



SPRING 2009 NEWSLETTER

LEVERSTOCK GREEN NEEDS YOUR HELP

In the 1949 plan for Hemel Hempstead New Town it was stated that Leverstock Green should, as far as possible, retain its village character. As an Association, LGVA is fully committed to this policy but, if we are to maintain the village character and identity, we need your help.

These are the simple facts.

The average age of LGVA committee members is 60+. Whilst we are able to provide a number of events at the moment without additional help the time will come when this is not the case and traditional village activities will end. The effect of this will be three fold.

- Firstly, we will see the end of events that add so much to the community spirit as a whole.
- Secondly, our Village identity will be lost.
- Thirdly, we will lose the income so desperately needed to maintain the Village Hall.

If we do not raise sufficient funds then the Hall will cease to exist in its present form.

We urgently need two kinds of help - new committee members and volunteers who are prepared to be called on to help with events such as the Annual Fete, Firework Display, Arts and Craft Exhibition, Christmas Concert and other events.

So, if you support our village identity and character please,

- Become a main committee or sub-committee member
- Become an event helper

Get involved in village life!

Why not talk to a committee member and/or our Administrator, Sally, for further details. Sally's telephone number at the Village Hall is 01442 268723 or by e-mail at office@lgva.freeserve.co.uk or complete and return the form in this newsletter.

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LGVA Trustees 2008-2009

At the AGM on 17th November 2008, eleven Trustees were re-elected:

John Baldwin, Barbara Chapman, Colin Gage, Keith Jenkin, Iris Parish, Pamela Richardson, Margaret Rayner, Ralph Rayner, Nick Taylor, & John Walker. Valerie Welsh was also elected, but has since resigned for health reasons.

They are joined by the following Trustees representing local organizations:

Mary Dodkins (Chiltern Ladies Choir), Elizabeth Cooper (LADS), Chris Craigen (Holy Trinity DCC), Barry Dixon (Leverstock Green Tennis Club), Bill Dawes (Leverstock Green Football Club), Mick Reeves (Leverstock Green Players), Derrek Smith (Leverstock Green Cricket Club), Graham Sutton (Northend Residents and DBC), & Margaret Griffiths (DBC).

The following officers were re-elected at our December meeting :

Chairman: Barbara Chapman,
Vice-Chairman: Margaret Rayner, Treasurer: Iris Parish.

We would welcome several more Management Committee Members (Trustees) and we are also in urgent need of a Minute Secretary. If you can help, please fill in the form in this newsletter or contact Sally Burrows, our new Office Administrator.

The Chairman & Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank retiring member Erica Durrant; and also Yvonne Baldwin, Sarah Cotterell & Valerie Welsh for their past help in organising specific LGVA activities. Our thanks also go to Rebecca Lawson who has agreed to take over the organisation of the 500 Club.

LGVA 500 CLUB

WIN £100!

Your chance to win £100 every month
and help raise funds for the Village

Join the LGVA 500 Club, and for just **£1 a month** you have the chance of winning a £100 top prize, or one of two runner-up prizes for *every month* you are a member!

You will also be making a vital contribution to village life in Leverstock Green. All profits go to LGVA funds and will help to maintain and run our busy Village Hall, provide community events such as the fete and firework display, and give a voice to the residents as a village group.

Just complete the form available from Village Hall or on-line and return with your **annual subscription of £12** by cash, cheque (payable to LGVA) or Standing Order.

Standing Orders are our preferred method of payment as it saves a great deal of time on administration. Standing Order applications are available from the Village Hall Administrator, Sally Burrows, on any weekday morning, or download application and standing order forms from our website www.lgva.bravehost.com.



We hope that Leverstock Green residents will continue to support the Village through the 500 Club, and keep on enjoying their winnings this year. **A new 500 Club year starts in April so please don't delay !**

THE WINNERS

SEPTEMBER 2008

302 members

Drawn by Ron Harris – Chairman L G Parish Trust

First: £100 437 Mrs Ann Hughes
Second: £15 239 Mrs Eileen Dyble
Third: £5 449 Mr Edward Prior

OCTOBER 2008

303 members

Drawn by Mrs Ann Hughes - September Winner

First: £100 319 Mrs Emma Catchpole
Second: £16 232 Mrs Pamela Harris
Third: £5 394 Mrs J Lane

NOVEMBER 2008

303 members

Drawn by Mr John Bates at the Village SPAR

First: £100 204 Mrs Primrose Hamilton
Second: £16 159 Mr George Houldcroft
Third: £5 409 Mrs Margaret Harris

DECEMBER 2008

303 members

Drawn by Roger Baxter of Suburban TV

First: £100 363 Mrs June Gray
Second: £16 290 Mr Anthony Amies
Third: £5 344 Mr Peter Fitz-Harris

JANUARY 2009

303 members

Drawn by Manoj Kumar & Lindsey Nokes
at Leverstock Green Dental Practice

First: £100 226 Mr Clive Hill
Second: £16 498 Mr & Mrs John & Sally Taylor
Third: £5 403 Mr & Mrs Neil & Sarah Moreton

Air Raids, Dad's Army & a Verandah Leverstock Green during WW2



an illustrated talk by
Barbara Chapman

Leverstock Green Village Hall

Friday March 20th, 8 p.m.

£5

Proceeds to LGVA funds.



**Looking for a
new interest in
2009?**



Leverstock Green Amateur Dramatic Society (LADS) has been going for 17 years having put on its first production in 1991. We are a small and friendly group who are seeking new people to join us.

We stage one or two plays a year in the village hall, and when not in production we get together for play readings, theatre outings and the occasional meal out.

Whatever your talent, be it acting, lighting, sound, helping behind the scenes or front of house - we would love to hear from you.

We have a forthcoming play reading at 8.00pm on Wednesday 1st April at Leverstock Green village hall to which we would like to invite you - and we do hope you can come.

If you are unable to attend the above event but are still interested in joining us, please e-mail or telephone Clare Thompson (Secretary) on clarethm@googlemail.com or 07775 994932.

WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL?

Full details of all the activities which regularly take place in the village hall are available from the LGVA office on weekday mornings, with a list on display in the foyer, as well as on our website.

New activities include: **Cuban Salsa Dance** (Tues. 10:30 - 11:30, Thurs. 6:30 pm-7:30 pm) & **Pilates for Beginners** (Wed pm), from April 29th
Further details on our website.



**LGVA MINUTE SECRETARY
NEEDED**

The LGVA Trustees urgently need a Minute Secretary to record our monthly meetings. Knowledge of shorthand is not required, but familiarity with MS Word & e-mail access would be an advantage.

We usually meet on the second Monday of each month except August from 8 -10pm, plus the AGM on the third Monday in November.

Contact the Chairman via the LGVA Office at the Village Hall, or fill in and return the form on page 4 if you think you can help us.

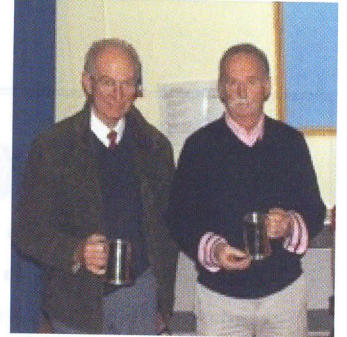


**BUGLASS
AWARD 2008**

At the AGM on November 17th last year, the 2008 Buglass Award was presented to Mick Reeves by previous winner Margaret Rayner, in recognition of his service to the Leverstock Green Community over the previous decade.

**FAREWELL TO OLD
FRIENDS**

Engraved pewter tankards were presented by the Chairman to John Bates of SPAR & Larry Carr of the Family Butchers, in recognition of over 80 years of service between them. John retired before Christmas, & Larry will be retiring later this year. We wish them both a long and happy retirement.



**LOCAL POLICING MEETING
25TH MARCH, 7:30 p.m.
BUGLASS ROOM**

Leverstock Green Village Hall

Come along and discuss with your Community Police Team issues to do with policing that concern your community. For the latest advice, bulletin and other information relating to local policing, see the Local Policing section on the LGVA website.

FUN



EVENING

Friday 3rd April, 8 p.m.

Leverstock Green Village Hall

£5 per person

Sets of 2-4 players, 2 sets per table.
Come as a single, a couple or a group and join in the fun.

This is not an official tournament, the emphasis is on **FUN**, with some **special prizes** to add zest to the evening.

Bring your own drink - we'll provide the nibbles.
It would be helpful if you can bring your own board.



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www.buy.at/LGVA

LGVA Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 21st Feb. 7.45 pm Spring Quiz £7.50 incl. supper
- Friday 20th March 8 pm Air-raids, Dad's Army & a Verandah – Leverstock Green in WW2 - Illustrated talk by Barbara Chapman - £5
- Friday 3rd April 8 pm – Fun Scrabble Evening - £5
- Saturday 11th July - Village Fete
- Arts & Crafts Exhibition (date tba)
- October (date tba) - Autumn Quiz
- Saturday 7th November – Fantastic Fireworks Display
- Monday 16th November. - LGVA Annual General Meeting
- Saturday November 21st – Christmas Fayre
- Sunday 6th December – Christmas Concert



WANTED – ORGANISER FOR THE ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION.



Last year the annual Arts & Crafts exhibition had to move from the library to the Buglass Room, which although highly successful as a display space, didn't attract as many visitors as previously. Whether we repeat the exhibition in the Buglass Room, or alternatively organise a marquee on the field at the fete instead, is yet to be decided. Unfortunately, Sarah Cotterell who organised it last year, is soon to be moving away, and so won't be available to co-ordinate this year's event. If you think you could take on this task, (help and advice will be available), then please contact the Chairman via the Office, or complete the Helpers form below.

Deadline for Next Issue

Friday May 15th
(Please send by email if possible)

VOLUNTEER HELPERS FORM – PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO LGVA OFFICE

(This form can be copied, & can be posted in our secure post box out of opening hours.)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

DAYTIME PHONE NO: EMAIL

Please tick ALL boxes which apply:

- I am willing to help at the summer fete 11th July
- I am willing to help at the fireworks on 7th Nov
- I am willing to go on a "general helpers" list to be contacted

Please contact me with further details re:

- Acting as Minute Secretary
- Becoming a Trustee
- Becoming part of the fete sub-committee
- Organising the Christmas Concert
- Organising the Arts & Crafts Exhibition

SIGNED.....DATE