

Members' Edition



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LETCWORTH ARTS & LEISURE GROUP

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over 170 groups, events and trips



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Letter from the Chair



Welcome to the members' edition of our newsletter. There are lots of new events and ideas to tempt you out now that the weather is starting to improve. In this edition there are details of over 170 groups and events, and information on two new discounters. Liliane Textiles offer 10% off workshops and shop items, and Nuffield Health Letchworth are offering members 15% off anytime membership – see pages 26 and 27, respectively.

Our Annual Quiz is being held on Saturday 11 April, starting at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). This light-hearted general-knowledge quiz, organised by LALG's Social Team, is taking place at the Letchworth Settlement. Tickets can be booked through our website. Further details can be found on page 3.

We now have the use of a shop in Letchworth where you can pop in for a cuppa and a chat – or you can use it as a meeting place or venue. You can also renew your LALG membership in person by card. We are next to the Iceland shop in Garden Square Shopping Centre and are open every Thursday between 11am and 3pm – see page 7. I look forward to seeing you.

Jackie Harber

Updates from the LALG Committee can be found in the Committee News section on page 5.

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All venues in this newsletter are in Letchworth Garden City unless otherwise stated.

Cover photograph: LALG's Ukulele Group at a recent performance as part of the Letchworth Settlement Sessions. Photo taken by Amy Wilson.



Open Meetings lalg.org.uk/OpenMeetings

Kincaid Hall, Letchworth Settlement, Nevells Road SG6 4UB. Limited parking is available on site; 2 hours' free parking is available by the outdoor swimming pool and by the bowls club, both a few minutes' walk away in Icknield Way. LALG members £4; non-members £6. There is no need to buy a ticket in advance; just come along! Tea/coffee is available before the talk, £1 per mug.

Monday 13 April, 10.30am (doors open 10am) (Note: This is the second Monday of the month.)

The talk given by the main speaker, Nick Peace, is called **The Red Sentinels** – a light-hearted overview of Royal Mail letter boxes around the world and journeys that Nick has undertaken to visit some special ones. In the first talk, Russell Friese, the new Manager of Letchworth Settlement, will introduce himself and his future plans for the Settlement.

Monday 11 May, 10.30am (doors open 10am) (Note: This is the second Monday of the month.)

100 Years (Plus) of Radio Times. Stephen Barnard will tell the story of a British publishing phenomenon through a handful of its famous covers. The first speaker is Diane Ketcher from LALG's Wildlife Gardening Group, who will tell us how to make our gardens better for wildlife.

Monday 1 June, 10.30am (doors open 10am)

Sophie Riches, Curator of Royston Museum, will describe the town's varied and fascinating past. In the first talk, Julia Sonander will explain the role of LALG's new Letchworth Residents Group.

Contact: openmeetings@lalg.org.uk



Annual Golf Event

Tuesday 15 September – date for your diary

Chesfield Downs Golf and Country Club. Six tee times have been booked, starting at 11.04am. Cost £50 – to include 18 holes, tea/coffee and a bacon roll beforehand, and a small contribution towards the prizes. The type of competition is yet to be decided (we played Texas Scramble in 2024 at Chesfield and an individual and team Stableford in 2025 at Letchworth). If you are a member of Chesfield Downs Golf Club the day will cost you £10. If interested please contact Steve, who will provide details of the required deposit.

Contact: Steve Green sports-events@lalg.org.uk



Annual Quiz

Saturday 11 April, doors open 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

Kincaid Hall, Letchworth Settlement, Nevells Road SG6 4UB. It's time for this year's light-hearted general-knowledge quiz, organised by LALG's Social Team. More information and tickets are available at lalg.org.uk/AprilQuiz. £36 per team of no more than six people. If you want to come on your own, or as a pair, then contact LALG's Quiz Team group (on quizteam@lalg.org.uk) as they will be making up teams (£6pp). Bring your own snacks, drink and glasses, plus food to eat in the interval if you wish.

Contact: SocialTeam@lalg.org.uk



London Places ialg.org.uk/London_places

Thursday 14 May

Guided tour of London Globe Theatre

Meet at Letchworth station from 9.30am for the 9.50am train. Booking opens on Monday 30 March at 9.30am, by email to the Group Contacts. There are 20 spaces available at £26 each. We will travel by off-peak train to London Blackfriars, from where it is a short walk along the South Bank to the theatre. The train arrives at 10.38am and, assuming everything runs to time, we will have time for a coffee break/comfort stop before our tour starts at 11.15am. The tour lasts approximately 50 minutes. For more information, see shakespearesglobe.com/visit/plan-your-group-visit/group-guided-tours/

After the tour there will be time to explore the area or take refreshments before our return. We will agree on a time and place to meet for our return on the day. Or you can remain in London and return independently.

Visit to Parliament

We hope to run a second Inside UK Parliament tour to the Houses of Parliament, but arrangements have not yet been agreed with our MP's office.

Group Contacts:

Elaine Fox/Tony Kuczys 01462 735642; london_places@ialg.org.uk



London Villages ialg.org.uk/londonvillages

Tuesday 14 April and Friday 24 April, 11am

Meet outside PAUL Le Café on the ground level concourse at St Pancras station. We will travel by under- and overground to Rotherhithe station and then walk along the Thames Path on the south side of the river. The walk will be up to 5 miles, with opportunities to curtail about half way through. We will look at some of the engineering developments that have taken place along this part of the river and take in some excellent views across the Thames to the Isle of Dogs.

There is a charge of £5 per person to cover research expenses, payable on the day in cash. To book a place, please contact Anthony Wakeman at LVApril@ialg.org.uk (not the Group Contact), stating your preferred date.

Saturday 27 June and Saturday 4 July

These walks will be around the Covent Garden area. Full details to follow.

Group Contact:

Rosemary Read 01462 450494; londonvillages@ialg.org.uk



Moon and Longest Day Walk ialg.org.uk/moon-walk

Monday 29 June, 9.30pm

Meet at Weston Village Green for a 9.30pm start. Bring a torch and suitable footwear for footpaths. Booking essential. More details in next newsletter.

Contact:

William Armitage 01462 643537 moon-walk@ialg.org.uk

Delivering LALG leaflets

Friday 8 May, 10.30am Meet at the car park at Jackmans Estate shops. Volunteers welcome. Confirm arrangements with William on **01462 643537**.

Trips & Events



Theatres and Excursions lalg.org.uk/theatresandexcursions

Thursday 23 July (afternoon performance)

Waiting list available

***Anything Goes* – a musical romantic comedy**

Kilworth House Theatre, North Kilworth, Leicestershire LE17 6JE. Cost £59 (£61 non-LALG) – includes coach fare and an excellent seat in the centre section. The coach leaves Letchworth station bus stop, adjacent to the car park, at 11.30am.

Saturday 29 August (afternoon performance)

***One Man, Two Guvvners* – a comedy by Richard Bean**

Rutland Open Air Theatre, Tolethorpe Hall, Stamford PE9 4BH. The play was first produced at the National Theatre, London, with the main character played by the then rising star James Corden. It was a huge hit and later both play and star transferred to Broadway, New York. The play, set in Brighton in 1963, involves 'an out-of-work skiffle player' and 'fish and chips'. Relax and enjoy a picnic and view Tolethorpe Hall before enjoying a performance under this covered theatre with its delightful outdoor stage setting. There is a bar and an area for buying coffee, tea and snacks. Cost £37 (£39 non-LALG) – includes coach fare and an excellent seat in the centre block. The coach leaves Letchworth station bus stop, adjacent to the car park, at 11.30am. Booking opens on Wednesday 1 April at 9.30am. To book, phone Malcolm King.

Group Contact:

Malcolm King 01462 677329; theatresandexcursions@lalg.org.uk



Tour of Hitchin Lavender

3 July

Hitchin is steeped in lavender history. We will be meeting at Hitchin Lavender to listen to a talk exploring its rich past, visit the Victorian lavender museum, take a walk between the blooming lavender rows, collect some lavender to take home, and see behind the scenes where the crop is distilled. The tour will include a cream tea inside the 17th-century Old Barn Tea House.

Early booking is recommended. LALG members £18; non-members £22. To book your place, please contact Amy.

Contact:

Amy (LALG Publicity Officer) publicityofficer@lalg.org.uk

Committee News

We are pleased to welcome Sandra Mee onto the Committee, bringing our numbers up to 12. The Committee has clarified guidance on carers at LALG activities – see lalg.org.uk/carers for details.

Our membership numbers are the highest they have ever been. Many new members are recruited via word of mouth recommendation; thank you to everyone who supports us in that way.

Our next two Committee meetings are on Monday 20 April and Tuesday 19 May, at 7.30pm. The April meeting will be held on Zoom; the May meeting will be at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. If you'd like to attend or submit an item for discussion, just email Tessa at secretary@lalg.org.uk.



Train Buddies ialg.org.uk/trainbuddies

Thursday 9 April, 2pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Meeting to discuss a trip to Chatham Dockyard on Thursday 28 May.

Thursday 30 April

Trip to Oakham. Train times are on the group's web page or are available from the Group Contact.

Thursday 7 May, 2pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Meeting to discuss a trip to Broadstairs on Thursday 25 June.

Thursday 28 May

Trip to Chatham Dockyard. Train times will be on the web page or will be available from the Group Contact after the meeting on Thursday 9 April.

Group Contact:

Geoff Morse 07714 503671; trainbuddies@ialg.org.uk



Trips Group ialg.org.uk/trips

Friday 1 May

Olney – a house and garden visit and a guided tour of the town

We will meet at the Cowper Newton Museum, Orchard Side, Olney MK46 4AJ at 10.30am for refreshments on arrival and an introductory talk about the home of John Newton and William Cowper. There will then be free time to explore the Georgian house and garden and have lunch.

In the afternoon we will meet for a guided tour of the town. Price per person: £24. Deadline for booking: Friday 17 April.

Tuesday 16 June

Visit to Myddelton House and Forty Hall

We will travel by shared cars to visit these two properties located in the south of Hertfordshire.

Myddelton House is the headquarters of the Lee Valley Regional Park, so we cannot visit the house. It was built between 1812 and 1818, and you will be able to admire it from the gardens. The gardens were cultivated by a descendant of the original owners, Edward Augustus Bowles (who was an ancestor of Andrew Parker Bowles, the Queen's first husband). He became known as 'The Crocus King'. You can read more about it at www.visitleevalley.org.uk/myddelton-house-gardens.

We will have refreshments on arrival and then a private tour of the gardens, led by one of the gardeners. Afterwards you are free to wander at leisure and have lunch, before travelling on to Forty Hall, which is very close by. It is a Grade 1 listed Jacobean manor house, built for a former Lord Mayor of London. The last family to live in it were the Parker Bowles. Read more about it at www.fortyhallestate.co.uk/house-and-garden/house-and-museum.

Price £15 for the two tours.

Group Contact:

Sally Cannon trips@ialg.org.uk

New LALG shop



Come for a chat and a cuppa in our new LALG shop in Letchworth Garden City, next to the Iceland shop in the Garden Square Shopping Centre. We are open every Thursday between 11am and 3pm. You can join or renew your membership, and there is a space for small-group meetings.

The LALG shop (c/o Create Community) is at 25 Commerce Way, Garden Square Shopping Centre, Letchworth Garden City SG6 3DN.

Judith Gower (Diversity Officer, Data Protection Officer and Safeguarding) and LALG Chair Jackie Harber outside the new LALG shop



Visiting Churches lalg.org.uk/visitingchurches

Thursday 23 April, 2.30pm

St Lawrence Church, Ardeley

Ardeley Church is Grade I listed and dates from the 13th century. Mainly built from flint and clunch, it has many special features, including 12 carved angels in the roof. Details and tickets are available at lalg.org.uk/ardeley.

Monday 8 June, 2pm

All Saints' Cambridge, also known as The Painted Church

All Saints' is an exceptional example of Victorian Gothic. Nearly every surface is hand-painted, and the stained glass is by craftsmen including Morris and Burne-Jones. Details and tickets are available at lalg.org.uk/PaintedChurch.

We are a non-religious group that is interested in churches and other places of worship – their architecture, monuments, art and history – and the people who have been associated with them over the years.

Group Contact:

Ann visitingchurches@lalg.org.uk



Visiting Towns and Cities lalg.org.uk/visit-towns-and-cities

Tuesday 14 - Thursday 16 April

Liverpool

We are staying at the Premier Inn in Liverpool city centre, travelling there by train. We will take a walking tour on Tuesday afternoon and a Mersey boat trip on Wednesday morning. Ideas for future trips welcome.

Group Contact:

Jill Chaffey 07855 729556; visit-towns-and-cities@lalg.org.uk

Ukulele Group concert

Congratulations to LALG's Ukulele Group (group details are on page 21 of this edition), who delighted a packed audience at their first concert (see the cover image), showing their versatility at playing and singing. Over £1,000 was raised for Letchworth Settlement funds.

Badminton 4 (Coaching for Beginners)

We are proposing a new badminton group for beginners. Three days of the week and venues have been proposed for a six-week 'Introduction to Badminton' course, with a qualified coach – on Thursdays, 10am -11am, at North Herts Leisure Centre; on Tuesdays, 7pm - 8pm, at Fearnhill School; or on Wednesdays, 6pm - 7pm, at Fearnhill School. With eight participants for any of these times and venues the cost would work out at approximately £7 per week per person, including the hire of the facility, payment for the coach, and provision of equipment.

If popular, the group could become a regular LALG 'Badminton 4' group. Contact Steve if interested, identifying the best days/times for you.

Contact: Steve Green sports-events@lalg.org.uk

Cycle Tyre Repair Workshop

Are you thinking of going out on your bike during the year? Are you interested in becoming more confident in repairing a puncture and taking off/replacing the inner tube and wheel? If so, contact Steve with the best time for you to attend a workshop – probably 6pm - 8pm.

Contact: Steve Green sports-events@lalg.org.uk

DH Lawrence Discussion Group

Thursday 16 April, 10.30am - 12 noon

Short stories including *England, My England* and *The Prussian Officer*.

Thursday 14 May, 10.30am - 12 noon

Early poetry up to *Look! We Have Come Through!* (Lawrence's poetry about him and Frieda).

We meet at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX to discuss Lawrence's novels, poems, plays, letters and paintings. Small charge to cover room hire. No need to book, just turn up.

Contact: William Armitage 01462 643537; newideas@lalg.org.uk

Discussing Jane Austen and Her Work

There has been some interest but not quite enough. If anyone would like to get this group started, please contact William.

Contact: William Armitage 01462 643537; newideas@lalg.org.uk

Fashion, Dress, Style and Decoration

There has been some interest but not quite enough. If anyone would like to get this group started, please contact William.

Contact: William Armitage 01462 643537; newideas@lalg.org.uk

Let's Paint

Friday afternoons

Letchworth Settlement, starting after Easter. We can take up to 14 members, sharing the room hire. Bring your own materials.

Contact: Jackie L 07762 004295; newideas@lalg.org.uk

Longer-Distance Walking

Anyone interested in longer walks who would like to join other enthusiasts exploring the wider countryside, please contact Nigel for an initial meeting to discuss the idea further.

Contact: Nigel Carrick newideas@lalg.org.uk

Musicians Together for All Instruments (Making Music)

Do you play an instrument to a good standard, perhaps (semi-)professional in the past and would like to make music with other players again? Please get in touch.

Contact: Roger Edgson 07597 784121; newideas@lalg.org.uk

Shows and Musicals

Let's share our favourite shows and musicals, plan visits and have fun!

Contact: Anne newideas@lalg.org.uk

Running

Are you interested in joining other members for a run (distance decided by participants) one evening a week? We are looking at starting this group off in the spring when the lighter evenings arrive. If you would like to participate, contact Steve with the best evening for you – perhaps for a 6pm start?

Contact: Steve Green sports-events@lalg.org.uk

Welsh Group

Are you interested in all things Welsh? The language, culture and history?

Contact: Jackie S 07970 407635; newideas@lalg.org.uk

What new groups would you like to see starting?

Get in touch to make a suggestion and the Group Support Team will try to make it happen. Email newideas@lalg.org.uk – or ring William Armitage on 01462 643537.

Equality, diversity and inclusion

I would like to introduce myself as I currently hold three roles within LALG. I have lived in Letchworth for 40 years with my husband and family. I am a solicitor, although all the work I currently do is voluntary. I am very involved with the local Law Society and the national Law Society. I am also disabled but with hidden disabilities.

I am in the process of updating LALG's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) policy. Once it has been approved by the Committee I will hold training sessions to update the Group Contacts and anyone else who is interested. However, in the meantime, if there is anything you would like to include in any updated policy or have any concerns about EDI, please get in contact, by email on diversity@lalg.org.uk.

Judith Gower

Diversity Officer, Data Protection Officer, and Safeguarding



All Things Music ialg.org.uk/all-things-music

Friday 10 April, 2pm - 4pm

Music by someone you know or a band that you have been in.

Friday 15 May, 2pm - 4pm

First/earliest remembered gig/band/concert that you went to.

We meet at the Broadway Gallery (above The Three Magnets), 2 The Arcade SG6 3ES. All welcome.

Group Contact:

Mary Patrick 07872 909643; all-things-music@ialg.org.uk



Art Appreciation ialg.org.uk/artappreciation

Third Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We are very sorry, but we've grown so rapidly that we've sadly taken the decision to close to new members.

However, we are looking at creating a second Art Appreciation Group, so please do get in touch with the Group Contact if you are interested. It might take a little while to get this new group up and running, depending upon the level of interest.

Group Contact:

Jon M artappreciation@ialg.org.uk



Bob Dylan and Friends ialg.org.uk/bob-dylan

Second Wednesday of the month, 10.30am

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. A discussion group looking at the works of Dylan and other singer-songwriters.

April: A discussion around Dylan's lyrics – are they more important than the melody?

May: Joan Baez, singer, songwriter and political activist. Baez had the voice and Dylan the poetry.

Group Contact:

John Bray 07767 707141; bob-dylan@ialg.org.uk



British History Reading Group ialg.org.uk/britishhistory

Thursday 16 April, 7.30pm

Having It So Good by Peter Hennessy (Suez section only).

Thursday 21 May, 7.30pm

Greece – Biography of a Modern Nation by Roderick Beaton.

We usually meet on the third Thursday of the month in the Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Although we are still focusing on British history we sometimes venture beyond. All welcome.

Group Contact:

Don Dowling 01462 678934; britishhistory@ialg.org.uk

Calling Group Contacts

Please don't forget to keep your web page updated. You can add your meeting details as soon as they are ready. Or email updates@ialg.org.uk.

Arts & Books



Children's Books ialg.org.uk/childrensbooks

Tuesday 21 April, 7.30pm

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster.

Tuesday 19 May, 7.30pm

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson.

We enjoy reading classic and current books aimed at children, from picture books to teen fiction. We discuss the content, writing style, format, and relevance to the period in which it was written. For more information, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Jane Faulkner childrensbooks@ialg.org.uk



Cinema ialg.org.uk/cinema

First Friday of the month, 2pm - 3.30pm, via Zoom

Throughout 2026 we will focus on examples of European and World cinema and on 'Oscar categories' – such as cinematography, editing, screenplays, sound, animation, and documentary. The above two broad topics will generally be scheduled on a bi-monthly basis. In April we'll continue our look at international cinema through two Spanish films about childhood: *The Spirit of the Beehive* (1973) and *Cría Cuervos* (1976). May's focus will be on 'Shakespeare at the Movies'.

Group Contact:

Rob Townsend 07903 946334; cinema@ialg.org.uk

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Creative Writing for All ialg.org.uk/creative-writing

Every Monday, 10am

Broadway Hotel bar, Letchworth SG6 3NZ. There is no charge and all are welcome. The emphasis is on short stories and flash fiction. We bring work and write short pieces on the day to read to the group and discuss. Enjoy writing and a good chat with coffee and a few laughs.

Group Contact:

Tony Faulkner 07414 780177; creative-writing@ialg.org.uk



Crime and Murder Mystery Book Group ialg.org.uk/crimebookgroup

Monday 27 April, 7.30pm

The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett.

Monday 25 May, 7.30pm

The Wrong Hands by Mark Billingham.

Broadway Hotel bar, Letchworth SG6 3NZ. Sorry, we are not currently open to new members, but please get in touch if you would like to go on our waiting list.

Group Contact:

Jenny Gosling 01462 895878; crimebookgroup@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Daytime Book Group ialg.org.uk/daytimebook

Second Monday of the month, 2pm

For details of future meetings, please see our web page or call/email the Group Contact. Please see our web page for details of books read since 2013.

Group Contact:

Hazel Irwin 01462 730498; daytimebook@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Daytime Book Group 2 ialg.org.uk/daytimebook2

Thursday 2 April, 10.30am

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.

Thursday 7 May, 10.30am

Conclave by Robert Harris.

Broadway Hotel bar, Letchworth SG6 3NZ. This group is full but please get in touch to be added to our waiting list.

Group Contacts:

Allison 07837 415370, Yvonne 07484 136164; daytimebook2@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Fairfield Book Group ialg.org.uk/fairfieldbookgroup

Thursday 2 April, 7.30pm

The Color Purple by Alice Walker.

Thursday 7 May, 7.30pm

City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert.

Fairfield Bowls Club, Kingsley Avenue, Fairfield Park SG5 4GY. £3 per month covers venue hire, refreshments (available from 7.15pm) and book loan. A full list of the books chosen for this season can be found on our web page.

Group Contact:

Elaine Fox 01462 735642; fairfieldbookgroup@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Film Appreciation lalg.org.uk/filmappreciation

The group meets regularly in a member's house to discuss a film, generally available online or in cinemas. Please contact Lynne to go on the waiting list.

Group Contact:

Lynne McGeachie 07763 030031; filmappreciation@lalg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



George Orwell Study Group lalg.org.uk/george-orwell

We have completed our study of Orwell's work but might meet again later this year for one-off talks about the author and his works.

Group Contact:

Stephen Bottle 01462 481901; george-orwell@lalg.org.uk



Get Painting lalg.org.uk/getpainting

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Letchworth Settlement, Nevells Road SG6 4UB. This friendly group welcomes everyone, from beginners to experienced artists. There is a small weekly charge to cover room hire, payable termly in advance.

Group Contact:

Tony Faulkner 07414 780177; getpainting@lalg.org.uk



Irish Book Group lalg.org.uk/ireland

Wednesday 13 May, 11am (no meeting in April)

Frankie by Graham Norton.

Broadway Gallery (above The Three Magnets), 2 The Arcade SG6 3ES. We meet bi-monthly. Meetings include a book-swap and general discussion of Irish literature. For details of books and meetings, please see our web page or contact Graham.

Group Contact:

Graham Collins 01438 356840; ireland@lalg.org.uk



Monday Painting Group lalg.org.uk/mondaypainting

Mondays, 9am - 12 noon

Letchworth Corner Sports Club, Whitethorn Lane SG6 2DN. The cost of the room is shared by the group. Each term we choose a selection of subjects to paint. If you are interested, you are welcome to come along for a trial for £5 per session.

Group Contact:

Valerie Williams 01462 624439; mondaypainting@lalg.org.uk



Musical Games Group lalg.org.uk/musical-games

We meet for occasional practical sessions of singing, percussion, rhymes, moving to music, and generally having a lot of fun. Please get in touch if you would like to be on our list to be notified.

Group Contact:

Carole 07752 839589; musical-games@lalg.org.uk

Finished reading your copy of the LALG newsletter?

If so, please pass it to a friend who might like to join LALG.



Play Reading 1 ialg.org.uk/playreading1

Monday 27 April, 1.30pm

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel by Deborah Moggach.

Monday 18 May, 1.30pm

Underdog by Sarah Gordon.

We meet on the third Monday of the month in a member's house in Letchworth to read plays loaned from Hertfordshire Performing Arts Library.

Group Contact:

Ann Gibson 07779 673105; playreading1@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Play Reading 2 ialg.org.uk/playreading2

Second Wednesday of the month, 10am

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We read the same plays as those read by the Play Reading 1 group. We would welcome one or two more members.

Group Contact:

Sonia Sewell 01462 654933; playreading2@ialg.org.uk



Poetry in the Afternoon ialg.org.uk/poetryafternoon

Third Thursday of the month, 2pm

We are not poets, just poetry lovers. We meet each month at a member's house to read aloud poems that we have chosen on a particular theme and share our thoughts about them.

We are a small friendly group, so if you enjoy reading poetry, come and join us.

Group Contact:

Val D poetryafternoon@ialg.org.uk



Readers Group ialg.org.uk/readersgroup

Thursday 23 April, 7.45pm for 8pm

The Lamplighters by Emma Stonex.

Thursday 28 May, 7.45pm for 8pm

You Are Here by David Nicholls.

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. There is a small charge to cover room hire and book loan from Letchworth Library.

Unfortunately our group is full, but do get in touch if you would like to be added to our waiting list.

Group Contact:

Megan Stacey 01462 683074; readersgroup@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Recorders for Fun ialg.org.uk/recorder

Wednesdays, 10am - 11.30am

Central Methodist Church, 109 Pixmore Way SG6 3TR. We are a friendly and sociable group who meet every week and welcome descant, treble, tenor and bass players. We play for an hour and a half and go for a coffee afterwards.

Group Contact:

Val D recorder@ialg.org.uk



Science Book Group ialg.org.uk/sciencebookgroup

Wednesday 20 May, 7.30pm

Nuclear Fusion: The Race to Build a Mini-Sun on Earth by Sharon Ann Holgate. Fusion (the process that creates the Sun's energy) is important because it could produce almost unlimited energy but no greenhouse gases. Holgate explains the basics of nuclear fusion and how scientists have tried to harness it. We will discuss this book and related topics. It can be purchased from David's Bookshop in Letchworth (the LALG discount makes it very competitively priced) or ordered from the library.

We meet in the bar of Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. There is no charge but please buy a drink – note: card only; no cash.

The group is currently full; please email Ann to go on the waiting list.

Group Contact:

Ann sciencebookgroup@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



SciFi/Fantasy Book Group ialg.org.uk/sci-fi-fantasy

Tuesday 21 April, 7.30pm

Legends and Lattes by Travis Baldree.

Tuesday 19 May, 7.30pm

Isles of the Emberdark by Brandon Sanderson.

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month. New members are very welcome – please get in touch with Branwen or come along to a meeting.

Group Contact:

Branwen sci-fi-fantasy@ialg.org.uk



Shakespeare for Fun ialg.org.uk/shakespeare

First Wednesday of the month, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We are a friendly informal group, interested in learning more about the works of William Shakespeare. We meet to choose, read and discuss a particular play.

Group Contact:

Karl Schmierer shakespeare@ialg.org.uk



Sketching in the English Countryside ialg.org.uk/sketchingcountryside

Friday 24 April, 10.30am

Our first meeting of the season will be at Manor Wood, Roxley Court Lane, Willian SG6 2AH.

Friday 22 May, 10.30am

Stotfold Watermill and Nature Reserve, Mill Lane, Stotfold SG5 4NU. Meet in the (free) car park by the nature reserve. The mill will be closed.

All abilities very welcome. You need to bring drawing or painting materials and a folding chair.

Group Contact:

Celia Lord 07964 373131; sketchingcountryside@ialg.org.uk



Social Playgoing Group ialg.org.uk/playgoing

We hope to organise the next play visit for early autumn, depending on what is available. Please contact Brian with any ideas you may have and for any further information you may find helpful.

Group Contact:

Brian Sykes 07710 274503; playgoing@ialg.org.uk



Ulysses Reading Group ialg.org.uk/ulysses

Last Thursday of the month, 2.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We read a section of James Joyce's famous novel and then meet once a month to discuss, in a relaxed informal way, what we have read. We usually read the novel over seven or eight sessions, finishing in May. Participation is free and all are welcome.

Group Contact:

Hugh Pollock 01763 260253; ulysses@ialg.org.uk



Walking Book Group ialg.org.uk/walking-books

Third Wednesday of the month, 2.30pm

We read a book and then go for a walk to discuss it. More members welcome.

Group Contact:

Catherine 07354 973355; walking-books@ialg.org.uk



Writers Group ialg.org.uk/writersgroup

Tuesday 7 April, 7.30pm - 9.30pm, via Zoom

Tuesday 5 May, 7.30pm - 9.30pm, via Zoom

We write two or three pages in advance, which can be inspired by our monthly themes (optional). We then share our work (also optional) before the meeting and discuss it on the night. The type of work is very diverse: short stories, poems, plays, sections of novels, memoirs, etc. The fee is £15 a year for LALG members; £20 for non-members. The first visit is free. New members welcome.

Group Contact:

Diana Newson writersgroup@ialg.org.uk



Writers Retreat ialg.org.uk/writersretreat

Every Monday, 8.30am - 10am, one Saturday per month

We meet at a coffee shop every Monday and on one Saturday a month for a longer session. We all work on our own work-in-progress. In between we chat and drink coffee. No reading aloud; just time to work without distraction. If you are interested, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Rayna West 07415 169511; writersretreat@ialg.org.uk

Support our venues

Many meetings are in free venues such as cafés and bars: there is no cost to attend but we are all asked to buy refreshments.



Art and Craft Workshop ialg.org.uk/artworkshop

First and third Thursdays of the month, afternoons

We meet primarily to learn watercolour painting, but we also cover acrylic painting, pebble art, and much more. The workshops are relaxed and include refreshments – all for £3 per session. Beginners welcome, with materials supplied at the first session. For further information, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Robin Ghisi artworkshop@ialg.org.uk



Clock Group ialg.org.uk/clockgroup

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 7pm - 9.30pm, January - April and September - December

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. We meet to study and repair clocks under our tutor Richard Edwards, with the able assistance of clockmaker Derek Chapman. Members work on their own clocks.

Group Contact:

Richard Edwards 07989 737219; clockgroup@ialg.org.uk



Flower Arranging ialg.org.uk/flowerarranging

Alternate Mondays (13 April onwards), 2pm

The Cloisters, Barrington Road SG6 3TH. We are a very enthusiastic group who enjoy making pretty arrangements. Our skills vary from novice to almost professional. Open to new members, so please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Angie Lockyer flowerarranging@ialg.org.uk



Gardening at the Weekend ialg.org.uk/gardeningweekend

Sunday 26 April, 2.30pm

We plan to visit John and Sue's garden in Letchworth.

Sunday 17 May, 2.30pm

We will visit Joyce's garden in Hitchin.

Sunday 31 May, 2.30pm

We will visit Jenny's garden in Letchworth.

We also visit Open Gardens and other plant and garden events throughout the year. For more information, please get in touch with the Group Contact.

Group Contact:

Wendy Martindale 07803 888162 or 01438 359332; gardeningweekend@ialg.org.uk



Gardening in the Evening ialg.org.uk/gardening-evening

Most Wednesdays, usually 6pm

We meet in each other's gardens in the summer months (in winter monthly activities have included wreath-making, visiting various gardens and a Christmas lunch). We have space for one or two new members. For details of future meetings, please contact Emilii or Gina, as meeting times and places can vary.

Group Contacts:

Gina and Emilii gardening-evening@ialg.org.uk



Gardening Tea and Tips 1 lalg.org.uk/GardeningTT1

Every Tuesday, 10.30am

We are enthusiastic gardeners who visit each other's gardens to share expertise and swap plants, while also enjoying coffee and cake.

Group Contact:

Annie Hankin 01462 685511; gardeningTT1@lalg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Gardening Tea and Tips 2 lalg.org.uk/GardeningTT2

We are keen gardeners who enjoy socialising together, taking turns to host visits to all our gardens, and swapping plants, information and ideas.

Group Contact:

Angela gardeningTT2@lalg.org.uk

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Gardening Tea and Tips 3 lalg.org.uk/GardeningTT3

Monday 20 April, 2pm

Visit to Angie's garden.

Monday 18 May, 2pm

Visit to Claire's garden.

We are a friendly group of enthusiastic gardeners. We enjoy meeting up and we take turns to host meetings in our own gardens over the summer months, usually on alternate Monday afternoons. We visit local gardens or meet at garden centres over the winter but are now starting to visit each other's gardens. We share plant knowledge and swap plants and seeds, followed by refreshments.

Group Contact:

Ros Dollman 01462 683769; gardeningTT3@lalg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Gardening Tea and Tips 4 lalg.org.uk/GardeningTT4

Every Wednesday

We meet on Wednesdays in the warmer months to enjoy our gardens and chat over a cup of tea or coffee. We have trips/garden centre visits in the cooler months.

Group Contact:

Caroline Taiano 07961 462295; gardeningTT4@lalg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



In the Dye Garden lalg.org.uk/dye-garden

We combine using natural plant pigments for colouring fibres and fabrics with nurturing the plants that make the vibrant array of colours possible. More members welcome.

We are arranging a date for a visit to the dye garden. There has been a bit of a delay getting started, but please get in contact if you would like to be kept in the loop regarding our future activities. This will be a chance to meet each other, look at the established plants in the spring, and find out about which plants can produce the best dye pigments. Then we can discuss the format of the group and how it will all work best for us.

Please email Amy to receive details of our future meetings.

Group Contact:

Amy Wilson dye-garden@lalg.org.uk

Crafts & Gardening



Knitting Group 1 ialg.org.uk/knittinggroup

For information about our meetings, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Annie Hankin 01462 685511; knittinggroup@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Knitting Group 2 ialg.org.uk/knitting2

Alternate Mondays (from 13 April), 2pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. A very friendly group of knitters (and some who crochet). You are welcome to bring along your own project or support projects that we are working on. Please get in touch for more information.

Group Contact:

Hetty Smith 01462 630195 or 07930 462870; knitting2@ialg.org.uk

If a group is full

If a group is full it might be possible to start another. You are welcome to email details and contact information to newideas@ialg.org.uk.

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Letchworth Open Gardens



Sunday 28th June 2026, 11am - 5pm

ca. 23 gardens open across the Garden City



Refreshments, art and plant sales. Artists in residence



**Tickets: £10 in advance,
£13 on the day (£25 for two)**



Ticket admits to all gardens. Accompanied children, 16 and under, free.
Available 23rd May (cash only), Bickerdikes Garden Centre,
or online at <https://www.letchworth-vog.org/>
or from any garden on the day (some will have contactless payment available).
Free park and ride to gardens from Town Hall car park, SG6 3BY.



Let's Get Beading ialg.org.uk/get-beading

Monday 13 and Tuesday 21 April, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 May, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

We enjoy making jewellery or decorative items for the home. Materials provided. £15 per session for members (includes tools, materials, tea, coffee and cake). Workshops are at Janet's studio in Baldock. Please get in touch for details.

Group Contact:

Janet Beattie 07787 225145 (text); get-beading@ialg.org.uk



Photography Out and About 1 ialg.org.uk/poa

We are a small group of hobby photographers who enjoy a social outing with our digital cameras. We take it in turns to organise a monthly photoshoot, usually on a weekday morning. We then review some of our photos on the fourth Monday morning in a local village hall to share ideas and knowledge.

Group Contact:

Pat Rumpus 01438 557529; poa@ialg.org.uk



Photography Out and About 2 ialg.org.uk/photography2

We usually meet once a month (normally at a weekend) to take photos at a variety of locations. We meet a couple of weeks later to share the results. Contact Graham for details of our next photo shoot. We welcome photographers of any skill level. See pictures from previous shoots on our web page.

Group Contact:

Graham Dollman 07584 835197; photography2@ialg.org.uk



Sewing Group ialg.org.uk/sewing

First Friday of the month, 10am - 12 noon

We meet at Letchworth Corner Sports Club, Whitethorn Lane SG6 2DN, where we are able to take along our sewing machines, sew, and chat. Between us, our interests cover dressmaking, embroidery, patchwork and quilting, home furnishings, and most things to do with stitching. Many of us use sewing machines, but we also welcome members who prefer to sew by hand.

Refreshments and the use of an iron are provided. There is a small charge to cover room hire. Please see our web page for details.

Group Contact:

Alison Butler 07941 631314; sewing@ialg.org.uk



Taiko Drumming ialg.org.uk/taiko

Fortnightly on a Tuesday

Wilbury Hall, St Thomas Church, Bedford Road SG6 4DU. Have fun learning this Japanese skill in a small, tutor-led group. Drums provided. A reasonable level of fitness is necessary.

£12 per 2-hour session to cover room hire, tuition, and equipment. All welcome to try – please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Claire 07702 041934; taiko@ialg.org.uk



Textile Art Group ialg.org.uk/textileart

Fridays 17 April and 22 May, 10am - 12 noon

Weavers Barn, Fairclough Hall Farm, Hall's Green SG4 7DP. We usually meet in the morning on one Friday a month for a textile-related workshop. We cover various weave, stitch and dye techniques, and some members also work on their own projects. In our April and May workshops we will be working on our individual projects – materials are available to use if you would like to begin a new project. New members very welcome.

Please contact Amy to book your place. There is a charge of £5 to cover room hire and refreshments.

Group Contact:

Amy Wilson 07917 542405; textileart@ialg.org.uk



Textiles Group ialg.org.uk/textiles

We meet at one of our members' homes and share ideas on all elements of textiles. Please contact Linda to be added to our waiting list.

Group Contact:

Linda Carson 07990 748583; textiles@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



UkenSing ialg.org.uk/ukensing

Thursday afternoons

A small group of women learning the ukulele and singing. We meet on Thursday afternoons, usually at Pat's house in Hitchin. The group is currently full, but please get in touch to go on a waiting list.

Group Contact:

Pat H 07900 344486; ukensing@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Ukulele Group ialg.org.uk/ukulele

Daytime group: Thursdays, 1pm - 3pm

St Paul's Church Hall, 179 Pixmore Way SG6 1QT. We play for about 2 hours with a short break for a cuppa and a chat. We are over 60-strong and growing, and regularly have 30-plus at our meetings.

Evening group: First Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Corner Sports Ground, Whitethorn Lane SG6 2DN. Informal evenings – partners and friends are invited to come along and enjoy playing and socialising.

For more information, or if you would like to learn to play the ukulele, please contact David Flower.

Group Contact:

David Flower 01462 683939 or 07804 158463; ukulele@ialg.org.uk



Wildlife Gardening ialg.org.uk/wildlife-gardening

First Wednesday of the month, 10.30am

We meet at each others' homes. Our interest is in encouraging wildlife into our gardens. New members very welcome. Please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Diane Ketcher wildlife-gardening@ialg.org.uk



Breakfast Club ialg.org.uk/breakfast

The breakfast group meets each month at a different local location.

Tuesday 7 April, 9am

Premier Inn, Station Road SG6 3BG. An unlimited cooked/buffet breakfast with tea/coffee/juice is available at a very reasonable price.

Tuesday 12 May, 9am

Travelodge, Avenue One SG6 2HB. An excellent breakfast buffet is available at Travelodge. The pancakes have been particularly recommended.

Please get in touch with the Group Contact beforehand if you are coming, as some venues can take only a limited number of people.

Group Contact:

Malcolm King 01462 677329; breakfast@ialg.org.uk



Dinner Party Club ialg.org.uk/dinner-party

A monthly gathering for people who love food, flavour, and a good dinner party. We choose a cookbook and everyone cooks a dish from it; one person hosts and everyone else brings something delicious to share. This group is full but we have a waiting list.

Group Contact:

Gina 07723 683485; dinner-party@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Firkin Club ialg.org.uk/firkinclub

Thursday 9 April, 8pm

Garden City Brewery, The Wynd SG6 3EN – where we are promised a good selection of real ales, including those made on the premises in the heart of the Garden City.

Tuesday 12 May, 8pm

Crafty's Beer Shop, Leys Avenue SG6 3EA – where there is always a good selection of interesting real ales.

We meet monthly to sample real ales and put world affairs into a personal perspective, viewed through a pint glass. New members welcome.

Group Contact:

Grant C 07896 260261; firkinclub@ialg.org.uk



Food and Cookery Group ialg.org.uk/foodcookery

Please contact Keith to go on our waiting list.

Group Contact:

Keith Wadsworth 07917 446044; foodcookery@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Lunch Club ialg.org.uk/lunchclub

Second Thursday of the month

We go to a different local pub or restaurant for lunch – we are currently at capacity but please get in touch to be added to our waiting list.

Group Contact:

Sally Cannon lunchclub@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Malt Whisky Appreciation ialg.org.uk/maltwhisky

Friday 15 May, 7pm

Sláinte Mhath! Over 150 whiskies tasted so far! If you are interested in sampling, comparing and enjoying fine malt whisky, come along to this meeting, when a selection of examples will be presented for members' pleasure. For the venue and format, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Grant C 07896 260261; maltwhisky@ialg.org.uk



Supper Club ialg.org.uk/supperclub

We are a friendly group who go out for an evening meal together to restaurants within an approximate 10-mile radius of Letchworth. Please contact Linda for information on our next Supper Club evening meal.

Group Contact:

Linda King 01462 677329; supperclub@ialg.org.uk



Vegetarian and Vegan Group ialg.org.uk/vegetarianandvegan

We meet once a month, either during lunchtime or in the evening, aiming to create a supportive community where we can learn from one another and enjoy life together in a healthier and kinder way. Please check our web page for upcoming events or email the Group Contacts.

Group Contacts:

Andya and Jacky vegetarianandvegan@ialg.org.uk



Wine Appreciation Group ialg.org.uk/wineappreciation

Friday 10 April, 7.30pm

'The best of the best', presented by Alan Gower.

Friday 1 May, 7.30pm

An evening with our local wine distributor The Wee Vinoteca, which promises to be an informative and interesting evening.

Both events are at the Settlement and promise to be tasteful and absorbing.

Group Contact:

Tony Mansey 07770 541207; wineappreciation@ialg.org.uk



Wine Discovery ialg.org.uk/winediscoverygroup

Monthly wine tastings. Please get in touch for details.

Group Contacts:

Moir and Nigel Rigby winediscoverygroup@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Wine Group 3 ialg.org.uk/winegroup3

Tuesdays 21 April and 19 May, 7.30pm

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. We enjoy tasting wines in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Each month two of our members choose a theme and share their selection of wines with the group. The group is currently full, but please email to join our waiting list if you are interested.

Group Contacts:

Jerry Bolter and Mike Clarke winegroup3@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)

General Groups



Action for Happiness lalg.org.uk/actionforhappiness

Monthly on a Wednesday, 7pm, via Zoom

A movement for positive social change using activities to improve wellbeing such as mindfulness, gratitude diaries, identifying personal strengths, being near nature, etc.

Group Contact:

Chris West 07932 195463; actionforhappiness@lalg.org.uk



Afternoon Quiz Group lalg.org.uk/afternoon-quiz

Fourth Monday of the month, 2.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Come along for six rounds of light-hearted general-knowledge quizzing in a friendly and non-competitive atmosphere. Novice quizzers welcome.

Group Contact:

Mandy 07807 827944; afternoon-quiz@lalg.org.uk



All Things Feathered Poultry Society lalg.org.uk/chickens

We welcome anyone interested in finding out about the joys of keeping chickens or other species of poultry and in being part of a community that can provide advice, support and guidance. Please get in touch for further details.

Group Contact:

Claire Bunyan 07788 153500; chickens@lalg.org.uk



All Things Military lalg.org.uk/allthingsmilitary

Thursday 9 April, 7pm doors open for a 7.30pm start

Bill Stead from the Military Intelligence Museum at Chicksands will give a talk on **Pierre de Chene, an SOE Operative in WW2.**

Thursday 14 May, 7pm doors open for a 7.30pm start

Ken Needham will tell the story of the stone obelisk on the lane from Willian to Great Wymondley – of the two pilots it commemorates and the manoeuvres in 1912 that led to their deaths.

Meetings are held in the Underwood Hall, Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. We charge £5 towards room hire and other expenses.

Advance notice: Thursday 11 June, 7pm doors open for a 7.30pm start

Ukraine to the UK via Moscow, a talk by Vitali Vitaliev, a Letchworth-based multi-award-winning author, columnist and broadcaster. Born in Ukraine, Vitali will describe his split lives between the Soviet Union – where he became the first investigative journalist during Gorbachev's '*perestroika*' – and then the West, after his forced 'defection' in 1990 under pressure from the Soviet authorities. During his 'second life' in the West Vitali has written 17 books, winning over a dozen national and international writing awards. Alongside writing for major newspapers he has appeared in popular TV shows such as *Have I Got News for You*, *Loose Ends*, *QI* and many others. His travel experiences in his 'second life' have covered over 70 countries and triggered his main book – *Life as a Literary Device. A Writer's Manual of Survival*. Vitali's talk will include his insights on the current war in Ukraine.

Group Contact:

Veronica Tomkins 01462 671402; allthingsmilitary@lalg.org.uk

General Groups



Amateur Radio Group ialg.org.uk/amateur-radio

Once a month on a Friday, 3pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We meet for a chat about amateur radio subjects and would welcome LALG members who may be looking to revive their amateur radio skills. For details, please get in touch or see our web page.

Group Contact:

Bryan amateur-radio@ialg.org.uk



Ancient Egypt Study Group ialg.org.uk/ancientegypt

Third Thursday of the month, 7.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We are relaunching! So if you are serious about Egyptology and archaeology, please come along and help to plan for the coming year.

Group Contact:

Oliver Webb 07929 058696; ancientegypt@ialg.org.uk



Black Squirrel Country Dancing ialg.org.uk/countrydancing

Tuesdays 21 April and 19 May, 6.30pm - 8pm

Central Methodist Church Hall, Pixmore Way SG6 3TR. We meet on the third Tuesday of most months. Complete beginners with two left feet very welcome! All dances taught/called. LALG members £4; non-members £5; under-18s £2. All welcome. No need to bring a dance partner. We are a very friendly group.

Group Contact:

Mandy Baldwin 07515 823735; countrydancing@ialg.org.uk

Letchworth Festival 2026

This year's Letchworth Festival runs from Sunday 31 May to Sunday 28 June, and once again it is an opportunity for us to showcase LALG.

So, would your group like to have its regular June activities included? Or maybe something special – perhaps a taster session, a talk, a display, a book-swap, or a one-off walk? Whatever you decide to do, you will be helping to publicise LALG. And there will be plenty of help from the publicity team if you need it.

The deadline to send in events for the Festival's printed brochure is Friday 10 April. Anything sent later will appear on the Festival's website, but not in its brochure.

Event details can be submitted at www.discoverlethworth.co.uk/festival – just click 'Submit New Event'.

For help from the publicity team, please contact Amy, on publicityofficer@ialg.org.uk

Businesses Offering Discounts to LALG Members

Agent Brains Escape Games	26 Leys Avenue	539763	10% off all off-peak game bookings
Alexander Lewis Estates	9 Arena Parade	510881	10% off fee for sales
Allders Opticians	15 Eastcheap	673216	10% off spectacles
AM Optometrists	29 Leys Avenue	486123	10% off complete glasses
Broadway Hotel & Downtown Bar & Grill	Broadway	480111	35% off large plate & steaks from main menu, 12 noon - 2.30pm, Monday - Friday
Cooks Boutique	22 Leys Avenue	01708 691322	10% off purchases over £10
David Stern Opticians	10 Arena Parade	683045	10% off, excluding eye tests
David's Bookshop	12 - 14 Eastcheap	684631	10% off over £10, some exceptions
David's Music	12 Eastcheap	475900	10% off over £10, some exceptions
Dr Bike – friendly mobile bike mechanic	Mobile service	07840 888050	20% off parts & labour
Evolve Life Pain & Injury Clinic	Henlow & Letchworth	486444	10% off all appointments
Fairhaven Wholefoods	Unit 27, Jubilee Trade Centre, Jubilee Road	675300	5% off all products – in store only
Garden City Florist	6 Arena Parade	685370	10% off, except Interflora
Icas-Vilas Fine Art	21 Commerce Way	677455	10% off framing only
Isabelle Estates	45 Station Road	487877	10% off sales fees
Joules Garden City Gifts	3 The Wynd	07415 281930	10% off sales over £10
Just for Me	30 Leys Avenue	676688	15% off
Letchworth Pharmacy	One Garden City, Broadway	685915	10% off non-medical
Liliane Textiles	Weavers Barn, Fairclough Hall Farm, Hall's Green, Weston	07917 542405	10% discount on all workshop bookings & shop purchases
Martins Furniture	62 - 64 Leys Avenue & 12 - 14 Commerce Way	351610	5% discount on furniture, carpets & flooring
Max Spielmann	36 Broadway	672264	10% off

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Miss Green Fingers	2 - 4 Eastcheap	337970	10% off café items
Mobility World	Birds Hill	708830	£50 off riser recliner chairs, £100 off beds, 10% off smaller items
Nanny Julie's Children's Hairdresser	8 The Arcade	337805	10% off
North Herts Chiropody	46 Leys Avenue	684358	10% off full treatments
Nuffield Health Letchworth	Letchworth Lane	681075	15% discount off our anytime memberships
On Your Travels	www.onyourtravels.co.uk	677111	Discounts on tours & cruises
Pampered Pets	9 The Arcade	07432 440104	10% off a full groom
Professional Dry Cleaners	25 Eastcheap & 5A Brand Street, Hitchin	682571 & 450491	10% off dry-cleaning on site only
ReelN	85 Great Portland Street, London	reeln.co.uk	5% off monthly South Asian film screenings in & around Letchworth
Revive the Beauty Salon	4 The Wynd	674888	10% off
Shades of Gray	Pixmore Avenue	07794 693709	10% off for over-60s
System Restore UK	2 The Wynd	339101	10% off all labour
T Brooker	Bilton Road, Hitchin	434501	Trade discount where applicable
The BakeHouse	16 The Wynd	337980	20% off two or more cakes
The Letchworth Clinic	17 Station Road	670900	10% off podiatry, Monday - Friday
The Little Ironing Shop	23 The Wynd	339128 or 07833 984091	10% off
The Prep Lounge	2 Whitehorse Street, Baldock	545419	10% off food & drink
The Shoe Box	45 Leys Avenue	683190	10% off all shoe repairs
The Uniform Monkeys	16 - 18 Openshaw Way	07828 148179	10% off first order
Tutti Frutti Clothing	12a Central Approach	07725 830913	10% off sales of £10 or more
Vutie Beets vegan café	24/25 The Wynd	337930	10% off all sales
Walkwel Clinic	13 Eastcheap & 21 Westgate Centre, Stevenage	682526	5% off non-sale footwear only, in Letchworth & Stevenage

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Blitz an Open Space lalg.org.uk/litter

Letchworth: Saturdays 4 April and 9 May, 10.30am
Thursdays 9 April and 7 May, 10am

Baldock: Wednesdays 15 April and 13 May, 10.30am
Sundays 19 April and 17 May, 11am

Please contact us if you know of any area that needs our attention. For details of future meetings, please see our web page or call/email the Group Contacts. As a Community Benefit Initiative this group welcomes both LALG members and non-members on our litter picks.

Group Contacts:

Ian Martin (Letchworth) text 07939 268169, Gary Mills (Baldock) text 07941 685683;
litter@lalg.org.uk

North Herts Heroes Award

The annual award for a significant contribution to the North Herts community has been won by Brian Noble for his work to clear the litter around Baldock and Letchworth.

During Covid in 2020 Brian saw the build-up of litter around Baldock and Letchworth and decided to clear as much of it as he could. He assembled a group of volunteers and bought all the equipment himself. At the suggestion of LALG's William Armitage, Brian started a new litter-picking group within LALG called Blitz an Open Space. After five years with four sessions each month the teams of volunteers have collected 2,494 full bags of litter. The group also gets support from North Herts Council, who now provide the equipment and take the full bags away. Well done Brian and all the volunteers who have given up their spare time to support Brian's great effort to benefit the local community.



British Monarchs lalg.org.uk/british-monarchs

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We look at British history over the years by monarch. We take it in turns to research and present a talk for the group, followed by discussion. The venue is free but we are asked to buy something from the bar. For details of future meetings, please see our web page or email Jo.

Acting Group Contact:

Jo british-monarchs@lalg.org.uk



Computer Users lalg.org.uk/usingcomputers

Last Wednesday of the month (no meeting in December), 10.45am

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Please support our venue, which has food and various drinks available. Limited space for new members. Please email the Group Contact to introduce yourself.

Please note: This is not a computer support service.

Group Contact:

Graham usingcomputers@lalg.org.uk

General Groups



Decarbonise Letchworth Group ialg.org.uk/decarbonise

Monday 27 April, 12.30am - 2pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Join our monthly lunchtime get-together where group members share ideas and the latest news on actions that can help Letchworth to reduce its carbon footprint. Heat pumps, solar panels, home batteries, new builds and transport infrastructure are currently popular topics.

Group Contact:

Julia S decarbonise@ialg.org.uk



Decluttering ialg.org.uk/decluttering

Tuesday 26 May, 4pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Are you thinking of having a clear-out and you need some moral support? Or perhaps you're looking to swap tips on where to sell or recycle your old 'treasure'. We are building up a list of useful links to share and usually meet on the last Tuesday of alternate months. New members are always welcome.

Group Contact:

Nicole Ashbrook decluttering@ialg.org.uk



Europe and Beyond ialg.org.uk/europeandbeyond

Wednesday 29 April, 7.30pm

Underwood Hall (upstairs, but there is a lift), Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX.

Meeting talks: **Hope from Gaza** by David Harrold, Chair of Trustees of the Palestine Trauma Centre, and **Ireland's Experience of Colonialism in Understanding Gaza** by Dinny Hawes.

Please bring your questions, thoughts and experiences to the discussion. LALG members £4; non-members £5. Cash on the door. All welcome! Please see our posters around town.

Group Contact:

Mandy Baldwin 07515 823735; europeandbeyond@ialg.org.uk



Geology ialg.org.uk/geology

Wednesday 27 May, 7.30pm

Please remember we have a new venue: the Underwood Hall, Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. Free car parking is available next to the Hall.

Meeting topic: **Geological outings**. Bring your photos and/or specimens to show the others and give them some ideas for outings and holidays! LALG members £4; non-members £5 (**cash only**).

We are a group of people who like to learn and talk about all aspects of geology. No knowledge of the subject is required, just enthusiasm for and interest in it. Everyone is welcome; there's plenty of room.

Group Contact:

Ann geology@ialg.org.uk

General Groups



Letchworth Local History Research Group lalg.org.uk/localhistory

No general meetings are planned while we finalise our current project. We are considering writing a new book, a companion to *Industrial Letchworth*, with the working title *Social Letchworth*. There is the nucleus of a group to research and write this but new, committed researchers and writers are welcome to enquire about joining.

Group Contact:

Philippa Parker 01462 686828; localhistory@lalg.org.uk



Letchworth Residents Group lalg.org.uk/lethworth-residents

Tuesday 5 May, 7.45pm - 9.15pm (doors open at 7.30pm)

Underwood Hall, Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. Topic: Visioning the Broadway Gardens area. With Emil Dale Academy in the former Grammar School building, and Plinston Hall and St Michael's Church up for sale, what amenities will the Broadway Gardens area provide in the future? We will look back on the original design for the area around Broadway Gardens, consider how the area has evolved, and then open the floor for residents to create a future vision. Cash on the door: £3 LALG members; £4 non-members.

Contact:

Julia S lethworth-residents@lalg.org.uk



Living in an Online World lalg.org.uk/online-world

Thursday 30 April, 11am

LALG Shop, c/o Create Community, 25 Commerce Way, Garden Square Shopping Centre SG6 3DN. We meet in the LALG Shop for help with smartphones, tablets, social media, online banking, etc. Content editors welcomed for help with editing group web pages and adding events/articles. We have the facility at meetings to take card payments or receive cheques for joining LALG or renewing membership. Booking ahead essential, with a brief description of the help required, so that we can make sure we have the right person to help with a specific issue.

Group Contact:

Trevor L 07361 040348; online-world@lalg.org.uk



Meditation and Reflection lalg.org.uk/meditation-reflection

Second Friday of the month, 10.30am

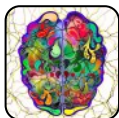
Upstairs Meeting Room, Letchworth Library, Broadway SG6 3PF. Each 1-hour session begins with silent meditation, followed by a circle of reflections based on an inspirational article circulated in advance. For more details, please check our web page or email the Group Contact.

Group Contact:

Andya meditation-reflection@lalg.org.uk

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General Groups



Philosophy ialg.org.uk/philosophy-study

Tuesday 28 April, 11am -12.30pm

The philosopher John Locke.

Tuesday 26 May, 11am - 12.30pm

Topic TBC at next meeting – see the group’s web page.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. LALG members £3; non-members £4.

Our discussions on philosophy are agreed at the meeting. There is no need to have prior philosophy knowledge, just a keen interest in the subject. The group provides an opportunity to investigate philosophy and the great philosophers.

In addition there are discussions around reason, knowledge and the mind.

No need to book.

Group Contact:

Catherine philosophy-study@ialg.org.uk



Psychology ialg.org.uk/psychology

Wednesdays 8 April and 13 May, 7.15pm

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX.

We meet once a month. There is a small charge to cover the room hire costs and tea/coffee. The meeting format is presentation and discussion. For further details, please contact Ken or see our web page.

Group Contact:

Ken Jordan 07980 606781; psychology@ialg.org.uk



Quiz Team ialg.org.uk/quizteam

In the next two months we are planning to attend the following quiz nights:

Tuesday 7 April, 7.15pm

The White Lion, 46 High Street, Baldock SG7 6BJ. £2pp.

Saturday 11 April, 7.30pm

The Annual LALG Quiz Night at Letchworth Settlement, Nevells Road SG6 4UB. £36 per table of six. Bring your own refreshments.

Monday 13 April, 8pm

The Orange Tree, 100 Stevenage Road, Hitchin SG4 9DR. £1pp.

Thursday 23 April, 8.30pm

Grange Community Centre, Middlefields SG6 4NG. £1pp.

Tuesday 5 May, 7.15pm

The White Lion, 46 High Street, Baldock SG7 6BJ. £2pp.

Wednesday 13 May, 8pm

The Millstream, 97 Cambridge Road, Hitchin SG4 0JH. £3pp.

Monday 18 May, 8pm

The Orange Tree, 100 Stevenage Road, Hitchin SG4 9DR. £1pp.

Thursday 28 May, 8.30pm

Grange Community Centre, Middlefields SG6 4NG. £1pp.

Please let the Group Contact know if you would like to join in.

Group Contact:

Andrew Dear quizteam@ialg.org.uk

General Groups



Self-Help Slimming Group lalg.org.uk/slimming

We support each other in our attempts to adopt a healthier lifestyle. We share ideas and recipes. Our emphasis is on being responsible for ourselves, so no weighing-in or telling-off! The group is currently full, but if you would like to go on the waiting list for a second group, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Rayna West 07415 169511; slimming@lalg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Society Unpacked lalg.org.uk/society-unpacked

First Wednesday of the month, 7.15pm

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. A discussion group for non-sociologists, looking at how society works – and sometimes doesn't! There is a small charge for room hire. For details, contact Ken or see our web page.

Group Contact:

Ken Jordan 07980 606781; society-unpacked@lalg.org.uk



Transport and Industrial Heritage Group lalg.org.uk/transport

Tuesday 28 April, 7.30pm

Ted Martin will tell us the story of RAF Henlow, from its foundation during the First World War and its contribution in the second world conflict to the present day. (This talk was postponed from June 2025 owing to illness.)

Tuesday 26 May, 7.30pm

Nick Cooke (who gave us a great talk last year on Orford Ness) is coming back to talk about the rise and fall of the R101 airship. He will cover the period prior to the R101, his family's involvement with the Royal Airship Works and Short Brothers, and some of the details of the airship. The crash site in France is discussed, along with what remains of the Airship Works today.

Both meetings at Jackmans Community Centre, Ivel Court SG6 2NL. LALG members £3; guests £5. No need to book.

Group Contact:

Tessa Palfreyman 01462 678032; transport@lalg.org.uk



Understanding American History lalg.org.uk/american-history

Our daytime meetings are in Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. We have discussions, presentations and speakers.

Acting Group Contact:

William Armitage 01462 643537; american-history@lalg.org.uk



Wild Flowers lalg.org.uk/wildflowers

We make monthly wildflower trips. All welcome! Please get in touch for details.

Group Contact:

Jean Hewitt 07914 151768; wildflowers@lalg.org.uk



World Religions lalg.org.uk/world-religions

For details of future meetings, see our web page or email the Group Contact.

Group Contact:

Malcolm D world-religions@lalg.org.uk

Letchworth City Chorus

presents

The Power of

LOVE

FRIDAY 26th JUNE at 7:30PM
SATURDAY 27th JUNE at 2:30PM

 Free Church, Norton Way South, 
Letchworth Garden City, SG6 1NX

ADMISSION: £12.50

CHILDREN: £5

Tickets from David's Music Shop (cash only)
Pay at the door

Doors open 30 mins before the performance



Language Groups



Café Français ialg.org.uk/Cafe-Francais

Tuesday afternoons

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We meet for an hour on Tuesday afternoons to chat in French over a drink.

Group Contact:

Rob Wallis 07768 297802; cafe-francais@ialg.org.uk



Conversation Française ialg.org.uk/french1

Lundis soirs, 19h30 à 21h30

Par Zoom et en présentiel. Conversation française se poursuit les lundis soir par Zoom, mais avec des réunions en présentiel de temps en temps. Si vous souhaitez participer, veuillez contacter.

Group Contact:

Jimmy Croall 07795 909178; french1@ialg.org.uk



Daytime French 1 ialg.org.uk/daytime-french1

Alternate Thursdays (2 April onwards), 2.30pm

Dimples Café, Letchworth Par 3 Family Golf Centre, Willian Way SG6 2HJ. Please email or text in advance. This group is currently full.

Group Contact:

Sheila Rhodes 07876 260152; daytime-french1@ialg.org.uk



Daytime French 3 ialg.org.uk/daytime-french3

First and third Mondays of the month, 2.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We meet for an hour. New members very welcome.

Group Contact:

daytime-french3@ialg.org.uk



Dutch Conversation ialg.org.uk/dutch

First Wednesday of the month, 10.30am

Come and share your thoughts on the arts, politics, weather, travel, sports, or anything else. Join our small group of (more or less) Dutch speakers.

Group Contact:

Corrie Swain 01462 742542; dutch@ialg.org.uk



German Daytime ialg.org.uk/germandaytime

Wednesdays, 2pm

We meet in a café. The group is thriving but new members are always very welcome, particularly native speakers.

German Evenings ialg.org.uk/germandaytime

Wednesdays, 7pm - 8pm, via Zoom

Additional evening session, held on Zoom. New members are very welcome.

We are a friendly group and we share a weekly update via email and Spond.

Group Contact:

Sheila Hogan 01462 743578; germandaytime@ialg.org.uk

Language Groups



German Group 1 lalg.org.uk/german1

Tuesdays, afternoons/evenings

In-person meetings and also on Zoom. See our web page for details. You're very welcome to join us for everyday German conversation for 2 hours.

Group Contact:

Martin Sproat 01438 226044; german1@lalg.org.uk



Italian Conversation 1 lalg.org.uk/italian1

Usually Fridays, 7.30pm - 9.30pm, via Zoom

We also try to meet on the second Tuesday of the month in local cafés.

Group Contact:

Alan Fraser 01462 685448; italian1@lalg.org.uk



Italian Conversation 3 lalg.org.uk/italian3

Mondays, 2.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. A small group interested in trying to speak Italian. New members with a basic level of Italian conversation welcome.

Group Contact:

Rosie Lapsley 01462 636331; italian3@lalg.org.uk



Latin lalg.org.uk/latin

Alternate Monday evenings, 8pm, via Zoom

For dates, please contact Carl. For those with some knowledge of Latin.

Group Contact:

Carl Raybold 01767 223167; latin@lalg.org.uk



Russian Language Русский Язык lalg.org.uk/russian

Thursdays, 3.30pm - 5pm, via Zoom

We try to resurrect oral and aural skills for part of the session. We also translate items, sometimes news downloaded from Правда, Известия, Би-Би-Си, etc., but more often short stories. Some knowledge of Russian is needed.

Group Contact:

Sheila Hogan russian@lalg.org.uk

We do need new members



Spanish Conversation lalg.org.uk/spanish

Thursdays, 7.30pm

The Orange Tree, Norton Road, Baldock SG7 5AW. General conversation, practising Spanish together. Some ability in Spanish is needed if you want to really gain a benefit. New members are very welcome.

Group Contact:

Ginny Morris 07944 777862; spanish@lalg.org.uk



Speak Spanish lalg.org.uk/speak-spanish

Tuesdays, 10am - 12 noon

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Enjoy improving your vocabulary and grammar, whatever your level. Have fun discussing cultural themes and current hot topics over a coffee or tea.

Group Contact:

Tony Faulkner 07414 780177; speak-spanish@lalg.org.uk

Social Groups



30+ Drop-in ialg.org.uk/30plus

This friendly group is aimed at people in their 30s and 40s – singles and couples – and aims to provide a relaxed opportunity to make new friends locally. We meet in the evening once a month, usually in the bar of the Broadway Hotel, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Please get in touch for more details.

Group Contact:

Nurit 30plus@ialg.org.uk



50+ Singles Drop-In ialg.org.uk/50plussingles1

Fridays, 7.30pm

We meet in the bar at Letchworth Corner Sports Club, Whitethorn Lane SG6 2DN. You are welcome to drop in, but please ring in advance if you would like Anne to look out for you arriving. We provide a relaxed and informal way to make new friends, and maybe to suggest an event that you would like to attend so that it can be added to our calendar and others can go with you. We also organise trips and events.

Group Contact:

Anne Sparrowhawk 07549 631795; 50plussingles1@ialg.org.uk



Informal Lip-Reading Group for Hearing Aid Users ialg.org.uk/lipreading

Thursdays, 10.30am

We are a small group and we enjoy our time together. Details are on our web page.

Group Contact:

Veronica Jones 01462 451174; lipreading@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Meet for Coffee 1 ialg.org.uk/coffee1

Alternate Wednesdays, 10.30am (from 1 April)

Dimples Café, Letchworth Par 3 Family Golf Centre, Willian Way SG6 2HJ.

Group Contact:

Jill Sells 01462 684289; coffee1@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Meet for Coffee 2 ialg.org.uk/coffee2

Hitchin Garden Centre, Cambridge Road SG4 0JT.

Group Contact:

Maureen Huckle 01462 638099; coffee2@ialg.org.uk

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Meet for Coffee 3 ialg.org.uk/coffee3

First and third Wednesdays of the month, 2pm

Cherries and Tea Café, Eastcheap SG6 3DG. We are a lively and growing coffee group and are open to new members. No commitment is required to attend every session. Pop in when you're at a loose end. Please inform Nayier beforehand if you would like to attend.

Group Contact:

Nayier Ahmad coffee3@ialg.org.uk

Social Groups



Meet for Coffee 6 lalg.org.uk/coffee6

Thursdays 9 and 23 April and 14 and 28 May, 10.30am

Dimples Café, Letchworth Par 3 Family Golf Centre, Willian Way SG6 2HJ. Second and fourth Thursdays of each month, with some variation during public holidays. The pleasant café overlooks green and leafy surroundings, with outside seating when weather permits. All are welcome.

Group Contact:

Brian Sykes 07710 274503; coffee6@lalg.org.uk



Meet for Coffee 7 (Stotfold) lalg.org.uk/coffee7

Tuesdays 14 April and 12 May, 10.30am

Wild Coffee in Stotfold Library, Greenacre Centre, Valerian Way, Stotfold SG5 4HG. No need to book; just turn up. All welcome.

Acting Group Contact:

William Armitage 01462 643537; coffee7@lalg.org.uk



Philosophy for Non-Philosophers lalg.org.uk/philosophy

Third Monday of the month, 7.30pm

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. Please remember to bring any topics you would like us to discuss.

Group Contact:

Anne Sparrowhawk 07549 631795; philosophy@lalg.org.uk



Singing Sea Shanties lalg.org.uk/sea-shanties

Thursdays 9 April and 14 May, 7pm (prompt) - 8.30pm

Small/Upper Hall, St Paul's Church, 179 Pixmore Way SG6 1QT. Song sheets are provided and backing tracks are played to help us learn songs. A charge of £3 is made on the evening to cover costs. This group is very popular and is a fun evening. We welcome new members. See our web page for details or contact Phil.

Group Contact:

Phil Mortiboy sea-shanties@lalg.org.uk

Welcoming new LALG members

Wednesday 29 April, 6.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ.

Have you recently joined LALG, or are you thinking of joining? You're welcome to come along to this 'getting to know you' session. It's a chance for newcomers to meet each other and find out more about LALG.

Contacts:

Jackie or Mandy

07970 407635; groupsupport@lalg.org.uk

Sports & Games



50/9 Golf Society ialg.org.uk/50_9golf

Every Wednesday morning, 9am

We play nine holes at some of the area's finest golf clubs, at discounted green fees of £12.50 - £20, depending on the venue. Our games are social rather than competitive, and our members are of all abilities, male and female.

We are over 50 years old and enjoy playing 9 holes – hence the group's name. Please get in touch if you would like to join us.

Group Contact:

Stanley Bonin 01462 672178; 50_9golf@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Backgammon ialg.org.uk/backgammon

Alternate Thursdays, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Some knowledge of the game is needed, although help is available.

Group Contacts:

Harry and Nicky 07944 360356; backgammon@ialg.org.uk



Badminton 1 ialg.org.uk/badminton1

Mondays (except bank holidays), 8pm - 10pm

Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. At the moment we have some space for new members, so if you have played before and want to get back on court again or are currently playing and would like some more regular games, do come along one Monday evening for an initial free session.

Group Contact:

Paul McCann badminton1@ialg.org.uk



Badminton 2 ialg.org.uk/badminton2

Mondays, 7pm - 8pm

Fearnhill School, Icknield Way SG6 4BA. We play mixed doubles and have mixed abilities. Our games are sociable, with the emphasis on fun. We are currently at capacity, but do get in touch if you would like to be added to a waiting list.

Group Contact:

Sue Bresnahan 07801 345595; badminton2@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Badminton 3 ialg.org.uk/badminton3

Wednesdays, 10am - 12 noon

North Herts Leisure Centre, Baldock Road SG6 2ER. This group has four courts permanently booked. We welcome new members who can play to a reasonable standard. Cost £5.50 (discounted), payable to the Leisure Centre.

Group Contact:

Robin Ghisi badminton3@ialg.org.uk

Personal insurance

While we take care to reduce the risks associated with LALG activities, it is up to each individual to stay safe and to arrange their own personal insurance where applicable.

Sports & Games



Bridge Club ialg.org.uk/bridgeclub

Tuesdays and Fridays, 1pm

Howgills, South View SG6 3JJ. Come early and you will be slotted into a table as you arrive. Beginners and improvers are always welcome. We play friendly Rubber Bridge at £3 a session to cover room hire. Refreshments provided.

Group Contact:

Gill Cheaney 01462 686806; bridgeclub@ialg.org.uk



Canasta ialg.org.uk/canasta

Alternate Wednesdays, 7pm

We meet in the Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ.
New members very welcome.

Group Contact:

Jill Chaffey 07855 729556; canasta@ialg.org.uk



Chess for Fun ialg.org.uk/chess

Third Monday of the month, 7.30pm

Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. We meet in the café. We start with a demonstration and then enjoy a relaxed game of chess. New members are always very welcome.

Group Contact:

Nayier Ahmad chess@ialg.org.uk



Cribbage ialg.org.uk/cribbage

Every Tuesday, 1.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We have room for new members. If you would like to play you are welcome to just turn up. If you would like us to look out for you arriving, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Edna Constable 01462 485086; cribbage@ialg.org.uk



Cricket ialg.org.uk/cricket

This group is for all lovers of cricket. We aim to enjoy visits and discussions about all things cricket. More members welcome. Please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Bryan cricket@ialg.org.uk



Easy Riders ialg.org.uk/easyriders

Friday 3 and Saturday 18 April, 10am start

Friday 1 and Saturday 16 May, 10am start

Cycle ride details are posted on our web page. If you would like to join these rides, please contact Jackie.

Group Contact:

Jackie H 07578 466982; easyriders@ialg.org.uk

Get
fit!

Fitness Together ialg.org.uk/fitness-together

Mondays, 7.30pm - 8.15pm

Norton Methodist Church Hall, North Avenue SG6 1DH.

Wednesdays, 12.15pm - 1pm

Fortescue Hall, Pixmore Way SG6 3TP.

Have fun keeping fit at your own pace. All you need is to wear appropriate clothing for exercise and bring a bottle of water. A yoga-type mat can be useful. Our trainer is Mike Eve, a professional fitness trainer. The first session is free, then £7 per session or £5 if paid monthly in advance.

Group Contacts:

Monday group: Dennis Alder fitness-together@ialg.org.uk

Wednesday group: Paul Taylor fitness-together@ialg.org.uk



Games Club ialg.org.uk/gamesclub

Mondays 13 and 27 April and 11 and 18 May (two weeks in a row because of May bank holidays), 7.15pm - 9.30pm

Central Methodist Church, 109 Pixmore Way SG6 3TR. The entrance to the car park is off Pixmore Way. The entrance to the room is at the side of the car park, near the back. We welcome new members. We play a wide variety of board and card games – don't worry if you haven't played a certain game. £5 per session – card only please; no cash. If you're interested in joining us, please phone.

Group Contact:

Cathy Watts 07523 763358; gamesclub@ialg.org.uk



Games on the Grange ialg.org.uk/grangegames

Wednesdays, 10.30am

Grange Community Centre Café, Middlefields SG6 4NG. All members are welcome to drop in and may bring their own games. Parking is available nearby.

Group Contact:

Rhian Blakey grangegames@ialg.org.uk



Garden City Wheelers ialg.org.uk/GCWheelers

Thursday 16 April, 10.30am start

Weather permitting, we will meet at the fountain in Broadway Gardens and ride to Shuttleworth Aerodrome for lunch in the café. We will cycle at the pace of the slowest rider, doing a return mileage of approximately 24 miles. This ride is relatively flat.

Thursday 21 May, 10.30am start

Weather permitting, we will meet at the fountain in Broadway Gardens and ride to Spokes Cycles in Codicote for lunch in the café. We will cycle at the pace of the slowest rider, doing a return mileage of approximately 24 miles. This ride has some hills.

Our group is always open to new members. Please let the Group Contact know if you would like to join us for the first time.

Group Contact:

Stuart Collins 07710 507069; GCWheelers@ialg.org.uk

Sports & Games



Mahjong lalg.org.uk/mahjong

Wednesdays, 2pm

Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. We regularly play on three tables with 12+ players, of mixed ability. New players always welcome, beginners as well as experienced players. If you are interested in joining, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Sue mahjong@lalg.org.uk



Par 3 Golf lalg.org.uk/par3

Fridays, 10.15am

Letchworth Par 3 Family Golf Centre, Willian Way SG6 2HJ. Nine holes, ranging from 53 yards to 104 yards. There is a small charge (LALG discount applies). Comfortable clubhouse, light refreshments, reasonable prices.

Group Contact:

Paul Wilkinson par3@lalg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Par 3 Golf Thursdays lalg.org.uk/par3thursday

Thursdays, 2pm

Letchworth Par 3 Family Golf Centre, Willian Way SG6 2HJ. Nine holes, ranging from 53 yards to 104 yards. Small course charge with LALG discount. Comfortable clubhouse, light refreshments, reasonable prices.

Contact:

Anne par3thursday@lalg.org.uk



Par 3 Golf Wednesdays lalg.org.uk/par3wednesdays

Wednesdays, 2pm

Letchworth Par 3 Family Golf Centre, Willian Way SG6 2HJ. Nine holes, ranging from 53 yards to 104 yards. There is a small course charge (LALG discount applies). The clubhouse serves light refreshments – see the Golf Centre's website for opening times. The group has some limited space for new members – please check the web page as spaces go quickly.

Group Contact:

Graham par3wednesdays@lalg.org.uk



Pétanque lalg.org.uk/petanque

Wednesdays, 2pm - 3pm

Letchworth Par 3 Family Golf Centre, Willian Way SG6 2HJ. We have three pistes and six people can play on each piste. On average, 14 - 16 people play each week. We pay £3.60 for each session. Afterwards, many of us meet in the café for coffee, cake and conversation! If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Maureen Flower 01462 683939; petanque@lalg.org.uk

Try before you buy!

Most groups will allow non-members to go along a couple of times before deciding if LALG is for you.

Sports & Games



Pickleball ialg.org.uk/pickleball

Tuesdays, 12.30pm - 2.30pm and Fridays, 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Outdoor tennis courts at Norton Common. We have two spare paddle bats for newcomers to borrow. The courts are free. Please dress for an outdoor activity. Come and learn a new game and have some fun! The weather can change our plans, so please get in touch to check whether we are playing.

Group Contact:

Mandy Howard pickleball@ialg.org.uk



Piquet ialg.org.uk/piquet

Second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 2pm - 4pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Piquet is a fairly simple two-handed card game of French origin and is easy to learn. There is a more challenging variant called Auction Piquet which we might also play. Please get in touch if you'd like to join us.

Group Contact:

Phil Rowe 07982 254463; piquet@ialg.org.uk



Rummikub ialg.org.uk/rummikub

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.45am - 12 noon

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Rummikub is a fun and sociable game, with an addictive mix of skill and luck. Tuition given to beginners.

Group Contact:

Martin Lieb 07954 224438; rummikub@ialg.org.uk



Rummikub 2 ialg.org.uk/rummikub2

Wednesdays, 10am for 10.30am

Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. We have coffee in the Sports and Tennis Club's café and there are Rummikub sets at the bar: if the Group Contact is unavoidably absent, just ask for the sets and you can play. We start playing at 10.30am and play for 2 hours. New members are always welcome, even if you have never played before: it's an easy game to pick up!

Group Contact:

Joyce Henderson 07929 402058;
rummikub2@ialg.org.uk



New Year afternoon tea at the Sports and Tennis Club after a Rummikub 2 session



Scrabble ialg.org.uk/scrabbleclub

Alternate Wednesdays (from 1 April)

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Please contact Eileen for more details.

Group Contact:

Eileen Creak 01462 632692; scrabbleclub@ialg.org.uk



Shanghai lalg.org.uk/shanghai

Monthly on a Sunday, 11am

Dimples Café, Letchworth Par 3 Family Golf Centre, Willian Way SG6 2HJ. This card game is based on rummy and is fun to play. The group is currently full.

Group Contact:

Christina; shanghai@lalg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Short Tennis lalg.org.uk/shorttennis

Thursdays, 10.30am

Indoor courts, Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. New members welcome! Emphasis on fun with mixed abilities. Short tennis is played in doubles on a smaller court with a soft ball. It is easier than lawn tennis, but still good fun and a new skill to master. To find out about joining our group, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Aud Gordon 07910 397266; shorttennis@lalg.org.uk



Snooker lalg.org.uk/snooker

Thursdays, 2pm - 4pm

We meet at local venues. There is a fee payable to play snooker or pool. Snooker cues are available to borrow. If you would like to participate, contact Steve by the Tuesday beforehand for details of the venue. All welcome.

Group Contact:

Steve Howell 07811 511466 (WhatsApp or text); snooker@lalg.org.uk



Social Cycling lalg.org.uk/socialcycling

Usually Sunday mornings, alternate weeks

Leisurely rides of around 18 - 28 miles on quiet roads or off-road tracks. We have a coffee stop with time to chat, either at the end of a shorter ride or mid-way through a longer one. Most types of bikes/e-bikes are suitable. We need a new Group Contact to keep this group going. Please get in touch for more details.

Group Contact:

socialcycling@lalg.org.uk



Table Tennis for Fun lalg.org.uk/TableTennisFun

Thursdays, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Central Methodist Church Hall, Pixmore Way SG6 3TR. Please get in touch for confirmation. New members welcome. If you're thinking of joining us for the first time, please phone Jane so that she can explain how we fund the hiring of the hall. Please bring your own bat.

Group Contacts:

Jane and Adam 07818 038183; TableTennisFun@lalg.org.uk

No contact phone number?

If an event listing gives no phone number, you can call the LALG Chair on **07578 466982** for further details.

Sports & Games



Table Tennis 2 (Daytime Group) ialg.org.uk/tabletennis2

Tuesdays, 11am - 12.30pm (except in school holidays)

Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. £4 per session to hire the indoor court and pay for the table tennis balls. We use five tables. There is a café in the clubhouse for us to use.

Group Contact:

Marion Yeeles 07867 774849; tabletennis2@ialg.org.uk



Whist Group ialg.org.uk/whist

Mondays, 2pm

Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining this popular group. There is a small charge to create a winner's prize.

Group Contact:

Ann C 01763 287543; whist@ialg.org.uk



Word Games Group ialg.org.uk/word-games

Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 10.30am

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We have lots of word games to choose from, but you are also welcome to bring your own.

Group Contact:

Evelyn C word-games@ialg.org.uk

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Alternative Ramblers lalg.org.uk/alternativeramblers

Sunday 12 April, 10am for a 10.15am start

Meet at The Coopers Inn, Magpie Crescent, Stevenage SG2 9RZ.
what3words ///chartered.barrel.clock

A 5-mile walk from the Poplars area of Stevenage, heading out to Aston and Hooks Cross. We will walk along footpaths and open fields (which can be muddy) and some roads. Coming back through a wooded area and around the golf course. Anyone wishing to eat after the walk can either pre-book a table or just turn up on the day at The Coopers Inn (call **01438 316337** to pre-book your table). To book the walk contact Paolo, either via the WhatsApp group or via our Group Contact Sue, details below. Mobile on the day: **07804 181009**.

Sunday 10 May, 10am for a 10.15am start

Meet at Baldock Street Car Park, Ware SG12 9DT. what3words ///shows.serves.flap

A 5.6-mile walk over good tracks and footpaths, with one hill climb as we exit Ware towards Hertford. Returning to Ware via the canal. Parking at Baldock Street Car Park is £2 for all day. The entrance to the car park is off Charvilles roundabout. To book the walk contact Graham, either via the WhatsApp group or via our Group Contact Sue, details below. Mobile on the day: **07508 265625**.

Group Contact:

Sue Infantino 07758 858418; alternativeramblers@lalg.org.uk



Baldock Walks lalg.org.uk/baldockwalks

Saturday 25 April, 9.20am for a 9.30am start

Meet outside Baldock Community Centre, opposite Baldock Library. There is free parking at the back of Tesco. A walk of about 7 miles to and from Fairfield via Ivel Springs and the Greenway. Coffee stop at Fairfield's Pavilion Café.

Saturday 30 May, 9.20am for a 9.30am start

Meet outside Park Drive Health Centre next to Tesco (free parking behind Tesco). A walk of about 5 miles to Bygrave. There are two stiles and a railway track to cross. Weather permitting, you will be rewarded with wide-ranging countryside views as we gain height around Bygrave. We shall return to Baldock via the old Wallington Road. The ground is uneven and might be muddy. Please bring a drink.

To book for either walk please email or phone the Group Contacts.

Group Contacts:

Julia Genders 01462 620615 or 07704 762167, Eileen Creak 01462 632692; baldockwalks@lalg.org.uk

Walking safety

LALG walk leaders take care to keep everyone safe, and we have a checklist to help them (and you), available at lalg.org.uk/walkingsafety. It gives common-sense advice for walkers and leaders about planning and preparing beforehand, as well as tips for the day, such as swapping phone numbers and buddying up if you want to. We recommend that even frequent walkers re-read the checklist from time to time. It finishes with a link to the Ramblers Association's safety advice at www.ramblers.org.uk/safety.

Walking Groups



Early Morning Walks ialg.org.uk/earlymorningwalks

Wednesday 1 April, 9am

Wednesdays 8 April and 13 May, 7am

We meet at Letchworth's first roundabout on Broadway. Open to all LALG members – walkers and non-walkers. Well-behaved dogs welcome. We go whatever the weather. No need to book; just turn up. Suggestions for a different day of the week and start time are welcome.

Group Contact:

William Armitage 01462 643537; earlymorningwalks@ialg.org.uk



Evening Strollers ialg.org.uk/eveningstrollers

Wednesday 29 April, 6pm

Meet by the clock at the bowling green in Howard Park for a 1-hour circular stroll to Willian, led by Angy.

Tuesday 19 May, 6.30pm

Meet at the Three Horseshoes at Norton for a 1-hour circular stroll via Ivel Springs, led by Bryony.

Optional pub visit afterwards. If wet, please check our web page before setting off.

Group Contact:

Jackie Sayers 07970 407635; eveningstrollers@ialg.org.uk



Fast Walking ialg.org.uk/fastwalking

Wednesdays, 8.30am - 9.30am

This is a fast 1-hour walk (4 miles per hour), starting at Norton Common. We meet at 8.20am at the bowling green car park (accessed from Icknield Way).

Group Contact:

Jan Gates 07888 695215; fastwalking@ialg.org.uk



Letchworth District Walkers ialg.org.uk/Letchworth-district-walkers

Sunday 26 April, 9am

A circular, 13-mile walk from Cottered following the Hertfordshire Chain Walk, north to Therfield, and then returning via Kelshall, Sandon, and Roe Green. We will start from the car park at Cottered Village Hall (TL 322 293 or what3words ///throw.storming.later). There may be an opportunity for a pub stop in Therfield, but bring a packed lunch and drink for the day. It is essential to pre-book with Tony via the group email or on **07800 632879**. Meet at the Arena car park to depart at 9am. If going direct to the start, please let Tony know.

Sunday 17 May, 9am

A circular walk of about 12.5 miles, starting from the shops at Kingsfield Road, Biggleswade SG18 8AT. Free parking. From here we use part of the Biggleswade Green Wheel and head to our first stop at the RSPB centre at The Lodge Nature Reserve. It's then on to Sutton and Dunton using good tracks and paths, plus a little road-walking, before returning to the start. Bring a packed lunch. Meet at the Arena car park to leave at 9am. Pre-book with Robin on **07948 554359** or **01462 636085**. If going straight to the start, please let Robin know.

Group Contact:

Mia Matheson 01462 490070; Letchworth-district-walkers@ialg.org.uk



Midweek Amblers/Ramblers ialg.org.uk/midweekambleramble

Wednesday 15 April, 10am for a 10.15am start

Meet at The Lytton Arms, Old Knebworth SG3 6QB, at 10am, ready to depart at 10.15am. This is an undulating walk of 4.7 miles, led by Sally Cannon. We go through the grounds of Knebworth Park, passing the church and then through woods and fields to Burleigh Farm. The route then goes beside several bluebell woods and back into Knebworth Park. Hopefully the bluebells will be out. To book for the walk, and lunch if required, please contact Sally by Wednesday 8 April, by email (preferred) to MARApril@ialg.org.uk or by phone on **07932 825123**. The pub requires lunch orders in advance and so a link to the menu will be sent to all who book. All bookings will be acknowledged.

Monday 11 May, 10am for a 10.15am start

Meet at The Musgrave Arms, 16 Apsley End Road, Shillington SG5 3LX, at 10am, ready to depart at 10.15am. This is a walk of about 4 miles in the countryside around Shillington, led by Kate Briscoe. To book for the walk, and lunch if required, please contact Kate by Friday 8 May, by email (preferred) to MARMay@ialg.org.uk or by phone on **07885 278385**. The pub requires lunch orders in advance and Kate will advise those who book. All bookings will be acknowledged.

Group Contact:

Carol Stokes **07813 800874**; midweekambleramble@ialg.org.uk



Midweek Walkers ialg.org.uk/midweekwalkers

Thursday 9 April, 10am

This is a 9-mile circular walk starting from the Whitwell recreation ground car park (SG4 8BE). We go southwards to Ayot St Lawrence and then on to Kimpton. There are several hills and stiles, and it may be muddy in a couple of places. Please bring refreshments for the day, and book in with Jess on the group email or on **07813 802495**. She will try to co-ordinate lifts if needed from Sollershott Green SG6 3JW, leaving at 9.30am.

Friday 8 May, 10am

A 10-mile circular route from Sandon to Rushden along tracks and through fields and woods. Meet for a 10am start at the parking area opposite All Saints Church, Sandon TL 322 344 (what3words ///motel.retaliat.bathtubs). Please bring a packed lunch and drink for the day. Pre-book in with Mia via the group email or on **07517 466773**. She will try to co-ordinate lifts if needed from Sollershott Green SG6 3JW, leaving at 9.30am.

Group Contact:

Jess Peyton Jones midweekwalkers@ialg.org.uk



Nordic Walking ialg.org.uk/nordicwalking

Come and walk the Nordic way, a whole-body exercise that harnesses the benefits of walking with the use of Nordic walking poles. Learn how to walk with ease, becoming faster and walking further while having fun. We meet weekly for a walk of 3 - 4 miles, with occasional longer walks at weekends. Taster sessions are available for those considering taking up this form of walking.

Group Contact:

Martin Lansbury nordicwalking@ialg.org.uk

Walking Groups



Short Walks ialg.org.uk/short-walks

Wednesdays 15 April and 20 May, 10.30am

We meet at Letchworth's first roundabout on Broadway for a maximum 2-mile walk, with optional coffee stop. Walk suggestions welcome. No need to book.

Acting Group Contact:

William Armitage 01462 643537; short-walks@ialg.org.uk



Slower Walkers ialg.org.uk/slowerwalkers

Friday 24 April, 10.15am for a 10.30am start

Alan is leading April's walk from the Plume of Feathers, Chambers Lane, Ickleford SG5 3YD. Menu choices will be ordered before starting the walk. Facilities can also be used. There is a large car park to the rear. There will be two options for the walk: a 2-mile loop from the pub; and an extra 1-mile loop can be added for those wanting a longer walk. The walk is on level ground, footpaths and rustic lanes. Some rises but nothing steep. Please book by Monday 20 April, indicating whether you will be staying for lunch. Booking contact: Alan, by email on SWapril@ialg.org.uk or by text to **07539 874822**.

Wednesday 20 May, 10.15am for a 10.30am start

Sally is leading May's walk from Jordans Mill, Southill Road, Broom SG18 9J. This walk is 3.5 miles long on well-maintained paths around two lakes, with a short break at an excellent bird-watching viewpoint.

Please book by Tuesday 12 May, indicating whether you will be staying for lunch in the Riverside Café at Jordans Mill. Booking contact: Sally, by email on SWmay@ialg.org.uk or by text to **07932 825123**.

Group Contact:

Phil Taylor slowerwalkers@ialg.org.uk



Sunday Ramblers ialg.org.uk/sundayramblers

Sunday 5 April, 10am

Easter Sunday walk – an untried walk owing to illness (expect the unexpected!). Start at 10am prompt. Meet at the car park on Rye Road, Hoddesdon EN11 0EQ. [what3words ///when.shark.shared](http://what3words.com/when.shark.shared) A fairly flat walk of 9.5 miles, starting at Rye House opposite the go-kart track, walking along the River Lee towards Roydon Marina Village, encountering a few locks, and then towards Stanstead Abbots and Stanstead St Margarets, returning alongside the River Lee Navigation. Car share advisable. Contact on the day: Paolo, on **07504 181009**.

Sunday 3 May, 10am

The walk is an 8-mile circular walk from Ashwell. Meet at 10am in the road by St Mary's Church, off Mill Street SG7 5LY. It will take us through the village and out to Hinxworth and Dunton and then back to the church. Please bring a packed lunch. Please let Robin or Debbie know if you want to join us, either through the WhatsApp group or by texting Debbie on **07908 195600** or Robin on **07948 554359**.

Group Contact:

Wendy 07856 768685; sundayramblers@ialg.org.uk

Walking Groups



Trail Walkers lalg.org.uk/trailwalkers

Tuesdays 14 April and 12 May

John Bunyan Trail sections.

We aim to cover some of the longer-distance trails that pass near Letchworth. We normally walk on the second Tuesday of every month, but occasionally do two walks in the month. The average walk is 10 - 12 miles. We share cars for these linear walks. New members are warmly welcome.

We started the John Bunyan Trail in October. Bunyan was an itinerant preacher and minister, born near Bedford, where he was also imprisoned for 12 years and wrote *The Pilgrim's Progress*. The route runs through attractive villages and scenic countryside, taking in many places of historic interest connected with Bunyan. If you might be interested in joining us or have any questions, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Nigel B trailwalkers@lalg.org.uk



Walking Buddies lalg.org.uk/walkingbuddies

We have a WhatsApp group for arranging ad hoc walks. Some of us also take part in the parkwalk – walking the parkrun courses on a Saturday morning. New members very welcome.

Group Contact:

Nicola T walkingbuddies@lalg.org.uk



Weekend Strollers lalg.org.uk/weekendstrollers

Saturday 11 April, 10.30am

Three Horseshoes, Norton SG6 1AG. Meet in the car park.

Saturday 16 May, 10.30am

Ickleford Green (near St Katharine's Church), Arlesey Road, Ickleford.

We do not walk far or fast (no more than 3 miles), followed by a coffee. If wet, more coffee, less walk! No booking required; everyone welcome. If unsure on where to meet, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

William Armitage 01462 643537; weekendstrollers@lalg.org.uk



Wild Walks (mostly mountainous) lalg.org.uk/wildwalks

Thursdays 23 April and 21 May, 8pm

Our monthly socials at The Three Magnets (Wetherspoons), 18 - 20 Leys Avenue SG6 3EW. All are welcome.

A two-day walk from Settle to Skipton is being planned for mid-April. Further details are on our web page.

Group Contact:

Sheila George 07807 827490; wildwalks@lalg.org.uk

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... to raise funds for a new LALG helicopter: sponsored running or walking backwards around the Greenway, any time from Wednesday 1 April. Please contact Phil Morgan for further details and a sponsorship form, on volunteer@lalg.org.uk.

Linked Organisations

<p>Arts Society North Herts theartssocietynorthherts.org.uk</p>	<p>Art lectures at Broadway Theatre on the first Thursday of the month, 11am except January and August. All welcome. Contact: theartssociety.nh@gmail.com</p>
<p>Baldock and District Canoe Club thecanooclub.co.uk</p>	<p>Kayaking and canoeing trips throughout the UK, from gentle local paddles to exciting white-water rapids. See the website for details.</p>
<p>Baldock Folk Club baldockfolkclub.org</p>	<p>Free admission; donations to performers welcome. Usually at the Orange Tree pub. Contact: Brian Burke 07768 274037; baldockfolkclub@gmail.com</p>
<p>Branch Out social club for single people branch-out.org.uk</p>	<p>For single people aged 50+ to socialise, weekly at the Three Moorhens, Hitchin. Contact: Christine 07932 560998; Christine@branch-out.org.uk</p>
<p>Forty Plus Cycling Club www.fortypluscc.co.uk</p>	<p>Rides of 25 - 40 miles to a pub lunch, mostly on quiet lanes. Thursdays, 10.30am. Contact: Alan Brosnan 07790 646949; 40plusNHerts@gmail.com</p>
<p>Garden City Singers www.gardencitysingers.co.uk</p>	<p>Friendly community choir singing a variety of music and holding concerts to raise money for local charities. All voice parts welcome. See the website for details.</p>
<p>Hitchin Floral Art Club</p>	<p>NAFAS floral demonstrators show how to create pleasing designs. Also in-house workshops. Contact: Jen 07833 948288; hartinthecorner@gmail.com</p>
<p>Hitchin Thespians www.hitchinthespians.org.uk</p>	<p>Musical theatre and choral society. The Young Thespians present various staged shows throughout the year. See the website for information and ticket details.</p>
<p>Letchworth Educational Settlement letchworthsettlement.org.uk</p>	<p>Independent adult education centre providing academic and recreational classes. Contact: info@letchworthsettlement.org.uk</p>
<p>Letchworth Film Club broadway-lethworth.com/cinema/letchworth-film-club</p>	<p>World cinema films and timeless classics, monthly on Sundays, 7.45pm, at Broadway Cinema. Contact: Lynne McGechie 07763 030031; lynne@letchworthfilmclub.com</p>

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Linked Organisations

<p>Letchworth Garden City Bowls Club letchworthbowlsclub.co.uk</p>	<p>Norton Common, April to September. 50% off membership for the first year, plus 10% LALG discount. Contact: Sue Sinclair 01462 621067; secretary@letchworthbowlsclub.co.uk</p>
<p>Letchworth Garden City Society lgcs.org.uk</p>	<p>Visits and talks on Letchworth, other Garden Cities, architecture/history, and local planning matters. Contact: Philippa Parker 01462 686828; philippaclare@me.com</p>
<p>Letchworth Music letchworthmusic.org/</p>	<p>Chamber music concerts, October to April, by professional musicians, at Howgills Friends Meeting House. Contact: Marion Ohlendorf 01438 361470</p>
<p>Letchworth Scale Model Club letchworthsmc.yolasite.com</p>	<p>Figures, vehicles, aircraft, ships, etc. Talks and demonstrations at the Icknield Centre. Contact: Geoff Russell 07806 433998; 118geoff@gmail.com</p>
<p>Letchworth Sinfonia Letchworth-sinfonia.org.uk</p>	<p>Amateur chamber orchestra with professional conductor. Two concerts per annum. Rehearsals on alternate Sundays at Letchworth Educational Settlement. Contact: Elisabeth George 07305 315657; elisabeth.george@ntlworld.com</p>
<p>North Herts Bowls Club www.n-h-b-c.org.uk</p>	<p>Norton Common, Mondays 2pm - 4pm. LALG discount. Contacts: Andy 07818 664274 or Mike 01462 893411</p>
<p>North Herts Speakers Club www.northhertsspeakers.org</p>	<p>Friendly group helping with public speaking, presentations, and leadership. First Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm online and third Wednesdays at The Cloisters. Free for visitors. Call first. Contact: John Kendall 01462 684036</p>
<p>North Herts Stamp Club</p>	<p>Monthly meetings in Letchworth at which members enjoy displays and can buy and sell stamps. Contact: 07776 381781; richardemerritt@talktalk.net</p>
<p>Unicorn Ceilidhs unicornceilidhs.org.uk</p>	<p>Dances for the local community, with a wide range of ceilidh bands and callers. Contact: 07833 643597; barry.goodman1@ntlworld.com</p>
<p>Whitethorn Bowls Club (Whitethorn Lane)</p>	<p>Friendly and league matches, April to September. All welcome; instruction available. Contact: 07981 958651; tonypinchin@hotmail.co.uk</p>

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From the Editors

The editor of this edition was Nick Matthews. The June - July edition will be edited by Jackie Sayers. Please send repeat entries to newsletter@lalg.org.uk by 10 May. If you have a new or longer item, please send it by 5 May.

If you are unable to make the deadline, your next entry will read: 'For details of future meetings or events, please see the group's web page or call/email the Group Contact.'

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