



Members' Edition

LALG

LETCWORTH ARTS & LEISURE GROUP

February - March 2026

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over 165 groups, events
and trips**



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Letter from the Chair



Welcome to the members' edition of our Newsletter which is bursting with events and activities. If a group or activity you are interested in is marked as full, please contact the Group Contact or the Group Support Team groupsupport@lalg.org.uk. Once we are aware of the demand, we can investigate and if practical, set up a new group.

We are starting to plan for our 40th anniversary in 2027. We would like to include as many groups as possible in our celebrations so do let me know if you have any ideas we could consider.

Our Open meetings at the Settlement have some excellent talks planned, including a talk about Woodstock in February and the Dambusters Raid in March. Further details are on page 3. I look forward to meeting you there

Jackie Harber

Committee News

Our next two committee meetings are on Tuesday 17 February and Wednesday 18 March, 7.30pm at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX. If you'd like to attend or submit an item for discussion just email Tessa at secretary@lalg.org.uk.

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Cover photograph: Garden in Weston by Amy Wilson



Open Meetings lalg.org.uk/OpenMeetings

Kincaid Hall, Letchworth Settlement, Nevells Road SG6 4UB. Limited parking is available on site; 2 hours' free parking is available by the outdoor swimming pool and by the bowls club, both a few minutes' walk away in Icknield Way.

Entry £4 members, £6 non-members. There is no need to book, just come along! Tea/coffee is available before the talk, £1 per mug.

Monday 2 February, 10.30am (doors open 10am)

The main speaker is Dr Katy Brooks Hughes. Her talk **Woodstock: 1969** explores the origins of 1969's Woodstock Festival; the people and performers who shaped it; and how, despite its chaotic creation, Woodstock became a defining cultural moment for a generation.

The first speaker is Emma Cant from the Sadie Centre (formerly Letchworth Centre for Healthy Living). She will explain how it has changed direction and joined up with Herts Mind.

Monday 2 March, 10.30am (doors open 10am)

Our main speaker is the aviation historian David Keen. He will tell us about **The Dambusters Raid** - the story of Bomber Command's most famous raid in the Second World War - and how much (or little) of the film is true.

The first part of the meeting will be LALG's Recorders For Fun Group who will describe what they do and entertain us with music.

Monday 13 April, 10.30am (doors open 10am)

The talk given by the main speaker, Nick Peace, is called **The Red Sentinels**. It is a light-hearted talk about postboxes.

Details of the first talk will be published in the April/May newsletter.

Contact:

openmeetings@lalg.org.uk



Annual Golf Event

Tuesday 15 September - date for your diary

Chesfield Downs Golf Club.

Further details in the April/May newsletter.

Contact:

Steve Green sport-events@lalg.org.uk

Welcoming new LALG members

Thursday 12 March, 6pm - 7pm

Broadway Hotel, Broadway, Letchworth SG6 3NZ.

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

Contact: Jackie or Mandy **07970 407635; groupsupport@lalg.org.uk**



Annual Quiz

Saturday 11 April, doors open 7pm for 7.30pm

Kincaid Hall, the Settlement, Nevells Road SG6 4UB

It's time for this year's light-hearted general knowledge quiz, organised by LALG's Social Team.

More information and tickets are available at lalg.org.uk/AprilQuiz. £36 per team of no more than 6 people. If you want to come on your own, or as a pair, then contact LALG's Quiz Team group (quizteam@lalg.org.uk) as they will be making up teams (£6pp). Bring your own snacks, drink and glasses, plus food to eat in the interval if you wish.

Contact:

SocialTeam@lalg.org.uk



London Places lalg.org.uk/London_places

Tuesdays 17 and 24 February

Barts Hospital, North Wing; Great Hall, Hogarth Stair and Hospital Museum. Both dates fully booked. Meet Letchworth station from 11am to get the 11.20am train direct to Farringdon. It is then a 10-minute walk to Barts Hospital. We will visit the Hospital Museum and have time for refreshments before our private 50-minute guided tour at 2.30pm. Barts North Wing is home to the magnificent historic interiors of the Great Hall and Hogarth Stair, designed by architect James Gibbs as part of his redesign of St Barts Hospital in the 1730s. Newly reopened after a major restoration programme.

Group Contacts:

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



London Villages lalg.org.uk/londonvillages

Friday 6 February, 11am

We have a limited number of places left on the next planned walk, meeting by the John Betjeman statue on the upper concourse at St Pancras. The walk will be around Bloomsbury, lasting approx 3 to 3.5 hours, and covering a maximum of 4 miles. The walk will take in places of interest along the way - focussing on literary links (Woolf, Orwell etc), famous landmarks and medical innovation (GOSH, Foundling Hospital). We will also cover bits of the university (UCL) and the British Museum. There will be at least one stop for lunch/drinks (exact location to be decided on the day) - but people can bring their own refreshments if they prefer.

The walk is part of a new series of London Village Walks and is being led by some of our new leaders. There is a charge of £5 per person to cover research expenses, payable on the day in cash.

To book a place please contact Craig Smith at LVFebruary@lalg.org.uk, not the Group Contact.

April's trip will be a 5-mile walk along the Thames Path from Rotherhithe to Greenwich. We will talk about some of the engineering feats which have contributed to the development of London and take in views of the city from the south side of the river.

Group Contact: Rosemary Read 01462 450494; londonvillages@lalg.org.uk



Moon Walk

This walk will take place on a date near to the Longest Day in June. Details in the April/May newsletter.

Contact:

William Armitage 01462 643537; moon-walk@lalg.org.uk



Theatres and Excursions lalg.org.uk/theatresandexcursions

Thursday 23 July (afternoon performance)

Anything Goes A Musical Romantic Comedy.

Kilworth House Theatre, North Kilworth, Leicestershire.

This well-loved musical is about the madcap antics aboard a transatlantic cruise liner. It includes many of Cole Porters' most melodic songs.

A welcome return to this award-winning Open-Air Theatre.

The theatre is built in a beautiful wooded glade and has a magnificent sail-like canopy that provides protection for the whole audience against adverse weather.

There is a bar, designated picnic area, and facilities for buying hot snacks.

Cost £59 (£61 non-LALG) includes coach and excellent seats in centre section.

Coach leaves Letchworth Station Bus Stop opposite the old Barclays Bank at 11.30am.

Booking opens on Monday 2 February at 9.30am. To book please phone.

Group Contact:

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



Train Buddies lalg.org.uk/trainbuddies

Thursday 5 February, 2pm

Broadway Hotel, Letchworth to finalise the destinations for our trips on the last Thursday of April to October. A full list of all the places we have visited so far can be found on our web page.

Thursday 5 March, 2pm

Broadway Hotel, Letchworth to discuss trip on 30 April to the destination agreed at our February meeting.

Group Contact: Geoff Morse 07714 503671; trainbuddies@lalg.org.uk

Join the Newsletter Editorial Team

We have a small but excellent team of editors working on this newsletter. Each editor produces one or two editions per year, and now we are hoping to recruit more volunteers. Could you spare the time?

We provide a laptop with everything you need, plus lots of one-to-one support. If you would like to know more, please email

Nick at newsletter@lalg.org.uk or ring 07399 357605.



Trips Group ialg.org.uk/trips

Friday 13 March Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome, Hackmans Lane, Purleigh, Chelmsford, Essex.

Stow Maries is the largest surviving World War I aerodrome in Europe. It has the largest intact group of Royal Flying Corps' (RFC - forerunner to the RAF) buildings. There are award-winning exhibitions including a variety of interactive activities, dioramas and displays. We have arranged a guided tour with a volunteer guide eager to share some incredible stories from the past. The tour will be followed by free time to explore on your own. There is a café, or you can take a picnic. We will travel in shared cars. Entry fee: £15 which includes a beverage and pastry on arrival. Deadline for booking: Friday 20 February.

Friday 1 May Olney for a house and garden visit and a guided tour of the town.

We will meet at The Cowper Newton Museum, Orchard Side, MK46 4AJ at 10.30am for refreshments on arrival and an introductory talk about the home of John Newton and William Cowper. There will then be free time to explore the Georgian house and garden and have lunch. In the afternoon we will meet for a guided tour of the town. Price per person: £24. Deadline for booking: Friday 17 April.

Group Contact

Sally Cannon trips@ialg.org.uk



Understanding Maps – An Introduction

Wednesday 25 February, 10.30am

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Letchworth SG6 1NX. The meeting is suitable for anyone who would like to have a better understanding of map-reading, whether or not you attended previous sessions. Booking essential as numbers are limited.

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



Visiting Churches ialg.org.uk/visitingchurches

Thursday 23 April, 2.30pm St. Lawrence Church, Ardeley.

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.

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

Group Contact: Ann visitingchurches@ialg.org.uk



Visiting Towns and Cities

ialg.org.uk/visit-towns-and-cities

Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 April.

We are staying at The Premier Inn Hotel in Liverpool city centre, travelling there by train. We have a walking tour on Tuesday afternoon and a Mersey boat trip on Wednesday morning.

There are only a few spaces available now. Ideas for future trips welcome.

Group Contact: Jill Chaffey 07494 291565 visit-towns-and-cities@ialg.org.uk

Badminton 4 (Coaching for beginners)

We are proposing a new Badminton group for beginners - involving 6 weeks of coaching on the basics of playing the game. Venue/day/time/cost yet to be decided. If interested in taking up a new game please contact Steve, with your preferred days/times. If popular, the group could become a regular LALG badminton group.

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

Canasta

Alternate Wednesdays, 7pm

We meet in the Broadway Hotel bar. New members very welcome.

Contact: Jill Chaffey 07494 291565 ; newideas@lalg.org.uk

Community Allotment

Would you like to join a team of LALG members hoping to run a joint allotment? We have four people interested and would welcome more.

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

Cycle Tyre Repair Workshop

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

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

D.H Lawrence Discussion Group

Thursday 19 February 10.30am

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Letchworth SG6 1NX. Small charge to cover room hire. Novels, poems, plays, letters and paintings.

Well known for *Women in Love*, *Sons and Lovers* and *Lady Chatterley's Lover*. At our first meeting we will discuss how to start, by reading one of his novels or some other aspect.

We will meet monthly in the daytime. Contact William to get on the list, A good attendance at this meeting will ensure we get going.

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

Dinner Party Club

A monthly gathering for people who love food, flavour, and a good dinner party. We choose a cookbook and everyone cooks a dish from it; one person hosts, everyone else brings something delicious to share.

Contact: Gina 07723 683485 newideas@lalg.org.uk

Discussing Jane Austen and her Work

Monday 9 February, 10.30am

David's Café, Eastcheap, Letchworth SG6 3DE.

Jane Austen was born in Chawton, Hampshire, where she wrote her acclaimed novels. If you prefer evenings and would like details of what happened at the first meeting, please contact William.

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

Fashion, Dress, Style and Decoration

Monday 9 February, 2.30pm

Miss Green Fingers, Eastcheap SG6 3DE.

From beads to shoes, how we look matters. If you prefer evenings and would like details of what happened in the first meeting, please contact William.

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

Letchworth Residents Group

Wednesday 7 January, 7.30pm - 9pm

Please see the website for details of our next meeting, or email Julia.

Contact: Julia S newideas@lalg.org.uk

Modular Synthesiser Workshop 101

Group for absolute beginners with little knowledge. Modern Synthesisers can be heard in the works of Kraftwerk, Eno, and Tangerine Dream.

Contact: Robin Hall newideas@lalg.org.uk

Musicians Together for All Instruments (Making Music)

Friday 20 March, 11am

Miss Green Fingers, Eastcheap SG6 3DE

Do you play an instrument to a good standard, perhaps semi-professional player in the past or professional player, and would like to have a chance to make music with other players again? Contact Roger about the group, please let Roger know if you intend to come.

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

Running

Are you interested in joining other members for a run (distance decided by participants) one evening a week? We want to start this group in the spring when the lighter evenings arrive. If you would like to participate contact Steve with the best evening/time for you.

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

Shanghai

This great card game is based on Rummy and is fun to play. We hope to start a group in the Spring, probably on a Sunday in the Broadway hotel. Please contact Jackie if you are interested.

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

Understanding American History

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX

Wednesday 18 March, 2pm - 3.30pm

America in the World Today. A talk by Iwan Morgan, Emeritus Professor of US Studies, University College, London.

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

Membership of LALG

To attend LALG groups, you should be a member of LALG. Most groups will let you come a couple of times before you decide whether to join.

Membership of LALG entitles everyone in your household to join as many groups and activities as they want, space permitting.



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

Wednesday 11 February, 2pm - 4pm

Music that could/should have been a Bond Theme.

Wednesday 11 March, 2pm - 4pm

Theme Music that mentions specific jobs.

We meet at the Broadway Gallery above the Three Magnets pub. Please check with group contact in case of changes.

Group Contact:

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



Art Appreciation lalg.org.uk/artappreciation

This group is still in the process of being relaunched. Please see our web page or email the Group Contact for latest details. All are welcome to join.

Group Contact:

Jon Marsh artappreciation@lalg.org.uk



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

Second Wednesday of each month, 10.30am

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall, Norton Way South SG6 1NX

A discussion group looking at the works of Dylan and other singer-songwriters.

February - The Rolling Thunder Revue - Dylan supported by other star performers play smaller venues.

March - The 30th Anniversary Concert - Other artists perform classic Dylan songs.

Group Contact:

John Bray 07767 707141 bob-dylan@lalg.org.uk



British History Reading Group lalg.org.uk/britishhistory

We look at the phenomenon of the Crusades particularly the diverted 4th Crusade.

Whilst our main focus is British History we will occasionally go further abroad.

For details of future meetings, please see our web page or call/email:

Group Contact:

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



Children's Books lalg.org.uk/childrensbooks

Tuesday 17 February, 7.30pm

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

Tuesday 17 March, 7.30pm

The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark by Jill Tomlinson

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 when it was written. For more information, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Jane Faulkner childrensbooks@lalg.org.uk



Cinema ialg.org.uk/cinema

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

Through 2026 the Cinema group will focus on examples of European and World cinema and on 'Oscar categories' e.g. cinematography, editing, screenplays, sound, animation, documentary. The above two broad topics will be scheduled on a bi-monthly basis.

In February the group will discuss the top ten of world cinema e.g. *Tokyo Story*, *Persona*, *8½*. In March we turn our attention to great cinematography e.g. *All Quiet On The Western Front*, *Oppenheimer*, *The Brutalist*.

Group Contact:

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



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

Every Monday, 10am

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

Group Contact:

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



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

Monday 23 February, 7.30pm *A Death in Tokyo* by Keigo Higashino.

Monday 30 March, 7.30pm *The Two-Way Murder* by ECR Lorac.

We meet in the bar of the Broadway Hotel, Letchworth SG6 3NZ

We are not currently open to new members, please get in touch if you would like to go on our waiting list.

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full



Daytime Book Group ialg.org.uk/daytimebook

We meet on the second Monday of the month. Contact Hazel for venue details. Please see our webpage for details of books read since 2013.

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

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full



Daytime Book Group 2 ialg.org.uk/daytimebook2

First Thursday of each month, 10.30am

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

Thursday 5 February, 10.30am *Pompeii* by Richard Harris.

Thursday 5 March, 10.30am *A Woman of No Importance* by Sophia Purnell.

Group Contacts:

Allison 07837 415370, Yvonne 07484 136164 daytimebook2@ialg.org.uk **Currently Full**



Fairfield Book Group ialg.org.uk/fairfieldbookgroup

Thursday 5 February, 7.30pm *The Secret Hours* by Mick Herron.

Thursday 5 March, 7.30pm *Act of Oblivion* by Robert Harris.

Thursday 2 April, 7.30pm *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker.

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

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full



Film Appreciation ialg.org.uk/filmappreciation

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

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full



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

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

Group Contact:

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



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

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

Meetings include a book-swap and general discussion of Irish literature. For details of the books being discussed and our future meetings, please see our web page or call/email the Group Contact.

Group Contact:

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



Monday Painting Group ialg.org.uk/mondaypainting

Mondays, 9am - 12 noon

Letchworth Corner Sports Club, Whitethorn Lane SG6 2DN

The cost of the room is shared by the group. Each term we choose a selection of subjects to paint. If you are interested, you are welcome to come along for a trial for £5 per session.

Group Contact:

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



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

We meet for occasional practical sessions of singing, percussion, rhymes, moving to music and generally having a lot of fun.

Please get in touch if you would like to be on our list to be notified.

Group Contact:

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



Play Reading 1 lalg.org.uk/playreading1

Monday 16 February, 1.30pm *A Comedy of Tenors* by Ken Ludwig

Monday 16 March, 1.30pm *Fanny* by Calum Finlay

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

Currently Full



Play Reading 2 lalg.org.uk/playreading2

Second Wednesday of the month, 10am

Broadway Hotel, Broadway SG6 3NZ.

We read the same plays as those 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 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 Davies 07979 916919; poetryafternoon@lalg.org.uk



Readers Group lalg.org.uk/readersgroup

Thursday 26 February, 7.45pm for 8pm *The Glass House* by Eve Chase.

Thursday 26 March, 7.45pm for 8pm *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen.

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

There is a small charge to cover room hire and book loan from Letchworth Library. Please get in touch if you would like to join our waiting list.

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full

If a group is full

If the group you want to join is full, it might be possible to start another.

You are welcome to email details and contact information to newideas@lalg.org.uk.



Recorders for Fun lalg.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 Davies 07979 916919; recorder@lalg.org.uk



Science Book Group lalg.org.uk/sciencebookgroup

Wednesday 18 March, 7.30pm

An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us by Ed Yong.

The science journalist discusses the many ways in which animals sense and interpret the world, often in ways very different to us. Can we really know what it's like to be a bat?

We will discuss this book and related topics. It can be purchased from David's Bookshop in Letchworth (LALG discount makes it very competitively priced) or ordered from the library. We meet in the bar of Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane. There is no charge but please buy a drink. NB card only, no cash.

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

Group Contact:

Ann sciencebookgroup@lalg.org.uk

Currently Full



Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Group lalg.org.uk/sci-fi-fantasy

Third Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ. See our webpage for details of the books we are reading.

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full



Shakespeare For Fun lalg.org.uk/shakespeare

First Wednesday of the month, 10.30am - 12.30pm

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

Group Contact:

Karl Schmierer shakespeare@lalg.org.uk



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

Our next meeting will be in April.

Group Contact:

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

Finished reading your copy of the LALG newsletter?

When you have finished with this copy of the newsletter, please pass it to a friend who might like to join LALG.



Social Playgoing Group ialg.org.uk/playgoing

Thursday 26 February 2.30pm

Noel Coward's *Easy Virtue* at the Cambridge Arts Theatre. Now fully booked but please get in touch in case we have been able to obtain more tickets.

Group Contact:

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



Ulysses Reading Group ialg.org.uk/ulysses

Last Thursday of the month, 2.30pm

Broadway Hotel, Broadway SG6 3NZ.

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

Group Contact:

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



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

Fourth Wednesday of each month, 2.30pm

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

Group Contact:

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



Writers Group ialg.org.uk/writersgroup

Tuesday 3 February, 7.30pm - 9.30pm, via Zoom. Theme: Still waters.

Tuesday 3 March, 7.30pm - 9.30pm, via Zoom. Theme: It became visible.

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

Group Contact:

Diana Newson writersgroup@ialg.org.uk



Writers Retreat ialg.org.uk/writersretreat

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

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

Group Contact:

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

No contact phone number?

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



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 evenings, 7pm - 9.30pm

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

February and March dates to be confirmed.

We visit members' gardens. 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

We meet in each other's gardens on a weekday evening in the summer months. We have space for one or two new members. For details of future meetings, please contact Emillii or Gina, as meeting times and places vary.

Group Contacts:

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



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

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

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full

Try before you buy!

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



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

Currently Full



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

We are a friendly group of enthusiastic gardeners. We enjoy meeting up and take turns to host meetings in our own gardens over the summer months. We tend to visit local gardens or meet at garden centres over the winter. We share plant knowledge and swap plants and seeds, followed by refreshments.

We have not yet had our planning meeting, but group members will be contacted about future dates for their diaries.

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full



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

Wednesdays

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

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full



Get Beading ialg.org.uk/get-beading

Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 February, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 March, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

We enjoy making jewellery or decorative items for the home. Materials provided. £15 per session members, £18 non-members (includes tools, materials, tea, coffee and cake). Workshops are at Janet's studio in Baldock. Please get in touch for details.

Group contact:

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



In the Dye Garden

We combine natural plant pigments for colouring fibres and fabrics, with nurturing the plants that make the vibrant array of colours possible. More members welcome. For details of future meetings, please see the group's web page or email the Group Contact.

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

Currently Full



Knitting Group 2 ialg.org.uk/knitting2

Alternate Mondays, 2pm

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

Group Contact:

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



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

We are a small group of hobby photographers who enjoy a social outing with our digital cameras.

We take it in turns to organise a monthly photoshoot, usually on a weekday morning. We then review some of our photos on the fourth Monday morning in a local village hall to share ideas and knowledge.

Group Contact:

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



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

We usually meet once a month (usually weekends) to take photos at a variety of locations. We meet a couple of weeks later to share the results. Contact Graham for details of our next photo shoot.

We welcome photographers of any skill level. See pictures from previous shoots on our web page.

Group Contact:

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



Sewing Group ialg.org.uk/sewing

First Friday of the month, 10am - 12 noon

We meet at Letchworth Corner Sports Club, Whitethorn Lane SG6 2DN, where we are able to take along our sewing machines, sew and chat. Between us, our interests cover dressmaking, embroidery, patchwork and quilting, home furnishings and most things to do with stitching.

Many of us use sewing machines but we also welcome members who prefer to sew by hand. Refreshments and the use of an iron are provided. There is a small charge to cover room hire. Please see our web page for details.

Group Contact:

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



Taiko Drumming ialg.org.uk/taiko

Fortnightly on a Tuesday at London Road Studios, Unit 13, Baldock Industrial Estate, London Road, Baldock SG7 6NG.

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

Weavers Barn, Fairclough Hall Farm, Hall's Green SG4 7DP

Weaving and braiding on little looms.

For details of future meetings, please see our web page or call/email Amy.

New members always welcome.

Group Contact:

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



Textiles Group ialg.org.uk/textiles

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

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full

Support Our Venues

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

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Learn to play croquet this year

Join our friendly Croquet coaching sessions starting in April 2026

Croquet requires some skill and strategy but it is a fun sport and we are a friendly welcoming Club

Coaching Sessions are: Thursday 9 and 16 April, 5pm - 7pm

Saturday 11 and 18 April, 10am - 12noon

These will be led by a qualified coach who will take you through the basics. Equipment provided

£40 for all the sessions and if you join the club this will be deducted from your membership fee

For more information and to register your interest please telephone 01462 673375

letchworthcroquetclub.co.uk



Ukulele Group ialg.org.uk/ukulele

Daytime group: Thursdays, 1pm - 3pm

St Paul's Church Hall, Pixmore Way SG6 1QT

We play for about two 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 each month, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Corner Sports Ground, Whitethorn Lane SG6 2DN

Informal evenings – partners and friends are invited to come along and enjoy playing and socialising.

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

Group Contact:

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



Wildlife Gardening alg.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.

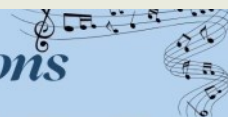
Group Contact: Diane Ketcher wildlife-gardening@ialg.org.uk



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Settlement Sessions



LaLuke.....Letchworth Ukulele Group

FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2026

DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR 7.30PM START
TICKETS £10 LICENSED BAR AVAILABLE

LalukeLetchworth's own ukulele orchestra. Featuring music from Chuck Berry to Cold Play and anything in between. Telling their own story about a generation that want to keep music live, have fun and sing

www.letchworthsettlement.org.uk/events

Kincaid Hall 229 Nevells Road Letchworth SG6 4UB
01462 682828 Registered Charity No. 311085





Breakfast Club ialg.org.uk/breakfast

Tuesday 3 February, 9am

Simmons Bakers, 10 Eastcheap, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3DE.

Our first visit to this popular venue in Eastcheap.

Full Menu with Full English (with Vegetarian Option) breakfast available.

Tuesday 10 March, 10am

Cultivo Lounge, 32 Leys Avenue, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3EW.

You can either have a full English breakfast or just choose off the varied menu.

Gluten Free and Vegetarian options are available.

Please contact Malcolm beforehand if you are coming on either date as some venues can only take a limited number of people.

Group Contact:

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



Firkin Club ialg.org.uk/firkinclub

Thursday 12 February, 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 10 March, 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 are very welcome.

Group Contact:

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



Food and Cookery Group ialg.org.uk/foodcookery

Please contact Keith to go on our waiting list.

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full



Lunch Club ialg.org.uk/lunchclub

Second Thursday of the month

We go to a different local pub or restaurant for lunch – please get in touch for the latest details.

Group Contact:

Sally Cannon lunchclub@ialg.org.uk

Local discounts

For full details of local businesses offering generous discounts to LALG members, visit ialg.org.uk/discounts.



Malt Whisky Appreciation ialg.org.uk/maltwhisky

Friday 20 March, 7pm

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

Group Contact:

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



Supper Club ialg.org.uk/supperclub

Sunday 22 February, 2pm

Hermitage Road Restaurant, 20-21 Hermitage Road, Hitchin, SG5 1BT.

Join us for a Sunday lunch at this popular restaurant.

For further information including menu, please contact Linda King.

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 webpage for upcoming events or email the group contact.

Group Contact:

Andya vegetarianandvegan@ialg.org.uk



Wine Appreciation Group ialg.org.uk/wineappreciation

Friday 6 February, 7.30pm - 10pm *Winter Warmer Wines* presented by Aileen.

Friday 6 March, 7.30pm - 10pm Jonathon will present an interesting collection of wines.

Both events are at The Settlement and promise to be tasteful and interesting.

Group Contacts:

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

Currently Full



Wine Group 3 ialg.org.uk/winegroup3

Tuesdays 17 February and 17 March, 7.30pm

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

We enjoy tasting wines in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Each month two of our members choose a theme and share their selection of wines with the group. We are currently full, but please email to join our waiting list if you are interested.

Group Contacts:

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

Currently Full

Businesses Offering Discounts to LALG Members

Agent Brains Escape Games	26 Leys Avenue	539763	10% off all off-peak game bookings
Alexander Lewis Estates	9 Arena Parade	510881	10% off fee for sales
Allders Opticians	15 Eastcheap	673216	10% off spectacles
AM Optometrists	29 Leys Avenue	486123	10% off complete glasses
Arty Star Graphic Design	10 Central Approach	07922 141379	5% off orders
Broadway Hotel	Broadway	480111	35% off Large Plate & Steaks from main menu, 12 - 2.30pm, Mon to Fri
Cooks Boutique	22 Leys Avenue	01708 691322	10% off purchases over £10
Daliani Boutique	11 The Arcade	07400 936884	10% off
David Stern Opticians	10 Arena Parade	683045	10% off, excluding eye test
David's Bookshop	12 - 14 Eastcheap	684631	10% off over £10, some exceptions
David's Music	12 Eastcheap	475900	10% off over £10, some exceptions
Dr Bike - Friendly mobile bike mechanic	Mobile Service	07840 888050	20% off parts and labour
Evolve Life Pain & Injury Clinic	Henlow & Letchworth	486444	10% off all appointments
Fairhaven Wholefoods	Unit 27, Jubilee Trade Centre, Jubilee Road	675300	5% off all products – in store only
Garden City Crafts	5 The Wynd	686869	10% off craft materials
Garden City Florist	6 Arena Parade	685370	10% off, except Interflora
Icas-Vilas Fine Art	21 Commerce Way	677455	10% off framing only
Isabelle Estates	45 Station Road	487877	10% off sales fees
Jewellery Box	1 The Arcade	675707	10% off everything except watches
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
Martins Furniture	62 - 64 Leys Avenue & 12 - 14 Commerce Way	351610	5% discount on furniture, carpets & flooring
Max Spielmann	36 Broadway	672264	10% off

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Miss Green Fingers	2 - 4 Eastcheap	337970	10% off café items
Mobility World	Birds Hill	708830	£50 off riser recliner chairs, £100 off beds, 10% off smaller items
Nanny Julie's Children's Hairdresser	8 The Arcade	337805	10% off
North Herts Chiropody	46 Leys Avenue	684358	10% off full treatments
On Your Travels	www.onyourtravels.co.uk	677111	Discounts on tours and cruises
Pampered Pets	9 The Arcade	07432 440104	10% off a full groom
Professional Dry Cleaners	25 Eastcheap & 5A Brand Street, Hitchin	682571 & 450491	10% off dry cleaning on site only
ReelN	85 Great Portland Street, London W1W 7LT	reeln.co.uk	5% off monthly South Asian film screenings in & around Letchworth
Revive the Beauty Salon	4 The Wynd	674888	10% off
Shades of Gray	Pixmore Avenue	07794 693709	10% off for over-60s
System Restore UK	2 The Wynd	339101	10% off all labour
T Brooker	Bilton Road, Hitchin	434501	Trade discount where applicable
The BakeHouse	16 The Wynd	337980	20% off two or more cakes
The Letchworth Clinic	17 Station Road	670900	10% off podiatry, Monday - Friday
The Little Ironing Shop	23 The Wynd	339128 or 07833 984091	10% off
The Prep Lounge	2 Whitehorse Street, Baldock	545419	10% off food & drink
The Shoe Box	45 Leys Avenue	683190	10% off all shoe repairs
The Uniform Monkeys	16 - 18 Openshaw Way	07828 148179	10% off first order
Tutti Frutti Clothing	12a Central Approach	07725 830913	10% off sales of £10 or more
Vutie Beets vegan café	24/25 The Wynd	337930	10% off all sales
Walkwel Clinic	13 Eastcheap & 21 Westgate Centre, Stevenage	682526	5% off non-sale footwear only, in Letchworth & Stevenage

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General Groups



Action for Happiness ialg.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@ialg.org.uk



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

Fourth Monday of each month, 2.30pm

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

Group Contact: Mandy 07807 827944; afternoon-quiz@ialg.org.uk



All Things Feathered Poultry Society ialg.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@ialg.org.uk



All Things Military ialg.org.uk/allthingsmilitary

Thursday 12 February, 7pm doors open for a 7.30pm start

Our speaker is David Fowler (who has been with us before). This time his talk is entitled "**The Rise, Fall and Rise Again of Cardington Airships**".

Thursday 12 March, 7pm doors open for a 7.30pm start

The speaker will be Debbie Land from Shuttleworth, this time talking about "**The Night Witches**" - the name for the Russian squadron of female night fighters. Russia was the only country among the Allies of WW2 to allow women to fight on the front line.

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

Group Contact: Veronica Tomkins 01462 671402; allthingsmilitary@ialg.org.uk



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

Once a month on a Friday, 4pm

We meet for a chat about amateur radio subjects once a month in the Broadway Hotel, Broadway SG6 3NZ.

We would welcome LALG members who may be looking to revive their amateur radio skills. For more details, please get in touch or see our webpage.

Group Contact: Bryan amateur-radio@ialg.org.uk



Ancient Egypt Study Group ialg.org.uk/ancientegypt

Third Thursday of the month, 7.30pm

We meet in the Broadway Hotel, Broadway SG6 3NZ. If you are fascinated by Egyptology, please do come along and share your knowledge.

Group Contact: Oliver Webb 07929 058696; ancientegypt@ialg.org.uk

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Architecture and The Built Environment lalg.org.uk/architecture2

Tuesday 3 February, 7.30pm

What can possibly go wrong with an escalator? Come and hear Dave Cooper CEng FCIBSE explain the limited regulatory oversight, maintenance issues and the consequences of newer free-space escalators.

Friday 20 March, 7.30pm

Social Housing: Cory Francis, a professional Chartered Engineer will talk about the facilities management, regulatory and refurbishment issues he has encountered and how the social housing and rented sectors will need to evolve to address stewardship, life safety, carbon emissions, and financial pressures. We meet at Mrs Howard Memorial Hall. Small entry fee towards room hire costs.

Group Contact:

Chris Jones; architecture2@lalg.org.uk



Black Squirrel Country Dancing lalg.org.uk/countrydancing

Tuesday 17 February, 6.30 - 8pm

Tuesday 17 March, 6.30 - 8pm

Tuesday 21 April, 6.30 - 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. No need to bring a dance partner. We are a very friendly group.

Group Contact:

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



Blitz an Open Space lalg.org.uk/litter

Letchworth: Saturday 7 March, 10.30am

Thursday 12 March, 10am

Baldock: Sunday 22 February, 11am

Wednesdays 25 February, 18 March, 10.30am

Please contact us if you know of any area that needs our attention. For details of future meetings, please see our web page or call/email the Group Contacts.

Group Contacts:

Ian Martin (Letchworth) text 07939 268169

Gary Mills (Baldock) text 07941 685683; litter@lalg.org.uk



British Monarchs lalg.org.uk/lbritish-monarchs

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

Acting Group Contact: Jo british-monarchs@lalg.org.uk



General Groups



Computer Users ialg.org.uk/usingcomputers

Last Wednesday of the month, 10.45am

Downtown Bar and Grill, Broadway Hotel, Broadway SG6 3NZ. Please support our venue, which has food and various drinks available. Limited space for new members. Please email the group contact to introduce yourself.

Please note: This is not a computer support service.

Group Contact: Graham usingcomputers@ialg.org.uk



Decarbonise Letchworth Group ialg.org.uk/decarbonise

The Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ

Join our monthly lunchtime get-togethers where we share ideas and the latest news on actions that will help Letchworth to reduce its carbon footprint. Updates we would like to see in Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation's design standards, heat pumps and home batteries are currently popular areas of discussion.

Group Contact: Julia S decarbonise@ialg.org.uk



Decluttering ialg.org.uk/decluttering

Tuesday 31 March, 4pm

Broadway Hotel bar, Broadway SG6 3NZ.

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

Group Contact: Nicole Ashbrook decluttering@ialg.org.uk



Europe and Beyond ialg.org.uk/europeandbeyond

Next meeting planned for April, see April/May newsletter and on posters around town.

LALG members £4, non-members £5. All welcome!

Group Contact: Mandy Baldwin 07515 823735; europeandbeyond@ialg.org.uk



Geology ialg.org.uk/geology

Wednesday 25 March, 7.30pm Alchemy in the Gas Industry talk by John Bray.

Letchworth Garden City was designed as a modern industrial town and gas was chosen to power local industries rather than individual factories burning coal for steam production. We will look at how 'Town Gas' was manufactured and the role played by an industrial chemist in ensuring gas quality and safety. We are a group of people who like to learn and talk about all aspects of geology. No knowledge of the subject is required, just enthusiasm for and interest in it. Everyone is welcome, there's plenty of room.

Remember we have a new venue: the Underwood Room (upstairs, but there is a lift), Mrs Howard Hall, Norton Way South, Letchworth SG6 1NX. Free car parking is available next to the Hall. LALG members £4, non-members £5, CASH ONLY to cover the cost of the room.

Group Contact: Ann geology@ialg.org.uk

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

No meeting planned until spring, whilst we finalise our current project. We are considering writing a new book, a companion to *Industrial Letchworth*. New, committed researchers and writers are welcome to enquire about joining the group.

Group Contact:

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



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

Monday 9 March, 10.30am

Broadway Hotel, Broadway SG6 3NZ

We meet in the Broadway Hotel bar for help with smartphones, tablets, social media, online banking, etc. Content Editors welcomed for help with editing group web pages, adding events/articles.

We have the facility at meetings to take card payments or receive cheques for joining or renewing membership.

Booking ahead essential, with a brief description of help required, so we can make sure we have the right person to help with a specific issue.

Group Contact:

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



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

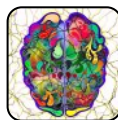
Second Friday of the month, 10.30am

Upstairs Meeting Room, Letchworth Library, Broadway SG6 3PF

Each one-hour session begins with silent meditation, followed by a circle of reflections based on an inspirational article circulated in advance. For more details, please check the website or email the group contact.

Group Contact:

Andya meditation-reflection@ialg.org.uk



Philosophy ialg.org.uk/philosophy

Tuesday 24 February 11am - 12.30pm The philosophy of Buddhism.

Tuesday 24 March 11am - 12.30pm Philosopher - Karl Marx.

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.

LALG members £3, non-members £4. No need to book.

Group Contact:

Catherine philosophy-study@ialg.org.uk



Psychology ialg.org.uk/psychology

Wednesdays 11 February and 11 March, 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 webpage.

Group Contact:

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

General Groups



Quiz Team ialg.org.uk/quizteam

In the next 2 months we are planning to attend the following quiz nights:

Wednesday 4 February, 7.30pm The White Lion, 46 High St, Baldock. £2pp.

Wednesday 11 February, 8pm The Millstream, 97 Cambridge Road, Hitchin. £3pp.

Monday 16 February, 8pm The Orange Tree, 100 Stevenage Road, Hitchin. £1.

Thursday 26 February, 8.30pm Grange Community Centre, Middlefields, Letchworth. £1pp.

Wednesday 4 March, 7.30pm The White Lion, 46 High St, Baldock. £2pp.

Wednesday 11 March, 8pm The Millstream, 97 Cambridge Road, Hitchin. £3pp.

Monday 16 March, 8pm The Orange Tree, 100 Stevenage Road, Hitchin. £1.

Thursday 26 February, 8.30pm Grange Community Centre, Middlefields, Letchworth. £1pp.

Please get in touch if you would like to join in.

Group Contact:

Andrew Dear quizteam@ialg.org.uk

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General Groups



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! The group is currently full, but if you would like to go on the waiting list for a second group, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full



Society Unpacked ialg.org.uk/society-unpacked

First Wednesday of each month, 7.15pm

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

A discussion group for non-sociologists looking at how society works and sometimes doesn't!

A small charge is applied to cover room hire.

For further details, please contact Ken or see our webpage.

Group Contact:

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



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

Monday 2 March, 7.30pm (Note venue change)

Church Room, Mrs Howard Hall, Norton Way South, Letchworth SG6 1NX.

We are joining with the Letchworth Garden City Society to welcome Peter Rose who will give an illustrated talk on the development of early locally-owned bus services both in and to Letchworth followed by the development of bus companies in surrounding counties that served Letchworth and Hitchin up until 1985.

LALG and LGCS members £4, guests £5 (exact cash only please!) No need to book.

Tuesday 24 March, 7.30pm

Jackmans Community Centre, Ivel Court, Letchworth Garden City SG6 2NL

Jim Cameron will give a talk about Letchworth company FB Chain, formed in 1985, and its origins in Morse Chain which first came to the Garden City in 1918. As manufacturers of timing chains, power transmission chains and leaf chain systems, these companies have played a significant role in the town. Come along and find out more.

LALG members £3, guests £5. No need to book.

Group Contact:

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



Wild Flowers ialg.org.uk/wildflowers

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

Group Contact:

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



World Religions ialg.org.uk/world-religions

For details of future meetings, please see our web page or email.

Group Contact:

Malcolm D world-religions@ialg.org.uk

Language Groups



Conversation Française ialg.org.uk/french1

Lundis soirs, 19h30 à 21h30

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

Group Contact: Jimmy Croall 07795 909178; french1@ialg.org.uk



Daytime French 1 ialg.org.uk/Daytime-French1

Alternate Thursdays, 2.30pm (5 February etc.)

Dimples Café, Par 3 Family Golf Centre, William 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

Currently Full



Daytime French 2 ialg.org.uk/Daytime-French2

Tuesday afternoons

Broadway Hotel. We meet for an hour. New members very welcome.

Group Contact: Rob Wallis 07768 297802; daytime-french2@ialg.org.uk



Daytime French 3 ialg.org.uk/Daytime-French3

First and Third Mondays of the month, 2.30pm

Broadway Hotel. 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 of interest. 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

This additional evening session on Zoom started in May 2024 by popular choice. 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



German Group 1 ialg.org.uk/german1

Tuesdays, afternoons/evenings

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

Group Contact:

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

Language Groups



Italian Conversation 1 ialg.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@ialg.org.uk



Italian Conversation 3 ialg.org.uk/italian3

Mondays, 2.30pm

Broadway Hotel, Broadway SG6 3NZ. We are 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@ialg.org.uk



Latin ialg.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@ialg.org.uk



Russian Language Русский Язык ialg.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.

We do need new members.

Group Contact: Sheila Hogan russian@ialg.org.uk



Sign Language Group ialg.org.uk/signlanguage

The group is very casual and welcomes new members at any time.

For further information, check the website or contact Claire.

Group Contact:

Claire 07950 779193; signlanguage@ialg.org.uk



Spanish Conversation ialg.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@ialg.org.uk



Speak Spanish ialg.org.uk/speak-spanish

Tuesdays, 10am - 12 noon

Broadway Hotel, 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@ialg.org.uk

Social Groups



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

This new group is aimed at people in their 30s and 40s - singles and couples - 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. 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

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 webpage.

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full



Meet for Coffee 1 lalg.org.uk/coffee1

Alternate Wednesdays, 10.30am

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

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full



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

Currently Full



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 Coffee group and are open to new members. No commitment is required to attend every session. Pop in when you are at a loose end. Please inform Nayier beforehand if you would like to attend.

Group Contact:

Nayier Ahmad coffee3@lalg.org.uk

Social Groups



Meet for Coffee 6 ialg.org.uk/coffee6

Thursdays 12 February and 26 February, 10.30am

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

We now meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, with some variation during public holidays.

This pleasant café overlooks green and leafy surroundings, with outside seating when weather permits. All are welcome.

Group Contact:

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



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

Tuesdays 17 February and 10 March, 10.30am

Wild Coffee in Stotfold Library, Greenacre Centre, Valerian Way.

No need to book, just turn up. All welcome.

Acting Group Contact:

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



Philosophy for Non-Philosophers ialg.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@ialg.org.uk



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

Thursdays 12 February and 12 March, 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, is a fun evening and we welcome new members.

See website for details or contact Phil:

Group Contact: Phil Mortiboy sea-shanties@ialg.org.uk

Stotfold Library has relocated to the Greenacre Centre in Valerian Way and now boasts Wild Coffee.

Wild Coffee was originally in Stotfold High Street at the location now occupied by Ruth's Coffee.

Meet for Coffee 7 meets here





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

Every Wednesday morning, 9am

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

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

Group Contact:

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

Currently Full



Backgammon lalg.org.uk/backgammon

First and third Thursdays of each month, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

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

Group Contacts:

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



Badminton 1 lalg.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@lalg.org.uk



Badminton 2 lalg.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@lalg.org.uk

Currently Full



Badminton 3 lalg.org.uk/badminton3

Wednesdays, 10.30am - 12.15pm

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 (discounted), payable to the leisure centre.

Group Contact:

Robin Ghisi badminton3@lalg.org.uk

'What's On' emails

We send 'What's On' emails to members, but around 300 regularly bounce. These include ntlworld, virgin and btinternet accounts. If you have not been getting 'What's On' emails, please visit lalg.org.uk/WhatsOn every few days instead.

Sports & Games



Bridge Club ialg.org.uk/bridgeclub

Tuesdays and Fridays, 1pm

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

Group Contact: Gill Cheaney 01462 686806; bridgeclub@ialg.org.uk



Chess for Fun ialg.org.uk/chess

Third Monday of the month, 7.30pm

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

Group Contact: Nayier Ahmad chess@ialg.org.uk



Cribbage ialg.org.uk/cribbage

First and third Tuesday of the month, 1.30pm

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

Group Contact: Edna Constable 01462 485086; cribbage@ialg.org.uk



Cricket ialg.org.uk/cricket

This new 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 6 and Saturday 21 February, 10am start

Friday 6 and Saturday 21 March, 10am start

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

Group Contact:

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

Get fit!

Fitness Together ialg.org.uk/fitness-together

Mondays, 7.30pm - 8.15pm

Norton Methodist Church Hall, North Avenue SG6 1DH.

Wednesdays, 12.15pm - 1pm

Fortescue Hall, Pixmore Way SG6 3TP

Have fun keeping fit at your own pace. All you need is to wear appropriate clothing for exercise and to 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: Alan Davie fitness-together@ialg.org.uk

Sports & Games



Games Club ialg.org.uk/gamesclub

Mondays 2 & 16 February and 2, 16 & 30 March, 7.15pm - 9.30pm

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

Group Contact:

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



Games on the Grange ialg.org.uk/grangegames

Wednesdays, 10.30am

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

Group Contact:

Rhian Blakey grangegames@ialg.org.uk



Garden City Wheelers ialg.org.uk/GCWheelers

Thursday 19 February, 10.30am

Thursday 19 March, 10.30am

We meet at the fountain in Broadway Gardens, weather permitting, for a ride to a pub, garden centre or café for lunch. We cycle at the pace of the slowest rider. Please see our web page for more details and get in touch if you would like to join us for the first time.

Group Contact:

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



Mahjong ialg.org.uk/mahjong

Wednesdays, 2pm

Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. We regularly play on three tables with 12+ players, of mixed ability.

New players always welcome, beginners as well as experienced players. If you are interested in joining, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Sue mahjong@ialg.org.uk

Any Ideas for Trips?

LALG members love travelling near and far, and what could be better than travelling in good company?

We are always looking for new places to go - locally, in London, and further afield. It can be anything from a short trip to a few days away somewhere.

If you have any ideas, please get in touch:

Group Support Team: 07970 407635 or groupsupport@ialg.org.uk.



Par 3 Golf ialg.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@ialg.org.uk

Currently Full



Par 3 Golf Thursdays ialg.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@ialg.org.uk



Par 3 Golf Wednesdays ialg.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). Spaces extremely limited, please check web page. The clubhouse serves light refreshments – see the Golf Centre's website for opening times.

Group Contact:

Graham par3wednesdays@ialg.org.uk



Currently Full



Pétanque ialg.org.uk/petanque

Wednesdays, 2pm - 3pm

Letchworth Par 3 Family Golf Centre, Willian Way SG6 2HJ. After five-six years of playing, we are still going strong. There are 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@ialg.org.uk



Pickleball ialg.org.uk/pickleball

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

Outdoor tennis courts at Norton Common. We have two spare padder 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 if we are playing.

Group Contact:

Mandy Howard pickleball@ialg.org.uk

Do you have photos of your group that you could share?

If you have the permission of everyone in the photo, please get in touch with the publicity team on publicity@ialg.org.uk



Piquet ialg.org.uk/piquet

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

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

Group Contact:

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



Rummikub ialg.org.uk/rummikub

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9.45am - 12 noon

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

Group Contact:

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



Rummikub 2 ialg.org.uk/rummikub2

Wednesdays, 10am for 10.30am

We have coffee in the café at Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. There are Rummikub sets at the coffee bar: if the group contact is unavoidably absent, just ask for the sets and you can play.

We start playing at 10.30am and play for two hours. New members are always welcome, even if you have never played before: it's an easy game to pick up!

Group Contact:

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



Scrabble ialg.org.uk/scrabbleclub

Alternate Wednesdays

Broadway Hotel, Broadway SG6 3NZ.

Please contact Eileen for more details.

Group Contact:

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



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. To find out about joining our group, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Andy Gordon 01462 685366; shorttennis@ialg.org.uk

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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, normally alternate weeks. We have a coffee stop with time to chat, either at the end of a shorter ride or mid-way through a longer one. Most types of bikes/e-bikes are suitable for these rides. Please get in touch for more details.

Group Contact:

Pamela Ghisi 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 2878543 ; whist@ialg.org.uk



Word Games Group

Starting again in the Spring

We meet in the Broadway Hotel bar. We have lots of word games to choose from but you are also welcome to bring your own.

Group Contact:

Evelyn Curtis word-games@ialg.org.uk




The Little Theatre
Letchworth Settlement
229 Nevells Road, Letchworth, SG6 4UB

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Walking Groups



Alternative Ramblers ialg.org.uk/alternativeramblers

Sunday 8 February, 10am for a 10.15am start

A five-mile loop from Wrest Park, Silsoe to Higham Gobion on flat level paths through woodland and fields.

Take the access road from Silsoe to Wrest Park. You will find off-road parking on the right after you pass the English Heritage car park and main park entrance and the clock tower on the right. Meet beside the access road by the clock tower. For those who want to have lunch, the English Heritage café is open to non-members or there is the George Hotel and Star and Garter pubs in Silsoe village. Please make your own arrangements

To book the walk, please contact Anthony Wakeman via the WhatsApp group on 01462 337588; or via Sue, as below. Mobile on the day: 07710 432380.

Sunday 8 March, 10am for 10.15am start

Meet at Rushden Village Hall, Buntingford SG9 0SQ

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This walk is about 5 miles starting at Rushden Village Hall across mainly flat fields which pass George Orwell's House at Wallington, and back via Mile End.

To finish the walk, we can have a cuppa and cake at Mill End Plant Nursery & Café. To book the walk contact Sue M via the WhatsApp Group, or via Sue details as below. Mobile on the day: 07599 075858.

Group Contact:

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



Baldock Walks ialg.org.uk/baldockwalks

Saturday 28 February, 9.20am for 9.30am start

Meet at Baldock Community Centre (free parking behind Tesco).

A walk of about 3.5 miles to Norton via Ivel Springs and Radwell Meadows.

We shall have a short coffee stop at The Three Horseshoes then return to Baldock via Kristiansand Way and Ashfield Drive.

Saturday 28 March, 9.20am for 9.30am start

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

Circular walk of about 4.5 miles, Warren Lane and Icknield Way trail. Quite a long steep walk along Warren Lane with lovely views over Baldock from the top. Then downhill to join the Icknield Way trail which might be muddy.

To book either walk please email or phone the group contacts.

Kindly supply your name, mobile number and emergency contact name and mobile number.

Group Contacts: Eileen Creak 01462 632692

Julia Genders 01462 620615 or 07704 762167; baldockwalks@ialg.org.uk

Personal Insurance

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



Early Morning Walks lalg.org.uk/earlymorningwalks

Wednesdays 11 February and 11 March, 7am

Wednesdays 4 February and 4 March, 9am

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

Group Contact:

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



Fast Walking lalg.org.uk/fastwalking

Wednesdays, 8.30am - 9.30am

This is a fast one-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@lalg.org.uk



Letchworth-District Walkers lalg.org.uk/letchworthdistrictwalkers

Sunday 29 March, 8.45am

A circular 12-mile walk through Barkway Barley and Reed starts on the southern end of Barkway High Street (SG8 8ER TL 383352, What 3 words ///drip.highbrow.motor). The route has a few uphill with good tracks, paths and quiet roads and passes through the delightful Barley Cricket ground and Newsells Park Stud. Bring a packed lunch. It is essential to pre-book in with Mia via the group email or 07517 466773. Meet at the Arena car park to depart at 8.45am. If going direct to the start please let Mia know.

Group Contact: Mia Matheson 01462 490070; letchworthdistrictwalkers@lalg.org.uk



Midweek Amblers/Ramblers lalg.org.uk/midweekambleramble

Friday 20 February, 10am for a 10.15am start.

Meet at The Strathmore Arms, St. Paul's Walden SG4 8BT, at 10.00am ready to leave at 10.15am. The rural 4-mile walk, led by Carol Stokes, takes us through the Churchyard and on to Hitch Wood, and then down into Whitwell with good views across the Mimram valley. The route back to the pub passes The Bury, the childhood home of Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. To book in for the walk, and lunch if required, please contact Carol by Monday 16 February by email (preferred) to MARFebruary@lalg.org.uk or by phone on 07813 800874. All bookings will be acknowledged.

Monay 9 March, 10am for a 10.15am start.

Meet at The Heath Café Bar, Baldock Road, Royston SG8 5BG for a walk of 4.25 miles led by Frances Mills. There is lots of free parking at Royston Heath. The walk starts with a steepish climb, but after that it is quite flat. There are great views of Royston and Therfield. Return to the café for refreshments for anyone wishing to stay. To book in for the walk, and lunch if required, please contact Frances by Monday 12 March, either by email (preferred) to MARMarch@lalg.org.uk or by phone to 07918 131596. All bookings will be acknowledged.

Group Contact:

Carol Stokes 07813 800874 or 01438 353666; midweekambleramble@lalg.org.uk

Walking Groups



Midweek Walkers ialg.org.uk/midweekwalkers

February

There is no walk scheduled.

Thursday 12 March, 10am

This is a 9-mile circular walk starting from the Wilbury Hills Road car park in Letchworth at 10am. We will go through Ickleford, part of Oughtonhead and Holwell. Please bring refreshments for the day and book in with Jess on the group email or on 07813 802495. She will try to coordinate lifts if needed from Sollershott Green SG6 3JW.

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 11 February and 11 March, 10.30am

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

Acting Group Contact:

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



Slower Walkers ialg.org.uk/slowerwalkers

Tuesday 10 February, 10.15am for a 10.30am start

The walk is almost 3.5 miles from the Waggon & Horses, 27 High Street, Graveley SG4 7LE. The walk will start at 10.30am, so meet around 10.15am – 10.20am.

The circular walk goes under the A1 and then heads along part of the Hertfordshire Way towards Roxley Court. The paths are a mix of hard surfaces and permitted paths besides fields. Apart from a short incline near the start of the walk, it is a flat route.

If you are walking and having lunch, please book with by Phil by Monday 2 February. Menu choices to be ordered before starting the walk. If just walking, please book by Sunday 8 February.

Booking email: SWfebruary@ialg.org.uk or 07954 817965.

March walk.

This walk is due to take place the week commencing 16 March, in Weston. More details will be published when available. To book, please contact Phil on SWmarch@ialg.org.uk or 07954 817965.

Group Contact:

Phil Taylor slowerwalkers@ialg.org.uk

Walking Groups



Sunday Ramblers ialg.org.uk/sundayramblers

Sunday 1 February, 10am

Our annual walk followed by our post-Christmas meal at the Green Man, Great Wymondley SG4 7EU, which is the start and finish point.

The route is just over 7 miles, heading first to St Ippolytts then back to Purwell and Great Wymondley. It is mostly good underfoot but after wet weather may be very slippery and muddy in places.

There will be the usual coffee/snack stop then a meal at the pub for those wishing to stay.

Please contact walk leaders Wendy and Mark, on WhatsApp or text 07856 768685 if walking and/or staying for lunch as pre-orders are required.

Sunday 1 March, 10am

Meet at the car park next to the Wilbury Pub, Wilbury Hills Road, Letchworth. What 3 words ///tonal.retrial.sensitive.

It will be about 9 miles of field paths, river paths and pavements, potentially muddy in places.

Please bring a packed lunch. Inform Sue either on the Whatsapp or text 07599 075858

Group Contact:

Wendy 07856 768685; sundayramblers@ialg.org.uk



Trail Walkers ialg.org.uk/trailwalkers

Tuesdays 10 February and 10 March John Bunyan Trail sections

We normally walk on the second Tuesday of every month, but occasionally do two walks in the month. The average walk is 10-12 miles. We share cars for these linear walks. New members are warmly welcome.

We started the John Bunyan Trail in October. He was an itinerant preacher and minister, born near Bedford, where he was also imprisoned for 12 years and wrote *The Pilgrim's Progress*, one of the most published books in the English language. The route passes through a number of attractive villages and scenic Bedfordshire countryside, taking in many places of historic interest connected with John Bunyan.

If you might be interested in joining us or have any questions, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Nigel Bellis trailwalkers@ialg.org.uk



Walking Buddies ialg.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@ialg.org.uk

Calling Group Contacts

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

Walking Groups



Weekend Strollers lalg.org.uk/weekendstrollers

Saturday 14 February, 10.30am

The British Garden Centre, Cambridge Road, Hitchin SG4 0JT
Meet at the pedestrian entrance next to the car park.

Saturday 7 March, 10.30am

The Fox at Willian, Willian Road, Willian, Letchworth Garden City SG6 2AE.
We do not walk far or fast (no more than 3 miles) followed by a coffee. If wet, more coffee, less walk! No booking required; everyone welcome. If unsure on where to meet, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

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



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

Details of trips in the planning should be in the next newsletter, but in the meantime the monthly social dates for February and March are:

Thursday 19 February, 8pm

Thursday 19 March, 8pm

Both socials are at the Three Magnets (Wetherspoons), 18-20 Leys Avenue, Letchworth SG6 3EW.

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. You can find this at lalg.org.uk/walkingsafety.

This contains some common sense advice for walkers and leaders about planning and preparing beforehand, as well as tips for the day, such as swapping phone numbers and buddying up if you want to. Even if you are a frequent walker, we recommend re-reading this checklist from time to time. It finishes with a link to the Ramblers Association's safety advice at www.ramblers.org.uk/safety.

Linked Organisations

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

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Letchworth Garden City Bowls Club letchworthbowlsclub.co.uk	Norton Common April-Sept. 50% off membership for 1st year, plus 10% LALG discount. Contact Sue Sinclair 01462 621067; secretary@letchworthbowlsclub.co.uk
Letchworth Garden City Society lgcs.org.uk	Visits and talks on Letchworth, other Garden Cities, architecture/history, local planning matters. Contact: Philippa Parker 01462 686828; philippaclare@me.com
Letchworth Music letchworthmusic.org/	Chamber music concerts October to April, by professional musicians, at Howgills Friends Meeting House. Contact Marion Ohlendorf 01438 361470
Letchworth Scale Model Club letchworthsmc.yolasite.com	Figures, vehicles, aircraft, ships, etc. Talks and demonstrations at the Icknield Centre. Geoff Russell 07806 433998; 118geoff@gmail.com
Letchworth Sinfonia Letchworth-sinfonia.org.uk	Amateur chamber orchestra with professional conductor. 2 concerts pa. Rehearsals alternate Sundays at Letchworth Settlement. Contact Elisabeth George 07305 315657 elisabeth.george@ntlworld.com
North Herts Bowls Club www.n-h-b-c.org.uk	Norton Common Mondays 2pm to 4pm. LALG discount. Contacts: Andy 07818 664274 or Mike 01462 893411
North Herts Speakers Club www.northhertsspeakers.org	Supportive friendly group helping you with public speaking, presentations and leadership. First Wednesdays, 7.30pm online and third at The Cloisters, Letchworth. Free for visitors. Call first. Contact John Kendall 01462 684036
North Herts Stamp Club	Monthly meetings in Letchworth where we enjoy displays and can buy and sell stamps. Contact: 07776 381781, richardemerritt@talktalk.net
Unicorn Ceilidhs unicornceilidhs.org.uk	Dances for the local community, with a wide range of ceilidh bands and callers. Contact: 07833 643597; barry.goodman1@ntlworld.com
Whitethorn Bowls Club Whitethorn Lane	Friendly and league matches April - September. All welcome; instruction available. Contact: 07981 958651; tonypinchin@hotmail.co.uk

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