

Members' Edition



June - July 2026

Over 170 groups, events
and trips - including lots of
Letchworth Festival events



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Letter from the Chair



Welcome to the June/ July edition of the membership Newsletter.

We are gearing up for lots of fun activities during the Letchworth Festival throughout the month of June. Come and join us for a taste of a selection of wines at our Wine Festival, further details on page 24. You could try your hand at a new craft at the Textile Arts Craft Cafe, details on page 27. Or join William on a moon walk, see page 4.

I look forward to meeting you at our Open Meetings on the first Monday of the month, at one of our many events, or on Thursdays at our shop next to Iceland in Letchworth.

Jackie Harber

Committee News

- We are planning to produce a fold-out leaflet aimed at non-members, advertising LALG and our range of groups, as a cost-effective replacement for the current directory.
- We have pledged support for Letchworth's exciting Town of Culture bid for 2028.
- Next year it will be the 40th anniversary of the foundation of LALG and we would welcome any ideas from members of ways in which you feel we could mark it.
- We have agreed a small increase to advertising rates in the Newsletter, applicable from the August/September issue onwards. See lalg.org.uk/advertise
- Finally, if you are on Facebook or Instagram please do like and share LALG posts to help us reach a wider audience!

Our next two Committee meetings are on Wednesday 17 June and Monday 20 July, 7.30pm at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. If you would like to attend or submit an item for discussion, please email Tessa at secretary@lalg.org.uk.

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Trips & Events



Open Meetings lalg.org.uk/OpenMeetings

Kincaid Hall, Letchworth Settlement, Nevells Road SG6 4UB. Limited parking onsite; 2 hours' free parking by the lido and by the bowls club on Icknield Way. LALG members £4; non-members £6. There is no need to book, just come along! Tea/coffee available before the talk (except August) £1 per mug.

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

Main speaker: Sophie Riches, Curator of Royston Museum, will describe the town's varied and fascinating past in ***A Brief History of Royston***.

In the first talk, Julia Sonander will explain the role of LALG's Residents Group which is listed on page 30.

Monday 6 July, 10.30am (doors open 10am)

Main speaker: Claire Robinson of Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust makes a welcome return with ***A Wilder Future for Herts and Middlesex***, describing the Trust's conservation work to restore habitats and protect certain species.

First speaker: Russell Friese, Manager of Letchworth Settlement talking about their future plans and introducing himself.

Monday 3 August, 10.30am (doors open 10am)

Note: the kitchen will be closed: feel free to bring your own tea/coffee/water.

Main Speaker: Matthew Platt, NHDC Museum Curator, will talk about ***Strange Happenings in Hertfordshire: over a century of unusual stories***.

Details of the first speaker will be on our web page nearer the time.

Contact:

Jackie H 07578 466982; openmeetings@lalg.org.uk



Annual Golf Event lalg.org.uk/annual-golf

Tuesday 15 September – booking now

Chesfield Downs Golf and Country Club

6 tee times have been booked, starting at 11.04. Cost £55 - to include 18 holes, tea/coffee and bacon roll beforehand, a post-match drink in the bar and a small contribution towards the prizes. If you are a member at Chesfield Downs, the cost is £15.

The type of competition has not yet been decided (we played Texas Scramble in 2024 at Chesfield and an individual and team Stapleford in 2025 at Letchworth). Please contact Steve for details of the deposit payable.

Contact:

Steve Green sports-events@lalg.org.uk

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Festival Walks ialg.org.uk/ialgevents

Tuesday 2 June, 9.30am

A 15-mile walk from Letchworth to Royston through several villages. Leave Letchworth's first roundabout on Broadway at 9.30am, arrive in Royston approximately 4pm, and return by train. Booking essential.

Tuesday 9 June, 10.30am

Fairfield walk of approximately 2 miles.
Meet outside the Tesco store at Fairfield SG5 4FD.

Contact:

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



London Places ialg.org.uk/London_places

We are hoping to run a trip in June to the Houses of Parliament sponsored by Chris Hinchliffe, MP for North East Herts. Look out for details on our web page. Preference will be given to those who booked on the previous trip that we had to cancel.

Group Contacts:

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



London Villages ialg.org.uk/londonvillages

Saturday 27 June

A stroll led by John around Covent Garden stopping at interesting places, some associated with well-known people, some relating to theatre, some to dance. A half-hour visit, including a 15-minute talk, has been arranged to the fascinating Corpus Christi Church.

Off-peak return ticket: 9.47 from Baldock, 9.50 from Letchworth, 9.55 from Hitchin, 10.01 from Stevenage, arriving Finsbury Park 10.21 and St Pancras 10.29. Meet John (he will have a blue shoulder bag) opposite the exit to Covent Garden underground station, on the Piccadilly Line.

There will be a lunch break. The walk will finish at about 4pm. Booking is limited to 20 members. John's **mobile on the day is 07710 400097**.

John has waived the usual £5 payment towards leader's cost: instead the payments (collected on the day) will be donated to the church.

Book with John on LVJune@ialg.org.uk or **01438 241043**.

Group Contact:

Craig Smith 07429 206091; londonvillages@ialg.org.uk



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

Monday 29 June, 9.30pm to approximately 11.30pm

Meet at Weston Village Green.

Bring a torch and suitable footwear for footpaths.

Our maximum distance will be 4 miles.

Booking essential.

Contact:

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





Open Water Swimming

We are arranging an introduction to open water swimming at Redricks Lakes, Sawbridgeworth. Cost around £16, plus £10 to hire a wet suit. The session includes rules for swimming at the lake; health and safety overview; acclimatisation; overcoming anxiety and panic; building confidence; basic skills and techniques for swimming in open water; and a final Q&A session.

Contact:

Judith Gower 07973 316235 openwater@ialg.org.uk



Theatres and Excursions ialg.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)

Waiting list available

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

Open Air Theatre, Tolethorpe Hall, Stamford PE9 4BH. 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

Group Contact:

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



Tour of Hitchin Lavender ialg.org.uk/lavender

Friday 3 July, 10am

Hitchin is steeped in lavender history. Meet at Hitchin Lavender for a talk exploring its rich past, visit the Victorian lavender museum, walk between the blooming lavender rows, collect some lavender to take home, and see behind the scenes where the crop is distilled. Includes a cream tea in the 17th-century Old Barn Tea House.

Last few places available. LALG members £18; non-members £22.

Contact:

Amy publicityofficer@ialg.org.uk



Train Buddies ialg.org.uk/trainbuddies

Thursday 4 June, 2pm

The Broadway Hotel, Letchworth to discuss our trip to Hastings on 30 July.

Thursday 25 June

Trip to Broadstairs. Train times on our webpage or from the Group Contact.

Thursday 2 July, 2pm

The Broadway Hotel to discuss our trip to Littlehampton on 27 August.

Thursday 30 July

Trip to Hastings. Details will be on the webpage or ask the Group Contact.

Group Contact:

Geoff Morse 07714 503671; trainbuddies@ialg.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

Supporting



ADMISSION: £12.50

CHILDREN: £5

Tickets from David's Music Shop (cash only)

Pay at the door

Doors open 30 mins before the performance



Trips & Events



Trip to Fotheringhay lalg.org.uk/fotheringay

Tuesday 9 June, 11am

Fotheringhay, west of Peterborough, is where Mary Queen of Scots was held prisoner and executed. We will have a talk by Colin Pendrill, former Head of History at Oundle School. After lunch, Colin will lead us to where Fotheringhay Castle stood. £8 for LALG members; £10 non-members. Booking essential.

Contact: John Cox 01438 241043; visits@lalg.org.uk



Trips Group lalg.org.uk/trips

Tuesday 16 June

Visit to Myddelton House and Forty Hall, both in South Hertfordshire

Built between 1812 and 1818, Myddelton House is the HQ of the Lee Valley Regional Park: we cannot go inside, but can admire it from the gardens, which were cultivated by Edward Augustus Bowles (an ancestor of Andrew Parker Bowles, Queen Camilla's first husband). He became known as 'The Crocus King'. See 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 we are free to wander at leisure and have lunch, before travelling on to nearby Forty Hall, 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.

We will travel by shared cars. Price £15 for the two tours.

Wednesday 5 August (to be confirmed)

Guided tour of Welwyn Garden City, and the nearby Roman Baths. See our web page for more details nearer the time.

Group Contact: Sally Cannon trips@lalg.org.uk



Visiting Churches lalg.org.uk/visitingchurches

Monday 8 June, 2pm

Sold out

All Saints' Cambridge, also known as The Painted Church

This 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 are available at lalg.org.uk/PaintedChurch. Email Ann to join our **Reserves List** (please include your phone number as places tend to come up at the last minute).

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

We visit towns and cities in England. We usually travel by rail and stay one or two nights. Ideas for future trips would be very welcome.

Group Contact:

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

Badminton 4 (Coaching for beginners)

We may offer another opportunity in the Autumn, as both the recent sessions were oversubscribed. Further details in the next newsletter.

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

Crime and Murder Mystery Group 2

Group 1 on page 11 has a long enough waiting list to consider starting a second group. If you would be interested in joining it, please get in touch with Jackie.

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

Dungeons and Dragons

This is played as a group of players (e.g. three to six) including the Dungeon Master who will guide the group. If interested, please contact William to get the group started.

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

Fashion, Dress, Style and Decoration

Friday 5 June, 2.30pm (Festival event)

Miss Green Fingers, Eastcheap, Letchworth SG6 3DE

What's your interest? Come along with your ideas.

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



Film Appreciation 2

We have a Film Appreciation group; we would like to start a second group in the Autumn. Please send your contact details to:

Contact: Jackie 07970 407635; 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

Science Book Group 2

We are looking to start a second science book group, meeting on alternate months in the evening. This is likely to appeal to people who work/have worked in science fields, and could look at issues such as AI ethics, climate change or techno determinism for example. Books would be decided by group members.

Contact: Claire newideas@lalg.org.uk

Thursday Painting Group

We are hoping to start a new painting group on Thursdays, 9am to 12 noon at Jackmans Community Centre. Each 10-week session will cost around £50 for members of LALG if we can get 12 painters interested. Free tea/coffee.

Contact: Neville 01462 230579; newideas@lalg.org.uk

Could you help with starting a new group?

We get lots of ideas for new groups and they need a little support to get started. Could you help? Please contact Jackie: groupsupport@lalg.org.uk or 07970 407635.

Shows and Musicals

Tuesday 9 June, 2.30pm (Festival event)

Miss Green Fingers, Eastcheap, Letchworth SG6 3DE

A group where you could share the enjoyment of visiting

shows and musicals with other group members. Come along with your ideas. Just turn up.

Contact:

Anne newideas@lalg.org.uk



Studying Drama

Wednesday 17 June, 11am

David's Café, Eastcheap, Letchworth SG6 3DE

For anyone interested in drama, playwrights and performance. Members could discuss production, great actors, comedy, crime and plays with a serious message. We need six people to start. Please contact William to get on the list.

Contact:

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

Welsh Group

Are you interested in all things Welsh? The language, culture and history? We already have six people interested and would welcome more.

Contact:

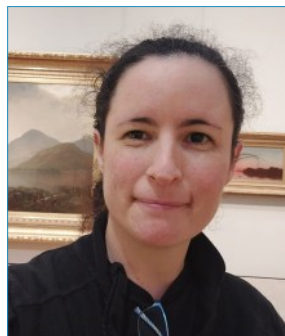
Jackie S 07970 407635; newideas@lalg.org.uk

Meet a Member

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When we moved here in 2022, we didn't know anyone in the area or what there was to do really. Then something about LALG popped up on one of the Letchworth Facebook groups and it was just what we were looking for.

My partner Victoria is now in a group called Gardening at the Weekend, and I have joined the Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Group. And we are also both in the 30+ Drop-In group, which I have taken over leading: it is a great way to meet new people from the town, especially if you're in your 30s and 40s. We're a friendly bunch, and always happy to see new faces. See our details on page 35.



I'm glad we found LALG; there's such an incredible selection of groups to choose from, that anyone is bound to find at least a couple that will suit their interests. Everyone I've met through LALG so far has been genuinely lovely.

Apart from this, since moving here, I've managed to tick a few items off my bucket list - take a helicopter lesson, watch the singer P!nk live in concert, and see some Kensett paintings in an art museum.



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

We meet at the Broadway Gallery (above The Three Magnets), 2 The Arcade SG6 3ES. Please see our web page for details of our meetings. All welcome.

Group Contact:

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



Art Appreciation ialg.org.uk/artappreciation

Tuesday 16 June, 7.30pm - Titian

Tuesday 21 July, 7.30pm - Sir Stanley Spencer

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We love art. Every member leads a discussion or presentation on a subject of their choice. We also have a convivial chat and gossip! You are more than welcome to join us.

Group Contact:

Jon Marsh artappreciation@ialg.org.uk



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

Wednesday 10 June, 10.30am

Martin Scorsese's film *No Direction Home - Bob Dylan - Part 2*. Dylan's early years from poet to cultural icon.

Wednesday 8 July, 10.30am

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

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

Group Contact:

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



British History Reading Group ialg.org.uk/britishhistory

Thursday 18 June, 7.30pm

1177 BC: The Year Civilization Collapsed by Eric Cline

Thursday 16 July, 7.30pm

The Inheritance of Rome by Chris Wickham (pages 3 - 251 only)

We are studying Western Europe between the fall of the Roman Empire up to around 750 AD. Although we are still focusing on British history we sometimes venture beyond. All welcome.

Group Contact: Don Dowling 01462 678934; britishhistory@ialg.org.uk



Children's Books ialg.org.uk/childrensbooks

Tuesday 16 June, 7.30pm - *Mrs Pepperpot* by Alf Proysen

Tuesday 21 July, 7.30pm - *Feather Boy* by Nicky Singer

Tuesday 18 August, 7.30pm - *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* J K Rowling

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. Please get in touch to go on our waiting list.

Group Contact:

Jane Faulkner childrensbooks@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Cinema ialg.org.uk/cinema

Friday 5 June, 2pm - 3.30pm, via Zoom

Analysing Powerful Performances. Case studies: German-language films *The Teachers' Lounge* (*Das Lehrerzimmer*, 2023) and *Late Shift* (*Heldin*, 2025) starring Leonie Benesch. Check availability on justwatch.com and YouTube.

Friday 3 July, 2pm - 3.30pm, via Zoom

2026 Oscars Short Films nominations - animated, live action and documentary.

Group Contact:

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



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

Every Monday, 10am

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

Group Contact:

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



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

Monday 29 June, 7.30pm - *Wild Shores* by Maria Adolphson

Monday 27 July, 7.30pm - *There Will Be Bodies* by Lindsey Davis

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 join 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 Hazel.

Group Contact:

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

[Waiting List](#)



Daytime Book Group 2 ialg.org.uk/daytimebook2

Thursday 4 June, 10.30am *The Queen and I* by Sue Townsend

Thursday 2 July, 10.30am *Started Early, Took my Dog* by Kate Atkinson

Thursday 6 August, 10.30am *There are Rivers in the Sky* by Elif Shafak
We meet in the Broadway Hotel Bar, Letchworth SG6 3NZ.

Group Contact:

Yvonne 07484 136164 and Ella 07932 048497; daytimebook2@ialg.org.uk

Get the very latest online

The deadline for this newsletter was 10 May and so you might find more up-to-date information at ialg.org.uk.



DH Lawrence Study Group ialg.org.uk/dhlawrence

Thursday 18 June, 10.30am - 12 noon

Lady Chatterley's Lover. We will discuss the novel and the famous court case.

July meeting (date to be confirmed) *Sons and Lovers*

We meet at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Letchworth 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.

Acting Group Contact:

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



Fairfield Book Group ialg.org.uk/fairfieldbookgroup

Second Thursdays of the month, 7.30pm (doors open at 7.15pm)

Fairfield Bowls Club, Kingsley Avenue, Fairfield Park SG5 4GY

Thursday 11 June *Gentlemen in Moscow* by Amor Towles

Thursday 9 July *Yellowface* by Rebecca F Kuang

Thursday 13 August *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley

We make a charge of £3 per month to cover venue hire, refreshments and book loan. For a full list of our books, please see our web page.

Group Contact:

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

[Waiting List](#)



Film Appreciation ialg.org.uk/filmappreciation

We meet regularly in a member's house to discuss a film, generally available online or in cinemas. Please contact Lynne to go on our waiting list.

Group Contact:

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

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Get Painting ialg.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@ialg.org.uk



Irish Book Group ialg.org.uk/ireland

Wednesday 8 July, 11am (no meeting in June)

Broadway Gallery (above The Three Magnets), 2 The Arcade SG6 3ES

To discuss *Milkman* by Anna Burns.

We meet bi-monthly. Meetings include a book-swap and general discussion of Irish literature. New members are always welcome.

Group Contact:

Graham Collins 01438 356840; ireland@ialg.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. You are welcome to come along for a trial for £5 per session.

Group Contact:

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



Musicians Together lalg.org.uk/musicians

Do you play an instrument to a good standard, perhaps (semi-) professional? We have 2 subgroups covering modern and classical music. Our Modern Music group meets every Friday, 10am - 12 noon at the Friends Meeting House on South View. £3 each to cover costs.

Group Contact: Roger Edgson musicians@lalg.org.uk



Play Reading 1 lalg.org.uk/playreading1

Monday 15 June, 1.30pm - *The Invincibles* by Amanda Whittington

Monday 20 July, 1.30pm - *Spitfire Girls* by Katherine Senior

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@lalg.org.uk

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Play Reading 2 lalg.org.uk/playreading2

Second Wednesday of the month, 10am

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ

We read the same plays as are read by Play Reading 1 group. We would welcome one or two more members.

Group Contact: Sonia Sewell 01462 654933; playreading2@lalg.org.uk



Poetry in the Afternoon lalg.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@lalg.org.uk

Could you help?

LALG is run entirely by volunteers and we couldn't manage without them. Could you spare a little time to help with keeping the show on the road?

You would only be asked to help with things that you enjoy and there is plenty of support available. No special skills are needed, just a wish to support LALG.

Please contact Phil Morgan on **07788 660117** or volunteer@lalg.org.uk.



Readers Group ialg.org.uk/readersgroup

Thursday 25 June, 7.45pm for 8pm *This Other Eden* by Paul Harding

Thursday 23 July, 7.45pm for 8pm *Gabriel's Moon* by William Boyd

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South, Letchworth SG6 1NX
There is a small charge to cover room hire and book loan from Letchworth Library. Do get in touch if you would like to join our waiting list.

Group Contact:

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

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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 15 July, 7.30pm

Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club bar, Muddy Lane, Letchworth
Sextant: A Voyage Guided by the Stars and the Men Who Mapped the World's Oceans by David Barrie. This book gives the history of marine navigation and the improvements due to the sextant. It also describes some great explorers' feats. We will discuss this book and related topics. Available from David's Bookshop (competitively priced with LALG discount) or order from the library.

The venue is free but we all buy something from the bar: card only, no cash.

Group Contact:

Ann sciencebookgroup@ialg.org.uk

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

Tuesday 16 June, 7.30pm

How to Become the Dark Lord and Die Trying by Django Wexler

Tuesday 21 July, 7.30pm

For book details, see our web page nearer the time.

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. New members are very welcome – please get in touch with Branwen or just 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:

Angela Hepworth shakespeare@ialg.org.uk



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

Friday 19 June, 10.30am

Ardley SG2 7AH. There is parking in the roads by St. Lawrence Church.

Friday 24 July

Therfield Heath, Royston. Park in the main car park by the Heath café.

All abilities very welcome. Bring your own materials and a folding chair.

Group Contact:

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



Social Playgoing Group lalg.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@lalg.org.uk



Ulysses Reading Group lalg.org.uk/ulysses

This group is hoping to restart in September.

Group Contact:

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



Walking Book Group lalg.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@lalg.org.uk



Writers Group lalg.org.uk/writersgroup

Tuesday 2 June, 7.30pm - 9.30pm, via Zoom

Tuesday 7 July, 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@lalg.org.uk



Writers Retreat lalg.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@lalg.org.uk



Art and Craft Workshop lalg.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@lalg.org.uk



Clock Group lalg.org.uk/clockgroup

Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 7pm - 9.30pm (resuming in September)

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@lalg.org.uk



Flower Arranging lalg.org.uk/flowerarranging

Alternate Mondays, 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@lalg.org.uk



Gardening at the Weekend lalg.org.uk/gardeningweekend

Monthly on a Sunday, 2.30pm

14 June Rosanne's garden in Hitchin; **21 June** Debi's garden in Hitchin; **5 July** Lorraine's garden in Tempsford; **26 July** Joanne's garden in Hitchin.

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

Group Contact:

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



Gardening in the Evening lalg.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. Please contact Emillii or Gina, as meeting times and places can vary.

Group Contacts:

Gina and Emillii gardening-evening@lalg.org.uk

No contact phone number?

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



Gardening Tea and Tips 1 ialg.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@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Gardening Tea and Tips 2 ialg.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@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



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

Alternate Mondays at 2pm: 1 June at Lorraine's; **15 June** at Liz's
29 June at Gretta's; **13 July** at Katka's; **27 July** at Marguerite's.

We are a friendly group of enthusiastic gardeners who take turns to host meetings in our own gardens over the summer months. We share plant knowledge and often swap plants and seeds, followed by refreshments.

Group Contact:

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

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Gardening Tea and Tips 4 ialg.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; trips/garden centre visits in cooler months.

Group Contact:

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

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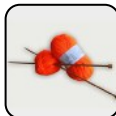


In the Dye Garden ialg.org.uk/dye-garden

We combine using natural plant pigments for colouring fibres and fabrics with nurturing the plants that make the vibrant array of colours possible. This will be a chance to meet each other, look at the established plants, and find out which plants produce the best dye pigments. More members welcome.

Group Contact:

Amy Wilson dye-garden@ialg.org.uk



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, 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.

Group Contact:

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



LALG Allotment lalg.org.uk/allotment

We are at Woolgrove Allotments, Newells, Letchworth. We visit on Thursday afternoons and any other times when we are able. Our aim is to bring people together to share knowledge, skills and produce. Our focus is on organic and sustainable gardening as well as connection through cultivating a shared space. We have space for a few more gardeners so please get in touch. We all make a small contribution towards costs.

Group Contact:

Jacky Jordan allotment@lalg.org.uk



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

Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 June, 1.30pm

Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 July, 1.30pm

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@lalg.org.uk



Photography Out and About 1 lalg.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@lalg.org.uk



Photography Out and About 2 lalg.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@lalg.org.uk



Sewing Group lalg.org.uk/sewing

First Friday of the month, 10am - 12 noon

Letchworth Corner Sports Club, Whitethorn Lane SG6 2DN

We 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.

Group Contact:

Alison Butler 07941 631314; sewing@lalg.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

Friday 26 June, 10am to 12 noon

Broadway gallery, Letchworth - a Festival event.
Crafts café - mixed weaving and sewing workshop.



Friday 17 July, 10am to 12 noon

Weavers Barn, Fairclough Hall Farm, Hall's Green SG4 7DP
Bargello needlepoint mats.

In these workshops we will work on our individual projects – materials are available to use if you would like to begin a new project. £5 to cover room hire and refreshments. New members very welcome. Booking essential.

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.

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.

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

Crafts & Gardening



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

Food & Drink



Breakfast Club ialg.org.uk/breakfast

Tuesday 9 June, 9am

Cherries & Tea Café, 3-5 Eastcheap, Letchworth SG6 3DG

An interesting menu greatly enjoyed when we last visited.

Tuesday 14 July, 9am

The Broadway Hotel, Broadway, Letchworth SG6 3NZ

Wide selection from Buttermilk American Pancakes to a full English Breakfast.

Please contact Malcolm 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 good company.

During the summer we are having Sunday barbecues.

Group Contact:

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

[Waiting List](#)



Firkin Club ialg.org.uk/firkinclub

Thursday 11 June, 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 14 July, 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 Cameron 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 17 July, 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 Cameron 07896 260261; maltwhisky@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



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 future Supper Club events.

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 us.

Group Contacts: Andya and Jacky vegetarianandvegan@ialg.org.uk



Wine Appreciation Group ialg.org.uk/wineappreciation

Friday 5 June, 7.30pm

Brunt Room, Letchworth Settlement, Nevells Road SG6 4UB

A presentation by Tony Mansey on Wine Tasting; an excellent range of wines.

Friday 26 June - we will support the LALG Wine Festival at Letchworth Golf Club, presenting wines from the Americas.

Sunday 12 July - Annual Garden Party - always an amazing success.

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

Tuesday 16 June, 7.30pm (no meetings in July and August)

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX

We enjoy tasting wines in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Each month two members choose a theme and share their selection of wines with the group.

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. **We need a new Group Contact to keep this group going.**

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 11 June, 7pm for 7.30pm

Ukraine to the UK via Moscow, a talk by Vitali Vitaliev, a Letchworth-based multiaward-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 and appeared in popular TV shows such as *Have I Got News for You*, *Loose Ends*, and *QI*. His travel experiences have covered over 70 countries and triggered his main book, *Life as a Literary Device. A Writer's Manual of Survival*. Vitali will include his insights on the current war in Ukraine.

Thursday 9 July, 7pm for 7.30pm

Nigel Lutt from Wardown Park Museum, Luton will give a talk on *Tommy Atkins' Letters and Diaries from the Front in WW1*. Tommy Atkins was the name given to the regular soldier since Wellington's day. Nigel will use letters drawn from various sources, some of them from the Herts/Beds Yeomanry. They include correspondence from women who were close to the front line (nurses, ambulance drivers etc). These voices were not always heard; most books and diaries were written by upper/middle class men or women.

Meetings are in Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX

We charge £5 (cash please) towards room hire and other expenses.

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. Please get in touch or see our web page.

Group Contact:

Bryan amateur-radio@ialg.org.uk



Black Squirrel Country Dancing ialg.org.uk/countrydancing

Tuesdays 16 June and 21 July, 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



Blitz an Open Space ialg.org.uk/litter

Letchworth: Saturdays 6 June, 11 July, 1 August, 10.30am
Thursdays 4 June, 9 July, 6 August, 10am

Baldock: Wednesdays 17 June, 15 July, 12 August, 10.30am
Sundays 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 11am

Venues to be advised nearer the time. To date we have collected 2605 bags of litter! Volunteers are welcome. Please tell us of any area that needs attention.

Note: the sessions on **4 and 6 June** are Letchworth Festival events.



Group Contacts: litter@ialg.org.uk

Ian Martin (Letchworth) text 07939 268169, Gary Mills (Baldock) text 07941 685683;



British Monarchs ialg.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 our meetings, please see our web page or email Jo.

Acting Group Contact:

Jo british-monarchs@ialg.org.uk



Computer Users ialg.org.uk/usingcomputers

Last Wednesday of the month, 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 Graham to introduce yourself.

Please note: This is not a computer support line.

Group Contact:

Graham usingcomputers@ialg.org.uk

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Friday

26th
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7.30pm - 10pm

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Unlimited wine tastings and snacks

Tickets available to buy online:
lalg.org.uk/winefestival or
at Davids Bookshop, Letchworth.



LALG members: £15 / Non LALG members: £17



LALG



Letchworth Arts & Leisure Group

At Letchworth Festival

Sunday 28th May - Saturday 29th June 2026



02 June - Long distance walk Letchworth to Royston

04 June - Blitz An Open Space: Litter pick With LALG (1).

Contact Ian Martin text 07939 268169 or email litter@lalg.org.uk

05 June - Join a new group that will focus on fashion .

Just turn up and join fellow enthusiasts.

Meet at Miss Green Fingers Eastcheap at 2.30pm.

Contact William Armitage [01462 643537](tel:01462643537) or

armitagewilliam@hotmail.co.uk



06 June - Blitz An Open Space: Litter pick With LALG (2).

Contact Ian Martin text 07939 268169 or email litter@lalg.org.uk

09 June - Fairfield walk (2 miles).

09 June - Join a new group that will focus on shows and musicals from history right up to today. Interested? just turn up.

Meet at Miss Green Fingers cafe, Eastcheap at 2.30pm.

10 June - A Short Walk in the garden city (2 miles).

13 June - Weekend Strollers, Willian walk (max 3 miles).

17 June - Early morning walk in Letchworth (5 miles).

24 June - Short walk in Letchworth (2 miles).

26 June - Textile Cafe & Creative workshop at Broadway gallery

Contact Amy - textileart@lalg.org.uk

26 June - Letchworth Wine Festival, the 12th year. Book tickets:

lalg.org.uk/LetchworthFestival

29 June - Full moon walk (max 4 miles).



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El Chamuyo

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE 2026

DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7.30PM START
TICKETS £15 LICENSED BAR AVAILABLE

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- Fri 24th Apr: Brooks Williams playing Blues, Folk and Country
- Fri 15th May: Emily Slade returning to her home town
- Fri 26th Jun: El Chamuyo Argentinian Tango music
- Fri 25th Sep: Joe Topping Semi-finalist on The Voice
- Fri 23rd Oct: Dave Ellis and Boo Howard contemporary duet
- Fri 20th Nov: Edwina Hayes is back by popular demand
- Fri 18th Dec: Barry Goodman Christmas traditions and song 2027
- Fri 29th Jan: Letchworth Ukulele Group Back again!
- Fri 19th Feb: Kate Garner - daughter of Chas Hodges
- Fri 19th Mar: Viv Lucas and Rhys Wilson - two header TBA -Apl:
- Fri 21st May: Steve Tilston Folk and contemporary music icon
- Fri 25th Jun: Isle 'Ave a Shanty - acapella sea shanties
- Fri 17th Sep: Honey and the Bear - contemporary duo
- Fri 22nd Oct: Elsa Jean McTaggart plays Caledonia - Scottish Folk
- Fri 19th Nov Vikki Clayton - Traditional and Contemporary songs

www.lethworthsettlement.org.uk/events
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Letchworth Open Gardens



Sunday 28 June 2026, 11am - 5pm



c. 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, 18 and under, free. Available 1 June from David's Bookshop (cash only) at Bickerdikes Garden Centre, Tapps Garden Centre or online at www.lethworth-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.

General Groups



Decarbonise Letchworth Group ialg.org.uk/decarbonise

Mondays 1 June and 6 July, 12.30 to 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 areas of discussion.

Group Contact:

Julia S decarbonise@ialg.org.uk



Decluttering ialg.org.uk/decluttering

We have no meetings planned for June or July.

Are you thinking of having a clear-out and you need some moral support? Or perhaps you are looking to swap tips on where to sell or recycle your old 'treasure'. We are building up a list of useful tips 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

We hope to hold our next talk in late September or October. For details, please see future newsletters and posters around town. Everyone welcome!

Group Contact:

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



Geology ialg.org.uk/geology

Wednesday 1 July, 12 noon

Cambridge Museum of Zoology

We will have a talk by the Collections Manager (a geologist) about evolution and the fossils in the collection, followed by a chance to explore the museum. LALG members only. See ialg.org.uk/ZoologyMuseum for details and tickets.

Group Contact:

Ann geology@ialg.org.uk



Letchworth Local History Research Group ialg.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.

Group Contact:

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

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For further details, see ialg.org.uk/advertise

General Groups



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

Monday 13 July, 7.30pm - 9pm (doors open at 7.15pm)

NLC Room, Mrs Howard Hall, Norton Way South, SG6 1NX

Maximising Outdoor Life from the Broadway Gardens to Howard Gardens: building on the ideas at the previous two meetings, "Livening the Town Centre" and "Visioning the Broadway Gardens Area", we will have the chance to create a proposal for this town centre corridor. £3 members, £4 non-members, cash.

Contact:

Julia S lethworth-residents@lalg.org.uk



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

Thursday 25 June, 11am to 12 noon

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ

For help with smartphones, tablets, apps, online safety, etc. and help with updating your group's web page. Booking ahead is essential with a description of the help required so we can have the right person there to help. **In-person membership renewal** is also available at this meeting, by card or cheque.

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.

Group Contact:

Andya meditation-reflection@lalg.org.uk



Online Quiz lalg.org.uk/online-quiz

Saturday 26 September, 7pm

We post general knowledge questions on the LALG website and you email your answers. Play on your own or in a team of up to 6 (you can meet in person or online). No quiz experience or internet skills required to enjoy the evening, and it's free! Non-LALG members are welcome.

Group Contact:

Angela 07747 670262; online-quiz@lalg.org.uk



Philosophy lalg.org.uk/philosophy-study

Tuesday 23 June 11am - 12.30pm The philosophy of feminism

Tuesday 28 July 11am - 12.30pm The philosopher Hegel

We meet at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX

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. Here is an opportunity to investigate philosophy and the great philosophers. In addition, discussions around: reason, knowledge and the mind. No need to book.

LALG members £3, non-members £4.

Group Contact:

Catherine philosophy-study@lalg.org.uk



Psychology ialg.org.uk/psychology

Wednesdays 10 June and 8 July, 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

We are planning to attend the following quiz nights:

Tuesday 2 June, 7.15pm The White Lion, 46 High St, Baldock. £2pp.

Wednesday 10 June, 8pm The Millstream, 97 Cambridge Rd, Hitchin. £3pp.

Monday 15 June, 8pm The Orange Tree, 100 Stevenage Road, Hitchin. £1pp.

Thursday 25 June, 8.30pm Grange Community Centre, Middlefields, Letchworth. £1pp.

Tuesday 7 July, 7.15pm The White Lion, 46 High St, Baldock. £2pp.

Wednesday 15 July, 8pm The Millstream, 97 Cambridge Road, Hitchin. £3pp.

Monday 20 July, 8pm The Orange Tree, 100 Stevenage Road, Hitchin. £1pp.

Thursday 30 July 8.30pm Grange Community Centre, Middlefields, Letchworth. £1pp.

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

Group Contact:

Andrew Dear quizteam@ialg.org.uk



Self-Help Slimming Group ialg.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!

Group Contact:

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



Society Unpacked ialg.org.uk/society-unpacked

Wednesday 3 June, 7.15pm

The flip-side of welfare is dependency culture – have we gone too far?

Wednesday 1 July, 7.15pm

Are we teaching the correct subjects in our schools?

We meet at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX

A discussion group for non-sociologists, looking at how society works – and sometimes doesn't! Small charge for room hire. New members welcome.

Group Contact:

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

General Groups



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

Tuesday 23 June, 7.30pm (No meeting in July)

Jackmans Community Centre, Ivel Court SG6 2NL

Debbie Land from the Shuttleworth Collection will give a talk on *Pioneering Women in Motoring*. This brief history will explore the first women to drive, with stories of those who raced, those who worked as engineers and those who manufactured motor cars. 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 meetings are in the daytime in Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. We have discussions, presentations and speakers. We are having a break over the summer and our next meeting will be in the Autumn.

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 meetings, see our web page or email Malcolm.

Group Contact:


Malcolm D world-religions@lalg.org.uk



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Cafe
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Sundays & Bank Holidays: 10am - 4pm

10% off for LALG members spending £10 or more.

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 (11 June 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:

Sam Wallace 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 would welcome more 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 lalg.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@lalg.org.uk



50+ Singles Drop-In lalg.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@lalg.org.uk



Informal Lip-Reading Group for Hearing Aid Users lalg.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@lalg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Meet for Coffee 1 lalg.org.uk/coffee1

Alternate Wednesdays, 10.30am (from 10 June)

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

Group Contact:

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

[Waiting List](#)



Meet for Coffee 2 lalg.org.uk/coffee2

Hitchin Garden Centre, Cambridge Road SG4 0JT.

Group Contact:

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

[Waiting List](#)



Meet for Coffee 3 lalg.org.uk/coffee3

First and third Wednesdays of the month, 2pm

Cherries and Tea Café, Eastcheap SG6 3DG.

We are a lively and growing group and are open to new members. There is no commitment to attend every session. Pop in whenever you're at a loose end. Please contact Nayier beforehand if you would like to come along.

Group Contact:

Nayier Ahmad coffee3@lalg.org.uk

Social Groups



Meet for Coffee 6 lalg.org.uk/coffee6

Thursdays 11 and 25 June and 9 and 23 July, 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

Restarting in September

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 11 June and 9 July, 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

Thursday 11 June, 6.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ.

Have you recently joined LALG, or do you know someone who might be thinking of joining? 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 Trevor: 07970 407635; groupsupport@lalg.org.uk



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. 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.

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



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 £4 a session to cover room hire and refreshments.

Group Contact:

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

Sports & Games



Canasta ialg.org.uk/canasta

Alternate Wednesdays, 7pm

We meet in the Broadway Hotel bar. 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 café, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. After a demonstration we enjoy a relaxed game of chess. New members are 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; just turn up, or get in touch if you would like us to look out for you arriving.

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 5 and Saturday 20 June, 10am start

Friday 3 and Saturday 18 July, 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

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

Support Our Venues

There is usually no cost for meetings in cafés and bars but we all buy refreshments.



Games Club - Now closed

For the last 25 years Cathy has enjoyed running the Games Club, but now it has closed. Cathy says:

“One reason is falling membership, perhaps due to the trend in new LALG clubs playing one particular game, when ours was designed to play a variety. “I thank all my members past and present for their help and support to me and enjoying giving our little grey cells a work out, while having a laugh and making lasting friendships.

“Also, a huge thank you to William Armitage who helped me make the club a reality back in the day; he has provided tremendous support over the years. We are really lucky to have his positive, kind, caring and helpful attitude for old and new groups alike. He is our own National Treasure!

“Another big thank you to LALG committee and all who work hard to run this brilliant organisation. It's amazing we are all volunteers who make a massive commitment to giving the community an opportunity to experience a wide variety of interests, activities and to make new friends. So on that note, it's bye from me, Cathy Watts.”



Games on the Grange lalg.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@lalg.org.uk



Garden City Wheelers lalg.org.uk/GCWheelers

Thursdays 18 June and 16 July, 10.30am start

Weather permitting, we will meet at the fountain in Broadway Gardens, doing a return mileage of approximately 24 miles. We will cycle at the pace of the slowest rider, doing a return mileage of approximately 24 miles.

Please contact Stuart if you would like to join us for the first time.

Group Contact:

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



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. Please get in touch:

Group Contact:

Sue mahjong@lalg.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



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



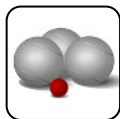
Par 3 Golf Wednesdays lalg.org.uk/par3wednesdays

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. We have a limited number of places; please email Graham to introduce yourself.

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



Pickleball lalg.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.

We need a new Group Contact to keep this group going.

Group Contact:

Mandy 07807 827944; pickleball@lalg.org.uk

Do you have photos to share?

Please send to newsletter@lalg.org.uk – provided that everyone in the photo consents.



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. There is a more challenging variant called Auction Piquet, invented by British POWs in WW1, which has become the game of choice for most of us. Please come and try us out. We are there most Thursdays, but always on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

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. This 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 café. If Joyce is unavoidably absent, just ask at the bar for the Rummikub sets. We play for 2 hours. New members are always welcome, even if you have never played before: it's easy to pick up!

Group Contact:

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



Scrabble ialg.org.uk/scrabbleclub

Alternate Wednesdays

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

Group Contact:

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



Shanghai ialg.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.

Group Contact:

Christina; shanghai@ialg.org.uk

[Waiting List](#)



Short Tennis ialg.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. Please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Andy Gordon 07910 397266; shorttennis@ialg.org.uk



Snooker ialg.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@ialg.org.uk



Social Cycling ialg.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 midway through a longer one. Most types of bikes/e-bikes are suitable.

We need a new Group Contact to keep this group going.

Contact:

socialcycling@ialg.org.uk



Table Tennis for Fun ialg.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@ialg.org.uk



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

Walking Groups



Alternative Ramblers ialg.org.uk/alternativeramblers

Sunday 14 June, 10am for a 10.15am start

Meet at The Raven on Village Street, Hexton SG5 3JB

A 5.7-mile walk crossing the border into Bedfordshire. Following a section of The Chiltern Way over the Pegsdon Hills - a bit of a climb. Back along the Icknield Way to Hexton along a lovely path between Lion Hill and Moor Hill. Parking along the road, or in the pub park for those eating there afterwards. To book a table at the Raven, call **01582 881209**.

To book the walk, contact Wendy on the WhatsApp group, or Sue as below.

Mobile on the day: 07856 768685

Sunday 12 July, 10am for a 10.15am start

Meet at The Angels Reply, Bedford Road, Hitchin SG5 2NG

A 5-mile walk around Oughton Head and Ickleford - mainly flat paths and fields and along a river. To book the walk, contact Mark on the WhatsApp group or Sue, details as below. To book for lunch afterwards at The Angels Reply, call **01462 450219**.

Mobile on the day 07985 666791.

Group Contact:

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



Baldock Walks ialg.org.uk/baldockwalks

Saturday 13 June, 9.20am for a 9.30am start - walk to Royston

Meet at Park Drive Health Centre (next to Tesco). Free parking behind Tesco.

A 12-mile walk to via Clothall, Redhill, Roe Green, Sandon, Kelshall and Therfield, returning by train. We walk at a steady pace of about 2 miles per hour with plenty of time to stop and enjoy the views. A herd of deer including two white deer were seen on the recce. Bring food and drink for the day.

Saturday 25 July, 9.20am for 9.30am start

Meet outside the community centre opposite Baldock library. Free parking at the back of Tesco. A walk of about 7 miles to and from Fairfield via Ivel Springs and The Greenway. Coffee at Fairfield Pavillion café.

For both walks, please carry an emergency contact number on the day.

To book either walk, please email or phone:

Group Contacts:

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

Walking Groups



Early Morning Walks ialg.org.uk/earlymorningwalks

We meet at Letchworth's first roundabout on Broadway, except Wednesday 17 June, when we meet in Ickleford. We go whatever the weather.

Wednesday 10 June, 7am (Festival event)

Wednesday 17 June, 9am (Festival event)

Wednesday 8 July, 9am

Wednesday 22 July, 7am

Open to walkers and non-walkers. Well-behaved dogs welcome. No need to book.

Group Contact: William Armitage 01462 643537; earlymorningwalks@ialg.org.uk



Evening Strollers ialg.org.uk/eveningstrollers

Monday 22 June, 6.30pm

Meet by Broadway Gardens fountain for a 1-hour circular stroll led by Jackie.

Thursday 23 July, 6.30pm

Meet at the George IV pub on London Road, Baldock for a circular stroll through the Weston hills nature reserve. Led by Julia and Eileen.

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 21 June, 8.45am - meet in Arena car park, Letchworth

A 12-mile circular walk from Thundridge [grid reference 358174] walking in an anti-clockwise direction, east and then north to High Cross. We continue in a north-west direction to Lowgate Lane, south-west to Sacombe Green and Sacombe village, then east on the Hertfordshire Way back to Wadesmill and Thundridge. Bring food and drink for the day. To book, email Kate at

LDWJune@ialg.org.uk or call **01462 621248**. If going straight to the start at Thundridge, please let Kate know.

Sunday 19 July, 9.30am

A circular walk of about 12 miles, starting from the car park at Letchworth lido on Icknield Way. We walk to Norton, and across Radwell Meadows to Radwell, then along the general line of the River Ivel around Stofold, to Arlesey Station. There we pick up the River Hiz back through the Glebe Meadows nature reserve and the riverside path to the centre of Arlesey. We return through Fairfield, past Standalone Farm and across Norton Common. Bring a packed lunch and drink for the day. Pre-book with Tony via the group email or on **07800 632879**.

Group Contact:

Mia Matheson Letchworth-district-walkers@ialg.org.uk



Midweek Amblers/Ramblers ialg.org.uk/midweekambleramble

Wednesday 17 June, 10am for a 10.15am start

Meet at The White Horse, Burnham Green, AL6 0HA at 10am to order lunch, and set off at 10.15am. A delightful 4.1-mile walk, led by Gill Harvey, through fields, woods, valleys and attractive villages! To book the walk, and lunch if required, contact Gill by Monday 15 June, by email MARJune@ialg.org.uk (preferred) or message **07867 661126**. All bookings will be acknowledged.

Thursday 9 July, 10am for a 10.15am start

Meet at The Hoops, 74 High Street, Bassingbourn, SG8 5LF at 10am for a 10.15am start. The pub will be open for use of the toilets. The walk, led by Barbara Isherwood, will cover a flat terrain of about 4.5 miles. There is one steep slope through a wooded area, probably about 30 metres or so. If it is a hot day, please bring a hat, water and sun cream: most of the route is not very shady. To book for the walk, and give menu choices if you are staying for lunch, please contact Barbara by Thursday 2 July, MARJuly@ialg.org.uk or **07974 695664**. We would like contact numbers for those coming on the day. All bookings will be acknowledged.

Group Contact:

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



Midweek Walkers ialg.org.uk/midweekwalkers

Tuesday 9 June, 10am

An 8.5-mile circular walk from Cainhoe Road, Clophill MK45 4AN. Grid Ref: TL 084378. We will follow part of the Greensand Ridge Walk, with several hills and some lovely views. Bring a packed lunch and drink for the day; but we may be able to visit the café at Clophill Lakes Nature Reserve. The route also includes Cainhoe Castle Scheduled Monument. Book with Debbie on **07908 195600** or midweekwalkers@ialg.org.uk. Debbie will try to co-ordinate lifts if needed, from Sollershott Green SG6 3JW, leaving at 9.30am.

Wednesday 8 July, 10am

Meet in the car park at Offley Recreation Centre by the church. (Grid Ref: TL145268, what3words///airfields.contracts.galaxies.) Approximately 10-mile walk visiting Kings Walden and Preston before returning with one significant hill to Offley. Please bring a packed lunch and drink for the day, though we may also have a pub stop in Preston. Please book with Tony or **07800 632879** or midweekwalkers@ialg.org.uk. Tony 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



Short Walks ialg.org.uk/short-walks

**Wednesdays 10 June, 10.30am and
24 June, 10.30am (Festival events)**

Wednesday 15 July, 10.30am

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

Acting Group Contact:

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



Slower Walkers ialg.org.uk/slowerwalkers

Thursday 25 June, 10.15am for 10.30am start

Meet at the Red Lion, Preston SG4 7UD

A rural walk of 3.5 miles, led by Carol, on undulating countryside west and south from Preston, out to Whitehall Farm. There are a couple of hills, but not too steep. Menu choices for lunch will be ordered in the pub before walking. Please book by Monday 22 June by email (preferred) to SWJune@ialg.org.uk or text **07813 800874**. All bookings will be acknowledged.

Wednesday 22 July, 10.15am for 10.30am start

Meet at the White Hart Hotel, Shefford (email for parking details)

A walk of 4 miles led by John Walden (shortened route for those who prefer). Leaving Shefford by the John Bunyan Trail, we will follow the River Hit through Campton, to Campton Plantation for a short stop. Please book by Wednesday 15 July, saying if you will stay for lunch and giving your mobile number for the day. Email (preferred) SWjuly@ialg.org.uk or text **07899 908731**.

Group Contact:

Phil Taylor slowerwalkers@ialg.org.uk



Sunday Ramblers ialg.org.uk/sundayramblers

Sunday 7 June, 10am

An 8.25-mile Biggleswade/Langford Loop. Starting at 10am at Jordans Mill overflow car park, Southill Rd, Broom. What3words address: [///encounter.rebouncer.delight](https://www.what3words.com/#!/encounter.rebouncer.delight). We will cross flat fields, passing Langford and coming back following the river Ivel. Please bring a packed lunch and let Sue M know on **07599 075858** or contact Wendy.

Sunday 5 July, 10am

Parking at Great Green, Pirton SG5 3QD (opposite The Motte & Bailey pub) What3 words address: [///explained.protect.parks](https://www.what3words.com/#!/explained.protect.parks).

An 8-mile circular walk, led by Graham, from Pirton mostly over good tracks and footpaths with some hill climbing leading to Telegraph and Deacon Hills then downhill back to Pirton. Please bring a packed lunch and drinks.

Mobile on the day: 07508 265625.

Group Contact:

Wendy 07856 768685; sundayramblers@ialg.org.uk

Walking Groups



Trail Walkers lalg.org.uk/trailwalkers

Tuesday 9 June - John Bunyan Trail

Tuesday 14 July - see our web page for details nearer the time

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 a month. The average is 10-12 miles. We share cars for these linear walks. We started the John Bunyan Trail in October 2025 and are due to complete it in June. Keep an eye on our web page for details of an exciting new trail which we are planning; and if you might be interested in joining us, please get in touch. New members are warmly welcome.

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 13 June, 10.30am (Festival event)

The Fox, Willian SG6 2AE

Saturday 4 July, 10.30am

Standalone Farm, Wilbury Road, Letchworth SG6 2JN

Meet at the entrance to the café.

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.

Group Contact:

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



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

Wednesdays 17 June and 15 July, 8pm

The Three Magnets, Leys Avenue, Letchworth

These monthly socials are for all members - and those who are curious.

Possible future trips are under consideration. When/if confirmed, details will be on our web page.

Group Contact: **Sheila George** 07807 827490; wildwalks@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. We recommend that even frequent walkers re-read this from time to time. It finishes with a link to the Ramblers Association's safety advice at www.ramblers.org.uk/safety.

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Agent Brains Escape Games	26 Leys Avenue	539763	10% off all off-peak game bookings
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Allders Opticians	15 Eastcheap	673216	10% off spectacles
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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
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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
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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
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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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Linked Organisations

<p>Arts Society North Herts heartssocietynorthherts.org.uk</p>	<p>Art lectures at Broadway Theatre on the first Thursday of the month, 11am except January and August. All welcome. Contact: heartssociety.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>Benslow Music benslowmusic.org</p>	<p>Music learning opportunities, residential courses and concerts, and courses for those returning after a break. Lends high quality instruments.. Contact: sue.thaw@benslowmusic.org</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-leitchworth.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>

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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