkers Park. We have five ladies spending their summer holidays with us.



The above photos show how the grass has suffered through the lack of rain



The grass was lush and green from all the winter rains and they all settled in very quickly, looking relaxed and happy, munching grass.

SANG have repaired all the fences in their 3 fields and installed some new kissing gates. Bernie and I had recruited some new volunteers to take our trusty squadron to 15 which helped replace the few that dropped out. Many thanks to all past and present on our rota.

Now July closes and the hot weather continues, the grass has turned brown, we wonder if the ladies holidays will be curtailed early like last year.

So, if you get some time, pop up and say hello to the five lovely ladies. Just remember respect and take care, they are wild beasts.

The works occurring around Bunkers are all part of the Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) delivery works, more information can be found on their website, by scanning the QR code. 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 ...

The Birds

Apart from the cows in Bunkers, there are other activities in the wildlife world going on. On 8th July a member from the local RSPB group conducted a bird watch of which 11 species were recorded.

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

I also conducted my own bird count but in the Holy Trinity Churchyard where I observed 14 species on 14th April.

<https://ebird.org/checklist/S321478706>

The difference between April and July can be attributed to birds stopping singing in July and tending to young or going through the period where they lose their flight feathers whereas in April adults are singing for partners, may have had young already and are more active.

The Butterflies

Whilst writing this at the end of July we are in the middle of the big butterfly count so to try to see some species not appearing in my garden I wandered off to Bunkers Park to conduct a 15 minute count and was so lucky to spot speckled woods, a comma, gatekeepers, small whites, holly blues, peacocks, small tortoiseshells and several painted lady. The pictures below were taken in my garden.



Gatekeeper



Wall Brown



Holly Blue



Red Admiral



Speckled Wood

Local Government Reorganisation

On 16th July 2026 the Government, through the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), announced its decision on Local Government Reorganisation in Hertfordshire. Subject to Parliamentary approval, the current two-tier system of Hertfordshire County Council and the ten district and borough councils will be abolished and replaced by four new unitary authorities from 1st April 2028.

For Dacorum and St Albans, this means the creation of a new West Hertfordshire Unitary Authority, bringing together the areas currently covered by Dacorum Borough Council and St Albans City & District Council. The new authority will assume responsibility for all local government services currently delivered separately by Hertfordshire County Council and the two district councils.

The decision follows a lengthy process in which Hertfordshire's councils submitted a range of reorganisation options for Government consideration. The Government has chosen the four-unitary model, stating that it best reflects local economic areas, community identities and provides a strong foundation for future devolution arrangements in Hertfordshire.

Elections to the four new unitary authorities are expected in 2027, with councillors initially operating in a “shadow” capacity before the new councils formally assume their responsibilities on Vesting Day, 1st April 2028.

In practical terms, this represents a significant change to local government structures and decision-making. However, residents and community organisations should expect existing services and funding arrangements to continue in the short term whilst the transition programme is developed.

LGVA is of the view that the reorganisation now proposed is likely to provide the best approach for our community as a whole and in the context of East Hemel and the Hemel Garden Communities project.

Detailed information on the Government's proposals can be found by scanning the QR code (opposite).

At the time of going to press this reorganisation has been put on hold by the Government.





In The Frame Photography Ltd

Your local professional photographer

Whether you're looking to commemorate a birthday, anniversary or graduation, get the perfect Christmas Card photo, or just update the frames and albums, a shoot from In The Frame Photography will be great for you. Your options are virtually unlimited!

Give us a call on **07913 699 213** or visit our website:
www.intheframephotographyltd.co.uk



HEMEL OSTEOPATHIC PRACTICE



Osteopathy can help
Joint, muscle, disc and nerve pain
Spinal and arthritic pain,
Sports injuries and shoulder pain
Tendon and ligament injuries

01442 236939

www.hemelosteopaths.co.uk

Samantha Sullivan BSc(Hons)Ost
1 Maynard Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP24TR

Fishing With Roy



I'm out fishing matches usually 4 days a week, it's a great hobby where I see lots of wildlife and meet a lot of people. So why not you? We have the local Grand Union Canal with still and running water, local lakes in Boxmoor and Kings Langley. There are clubs such as Boxmoor and District, Tring Anglers, Barnet Angling, Kings Langley Angling Association which all take new members. We have a local tackle shop in Adeyfield, Tackle Shack, where Ian will always help you. Just remember a National Rod Licence is mandatory and should be purchased through the www.gov.uk website.

Dacorum has excellent fishing for all styles – from iconic reservoirs and quiet rivers to wellrun dayticket lakes.

Notable Fisheries & Waters

Boxmoor Trout Fishery (Fishery Road, Hemel Hempstead) A spring-fed, 3-acre private lake built on former watercress beds near the Grand Union Canal. It operates on a season ticket membership for fly fishing (stocked with Rainbow, Brown, Tiger, and Spartic trout).

Grand Union Canal & Local Rivers Stretches of the canal passing through Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, and Tring, along with sections of the River Gade and Bulbourne, offer coarse fishing managed by regional clubs like the Boxmoor & District Angling Society or the Canal & River Trust.

Local Angling Clubs

If you are looking to fish regularly in the borough, local societies provide season permits for lakes, canal stretches, and riverbanks.

Tring Anglers: Offers access to various stillwaters and canal stretches around the western edge of Dacorum.



Stillwater Fisheries

Tring Reservoirs (Nr Tring/Marsworth, HP23 4LH)

- Wilstone: Famous for huge tench to 14lb, plus perch, pike, bream and carp.
- Startops: legendary for bream (British record 17lb 4oz here), plus carp to 35lb+ and pike to 30lb+.
- Marsworth: great mixed sport – roach, perch, bream, tench, carp and catfish.
- Info: Day tickets + season tickets; night fishing for season holders; scenic Chiltern setting.



Pixies Mere (Near Hemel Hempstead)

Fishing With Roy Continued...

- 4 acres, 44 pegs; carp, tench, bream, roach, perch; pleasure & match fishing; easy access, day tickets.

Durrants Lakes (Boxmoor/Hemel Hempstead)

- Two springfed lakes run by Boxmoor & District AC; mixed coarse fish – carp, tench, bream, roach, chub; next to River Bulbourne; club membership or day tickets. Owned by Dacorum Borough Council, these waters are leased and managed for coarse fishing by the Boxmoor & District Angling Society.

River Fishing

River Gade & River Bulbourne

- Chalk streams flowing through Hemel Hempstead, Kings Langley, Boxmoor & Northchurch.
- Species: chub, dace, roach, perch, barbel, wild brown trout, pike & carp.
- Note: Most stretches need club membership/day ticket plus Environment Agency rod licence. Close season 15 Mar–15 Jun on rivers.



Roy Makins



THE TACKLE SHACK LTD

A Well Stocked Family Business

OPENING TIMES

Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm Saturday 8.30am - 5.30pm	Sunday 9.00am - 1.00pm
---	----------------------------------

*Call in
and see us
today!*



WIDE RANGE
Quality tackle
for all anglers



TOP BRANDS
Leading brands
and trusted gear



EXPERT ADVICE
Friendly, local
knowledge



GIFT VOUCHERS
The perfect gift
for any angler





 Tel: 01442 262368

 Mobile: 07729 305484

 Email: ian@thetackleshack.co.uk

 Website: www.thetackleshack.co.uk

Ian Bateman
Director

4 The Queens Square
Aleyfield
Hemel Hempstead
Herts, HP2 4ES


Gift Vouchers
Available

Your local tackle shop – supporting anglers for generations

Village Shopping Centre Improvements

Our Village Transformation Project is now well underway. Despite the heatwave, Sunnyside volunteers and residents came together in a wonderful display of community spirit, chatting, lending a hand and even walking from the church with bottles of water to keep the new plants thriving.

The village centre had been neglected for many years, and we were determined to change that. This project is about enhancing what makes our village special, improving health, wellbeing and inclusion for everyone. Young and old have shared ideas, worked side by side and created opportunities for new friendships to grow. New seating provides valuable resting places for those who need them, helping make our village more accessible and welcoming. We were proud to ensure the Fred Buglass bench being refurbished, preserving an important part of our local heritage rather than replacing it.

The new bike racks are another positive addition, encouraging those who are able to cycle into the village rather than drive. This supports healthier lifestyles while helping to preserve valuable parking spaces for residents and visitors who rely on them. We have also agreed a two-year maintenance contract with Sunnyside to ensure the planting is cared for, and we are already exploring longer-term ways to continue supporting and improving the area.

While the pagoda continues to suffer damage from passing vehicles, we will keep raising this issue with the County Council. By next spring, we hope the yellow and purple climbing plants will be flourishing, creating a colourful and welcoming village centre for everyone to enjoy.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who has helped bring the village centre back to life, particularly Sunnyside, Potten Brickwork, the Cricket Club, the LGVA, Holy Trinity Church, and all the volunteers and residents whose time, generosity and enthusiasm have made this transformation possible.

Cathy



The Village Centre Height Restriction (Pagoda)

I am pleased that after such a long wait the height restriction at the entrance to the Village Centre has in recent weeks been repaired, I have often been asked why it took so long for the work to be completed so I thought it would be helpful to give some background on the reasons for the delay.

The height restriction and one-way system were introduced in 1991 through two Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) made by Dacorum Borough Council (DBC). At that time, DBC managed highway works on behalf of Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) under an agency agreement. Following the introduction of the TROs, the pagoda structure was installed.

Originally, the structure had an electricity supply, together with lighting and illuminated signs. At some point these were removed and the electricity supply was disconnected.

In the late 1990s, the agency agreement came to an end and responsibility for highway works returned to Hertfordshire County Council.

Hertfordshire Highways continued to carry out basic maintenance until late 2024, when it decided that it was not the owner of the structure because it had originally been built by DBC. As a result, it concluded that it would no longer fund repairs. Dacorum Borough Council has assisted with minor maintenance work but also believes it is not responsible, taking the view that responsibility transferred back to HCC when the agency agreement ended.

Whilst it is still the case that neither council accepts ownership I have been able to work with both to agree the repairs needed and funding and I hope now completed it will enjoy a period without further damage.

Andrew Williams



Holy Trinity Church

In spite of the heat it has been a busy summer at Holy Trinity, including the Summer Fun Day and our Pet Service, which saw quite a number of four-legged friends in church. It will be no less busy as we head towards the end of the year. Here are a few things that are coming up!

Harvest: Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 4th October at 10am when we will have a special all-age service. This will include the traditional donations of tinned and long-life food for our local foodbank.

Calm Church: The last Calm Church service for 2026 will be on the 25th October at 3pm. This is a service especially designed to welcome children who are neurodivergent or have SEND needs and their families.

Lite Nite: At the end of October, on the 31st we will be hosting the ever-fun Lite Nite event in the churchyard from 5-7pm. A perfect place to stop off if you are out trick-or-treating with little ones.

Remembrance and remembering: The beginning of November is a season of remembering, starting with a service on the 1st November at 3pm to remember those who have died, whether in recent years or a while ago. We will also be marking Remembrance Sunday (8th November), as is traditional, with a service at 10am in church and an act of remembrance by the War Memorial at 10.55am.

It's beginning to look a lot like... yes Christmas is just around the corner! The Holy Trinity Christmas Fair is on the 5th December, ending with the Light Up A Life service at 4pm in the churchyard. Keep an eye on Facebook for all the Christmas services.

Not just for Sundays... All are welcome to join us for our regular Sunday morning services at 10am, but we are not just here for Sundays. As your local parish church, we are here to support everyone in our village through life's ups and downs. To get in contact or find out more about what is happening at the church please do email me at dr.dmstretton@gmail.com, or follow us on Facebook.

Revd Dr Diana Stretton, Team Vicar





3D Neon Signs

By
GT Print & Design

The ultimate Wedding Keepsake

Personalised led neon sign yours to keep

GT Print And Design
37 Wood Lane End
Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire
HP2 4RA

01442 506510
www.gtprintanddesign.co.uk



Tollgate Insurance Brokers Putting your business first



Tollgate Insurance Brokers are your local broker with access to leading insurers - so you know we're on hand to support your business.

Giving you the best solution for your needs, taking the pressure away from you.

Get in touch today and see how we can help you

01992 443786

enquiries@tollgateinsurance.com

136a High Street, Hoddesdon,
Hertfordshire, EN11 8HL

We protect you, so you can protect your business interests.

We offer

- Commercial Combined Insurance
- Property Owners Insurance
- Motor Fleet Insurance
- Printers Insurance
- Pubs, Restaurants & Hotel Insurance
- Café and Take Away Insurance
- Shop & Office Insurance
- Tradesman & Liability Insurance
- Professional Indemnity Insurance
- Home Insurance

www.tollgateinsurance.com

Tollgate Insurance Brokers Ltd is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Firm Reference Number: 752656. Find us on the Financial Services Register: www.fca.org.uk



Find us on



Team Macy

Our Team Macy Christmas light switch on will be Saturday 28 November from 17:00. We have some special guests this year and a choir again. The road will be closed from 16:30. Join us for fun and games and a glass of mulled wine. 41 Tile Kiln Lane.



Team Macy was founded after the tragic loss of our youngest daughter, Macy. Our mission is to raise awareness of congenital heart defects, which cause more deaths in babies and children in the UK than all childhood cancers combined. We aim to fund lifesaving equipment for The Royal Brompton and Harefield, and support genetic research into heart conditions. Our hope is that this research will prevent other families from experiencing the heartache of losing a child. We've also provided AED machines to local schools and clubs to ensure life-saving aid is available in emergencies. Team Macy will continue supporting our community. For more information, visit www.teammacy.co.uk or contact helen@teammacy.co.uk. Again, we would like to thank everybody in advance for their support and generosity in times when money is tight.

AA APPLIANCES

Covering all aspects of kitchen appliance repairs or replacing with new appliances

Washing machines
Tumble dryers
Ovens
Dishwasher's
Fridge/freezers

Call or email Lee:
07894 735145

leegimson@live.co.uk

GARDEN MAINTENANCE



HEDGE CUTTING



LAWN MOWING



SMALL TREE WORK

LEAF CLEARING

FENCE REPAIRS

GARDEN CLEARANCE

07494 196648 01442 440193

www.uprootedgardens.co.uk

Leverstock Green Football Club



Leverstock Green Football Club

<https://levgreenfc.co.uk>

Leverstock Green FC are delighted to announce that GreenZone will become the club's new principal sponsor for the 2026/27 season. GreenZone have been valued supporters of the club for a number of years and have now agreed to an expanded sponsorship partnership, further strengthening their commitment to Leverstock Green FC.

Based in London, GreenZone provide a comprehensive range of sustainable and environmentally responsible cleaning services for business premises, including commercial cleaning, waste and recycling solutions, specialist cleaning, and window cleaning.

Club Chairman Emma said:

This is a significant partnership for Leverstock Green FC and one that I am absolutely delighted to have secured. Dan has been a tremendous supporter of the club for many years, having previously watched his son play for Leverstock before heading to university. GreenZone are an outstanding company, and I look forward to seeing how this partnership develops in the future.

<https://www.gzcss.co.uk/>

Fixtures

Sat Oct 3	Beaconsfield Town	H Emirates FA Cup 3Q
Sat Oct 10	Thame United	A
Tue Oct 13	Marlow	A
Sat Oct 17	Biggleswade FC	H Emirates FA Cup 4Q
Tue Oct 20	Didcot Town	H
Sat Oct 24	Aylesbury United	A Isuzu FA Trophy 1
Tue Oct 27	Waltham Abbey	H
Sat Oct 31	Hadley	A
Sat Nov 7	Royston Town	H Emirates FA Cup 1
Tue Nov 10	Ware	A
Sat Nov 14	Stotfold	H Isuzu FA Trophy 2
Sat Nov 21	Biggleswade Town	A
Sat Nov 28	Hertford Town	H
Sat Dec 5	Milton Keynes Irish	A Emirates FA Cup 2
Sat Dec 12	Winslow United	H Isuzu FA Trophy 3

Women's Institute

Leverstock Green Women's Institute enjoyed another busy year.

Two book groups continue to thrive. One of our members organised some delightful lunches and afternoon tea at a variety of venues. In February a trip to the Boxmoor theatre was organised to see Calendar Girls; a hilarious and enjoyable experience.

Leverstock Green WI continue to support the women's refuge through donations.

A wide range of Speakers were arranged.

Hertfordshire Police came to tell us how to keep safe in the Cyber world. Nathan Coles from Animal Encounters brought various "creatures" to our meeting. They included a python, lizard and salamander! One of our members brought her amazing quilts to a meeting and gave an interesting talk about Quilt making. Recently she exhibited one of her quilts in the New Horizons

exhibition in Baldock. In June, Simon from Dunton Folk entertained us with Sea Shanties and their origins. Members joined in wholeheartedly with the singing. Sometimes we enjoy social evenings that provide our members with the opportunity to relax, chat and learn new skills.

The WI like to engage with the community and had a beautifully decorated stall at LGVA summer fete around the theme of The World Cup. Needless to say we entered the Best Dressed Stall Competition and were the Winners! We had a bottle tombola, cuddly toys raffle and of course tasty WI cakes, scones and preserves. The football cake attracted a lot of attention.



Meetings are held on the second Tuesday in the month 7.30pm in the main hall, Leverstock Green Village Hall.

Do join us.

We look forward to seeing you!

Kent Brushes 250 Year Anniversary

**Lost Letters, Factory Memories & Hidden Treasures:
Help Kent Brushes Celebrate 250 Years**



THE FINEST BRUSHES AND COMBS SINCE 1777

In 2027, Kent Brushes celebrates 250 years of continuous British manufacturing. To mark this milestone, the team is asking the local community to help uncover pieces of the company's history. From photographs, products and catalogues to letters, newspaper cuttings and personal memories, every contribution could help preserve the story of one of Britain's oldest manufacturers. They're especially keen to hear from former employees, their families, or anyone with memories of the original London Road factory.

If you have something to share, however small, please contact press@kentbrushes.com and help bring 250 years of history to life.



Leverstock Green's Long Hot Summer

Here are a few pictures taken by Terry Panos with his drone (see page 45) of Leverstock Green in the midst of our long hot summer.



Partial Eclipse on The Green

On Wednesday the 12th of August we had a 91.4% partial eclipse. I joined many local people who decided the best vantage point to see this rare spectacle would be sitting outside the Cricket Club looking across the Green. For those of us that weren't organised and didn't purchase any eclipse glasses Roy Makins borrowed a colander and reflected the shadow of the eclipse on a piece of paper. Thank you to Ryan Timberlake for his amazing picture of the eclipse below.

ChatGPT AI informs me the next partial eclipse is the 2nd of August 2027 at 9.00am. Be sure to order your eclipse glasses in plenty of time and let's hope for cloudless skies that morning.



Leverstock Green Memories

Here a few pictures of some of our public houses of yesteryear.



The Plough circa 1900



The White Horse next to the old post office



The Leather Bottle Circa 1950s



The Leather Bottle from a different angle showing the rose garden now the carpark



The Three Horseshoes public house and general store was situated between the White Horse and the Leather Bottle



The Crabtree

squire | estates

YOUR NEXT MOVE COULD HELP FUND WOODFIELD SCHOOL'S NEW BUS

When you sell your home with Squire Estates, we will donate £250 towards Woodfield School's new school bus.



squire | estates

WILL DONATE

£250

TO WOODFIELD SCHOOL
WHEN WE SELL YOUR HOME

Tel: 01442 233 533 | homes@squireestates.co.uk
www.squireestates.co.uk



DO YOU NEED HELP LOWERING YOUR BUSINESS ENERGY COSTS?

We help businesses source cheaper,
cleaner gas & electricity supply contracts.

WHAT DO WE DO?



Energy Supply Contract Tendering

Our automation processes help local businesses source
cheaper gas & electricity supply contracts.



Lower Energy Prices

Our average customer saving in 2026 is 16%.



How Can We Help?

Send a recent copy of your business's electricity or gas bill to
connect@mindfulenergy.co.uk for a free no obligation audit,
identifying opportunities to reduce costs and consumption.

CONTACT US

 01442 504049



 connect@mindfulenergy.co.uk

 www.mindfulenergy.co.uk

We are proud sponsors of the following

