



LALG celebrates the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth II came to the throne in 1952 on the untimely death of her much-loved father, King George VI.

The picture above was taken at Buckingham Palace in 1953, following her coronation.

So let's raise a glass in honour and celebration of the seventy years of long and faithful service that characterise Her Majesty's unequalled reign.

Letchworth Festival

This year's Letchworth Festival will be a wonderful counterpoint to the past two years with Covid.

And LALG will be there too, celebrating our 35th anniversary!

We will have walks, stalls and events throughout the Festival, as well as a water chute and Colour run on Saturday 11 June.

For more details visit www.leetchworthfestival.org



To join any of our groups you should be a member of LALG



Letter from the Chair of LALG

In the words of Rogers and Hammerstein 'June is Bustin' Out All Over' and in Letchworth June marks the return of the

Festival after a two-year break. Look at our centrefold to see the range of activities on offer over the month.

There is sure to be something for everyone with four weeks of music, film, art, food and drink, gardens and heritage for the whole community to enjoy.

As it's our 35th Anniversary we are taking time to celebrate and spread the word about what LALG has to offer. We are co-sponsoring two major events on 11th June, the Colour Run on Norton Common and the Inflatable Assault Course by the splash pools.

On the same day we will be showcasing several LALG groups on Leys Avenue and encouraging new members to join us. Letchworth Open Gardens will be ready for visitors on Sunday 19th. We are also planning a Fun Fact Hunt showcasing our discount suppliers, organising several walks and a fund raiser for Ukraine on June 21st. Please spread the word to family and friends!

I hope that our members in Baldock were able to enjoy their festival in May, our Stevenage members go out and about during their Walking Festival and I know that people in Hitchin will be eagerly anticipating their July events.

All of this would not happen without a lot of effort by many talented volunteers and I'd like to thank them all.

Elaine Fox

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From the Editors

The editor of this edition was Graham Taylor.

The editor for the July edition will be Jackie Sayers.

Please send repeat entries by Friday 10 June and anything unusual or long by Sunday 5 June.



Please send your entries to ***newsletter@lalg.org.uk***
All emails are acknowledged. If you do not hear anything, please chase us.

A suggestion for contributors: don't wait until the deadline. Set yourself a reminder for the 1st of each month. Thank you!

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Trips and Events

Trips

**Wednesday 15 June,
1.45pm**



3-hour private boat River Cruise between Ware and Hertford, with individual picnic box cream tea. Park in the Ware library car park SG12 9XB which is next to the start point: Lee and Stort Boatyard. Assemble at 1.45 for prompt 2pm departure.
£28 members, £30 non-members.

Tuesday 26 July

Coach trip to Runnymede, Eton and Windsor. Pick up 8.30am Letchworth outside Railway Station and 8.50am Woodside car park Hitchin. Leave Windsor at 4pm. Optional treasure hunt map walking tour of Windsor.
£30 members and £34 non-members

Full trip details and booking information are on the website.

Contact Sally to join the Trips Group email list for advance information on future trips.

Group Contact: Sally Cannon
trips@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/trips

Sports Fixtures and Events



**Thursday
11 August
Cricket (The Hundred)**

Oval Invincibles v Northern Superchargers

Start: Men 3pm, Women 6.30pm.

Venue: The Kia Oval (London)

Cost: £34 (this is the entry cost, and does not include travel).

The franchised teams in the competition include some of the best white ball cricketers in the world, female and male. **Deadline** to contact Steve: Friday 3 June.

Group Contact:

Steve Green 07710 542803;

sportsfixtures_events@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/sportsfixtures_events

London Places



We are currently collecting ideas for places to visit in London.

See the web page for up-to-date information.

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ialg.org.uk/London_Places



Members' Open Morning Meetings

Letchworth Settlement,
Nevels Road, SG6 4UB

£3 for LALG members, £5 for non-members. Tea/coffee before the talks is £1 per mug. **CASH ONLY**.

Monday 6 June, Doors open 10am for 10.30am

Our first talk is **28 years of LALG wine tasting**. It will be given by George Barnes, LALG Wine Group's founder.

Our main speaker, Ros Allwood (N.Herts Council's Cultural Services Manager), will tell us about ***Innate Bohemians: Arts and Crafts in the Early Garden City***.

Monday 4 July, Doors open 10am for 10.30am

Put the date in your diary! Information about the speakers will be published on our website during June and in the July newsletter.

Contact:
membersmeetings@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/membersmeetings

Train Buddies

Thursday 9 June, 11am

Note the later date due to the Jubilee Bank Holiday



Broadway Hotel, Letchworth

We will discuss our trip to Wroxham Broad on Saturday 30 July.

Our programme of days out to popular destinations by train for 2022 is on the website.

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



Saturday 28 May – Sunday 26 June

LALG Letchworth Festival Walks Tuesday 14 June, 9.30pm

Strawberry Moon walk.

Meet at Weston Village Green.

Distance approximately 4 miles. Bring a torch. Please let William know (details below) if you intend to come.

Thursday 16 June, 8am

Festival Breakfast walk.

Meet at the Letchworth Par 3 Family Golf Centre, William Way SG6 2HJ. Breakfast at 10am.

Walkers and non-walkers welcome. Booking, via William (details below), is essential for breakfast.

Tuesday 21 June, 8.30am

Longest Day walk.

Meet at Letchworth's first roundabout, Broadway. We will walk to Ardeley and back, approximately 18 miles. Optional visit to Church Farm café. Bring sandwiches and water. No need to book, just turn up.

Friday 24 June

Greensand Ridge walk challenge of 40 miles in a day.

Start at Leighton Buzzard at 5am.

Finish at Gamlingay. Bring sandwiches and water. If you would like to come on this walk please contact William (see below) to finalise details.

For more information about these festival walks contact William

William Armitage 01462 643537
armitagewilliam@hotmail.co.uk

Don't do email?

If an event has no phone number, write c/o David's Bookshop, or phone LALG Secretary on **01462 683898** or LALG Chair on **01462 735642**

Monthly Quiz



Our popular online quizzes are taking a few months off and will be back in the autumn when the nights draw in again.

If you would like to Host one of next winter's quizzes, or to know more before committing yourself, then do get in touch.

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lalg.org.uk/monthlyquiz

Visiting Churches

Cambridge Central Mosque
Date: TBA



Opened in 2019 and billed as Europe's first eco-mosque, the building was conceived as a forest of 'trees' that would recall Qur'anic teachings about the harmony of humanity and nature. We shall have a guided tour and the chance to wander around the garden.

The date has yet to be finalized but is expected to be towards the end of July; details will be given on the LALG website as soon as possible.

Booking should open on 1st June. (Travel by train or meet in Cambridge; the walk to the mosque is about a mile.)

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

A number of people suggested a visit to the Neasden temple. Unfortunately the cost of a coach is prohibitively expensive and public transport too awkward for a group.

Group Contact: Ann
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lalg.org.uk/visitingchurches

Bus Buddies



The bus services have not improved as much as we hoped, so it is not yet possible to plan bus trips with any confidence. For now, please email your details to the Group Contact. Or ring Jackie Sayers on 07970 407635. Angela will then be in touch as soon as the situation improves enough.

Past favourites have been to Hertford, Biggleswade, St Albans, St Ives and WGC for a mixture of sight-seeing and shopping. At the destination people can go off by themselves or meet for lunch and later ride home together.

Group Contact: Angela Ellis
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lalg.org.uk/busbuddies

London Villages

After the successful Clerkenwell walk, our next outing will be later in the summer: watch this space!

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COVE (Centrally Organised Virtual Events)



We have now finished our 2021-2022 programme and will be taking a break over the summer. We will be returning in September with monthly talks. If you have any ideas or know of speakers we might contact please get in touch.

Elaine Fox
chair@lalg.org.uk

New Ideas

Canoeing and Paddle Boarding

Twelve members are interested so far and they have lots of ideas for how to take things forward.

There will be more information in the next newsletter but meanwhile do get in touch if you are interested:

newideas@jalg.org.uk

Chess for Fun

Do you want to improve your chess and have fun at the same time?

Our friendly sessions will begin with a short video or demonstration of a chess tactic to improve your game.

We will meet monthly on a weekday evening at a Letchworth venue to be agreed.

If you are interested, please get in touch:

Nayier Ahmad
newideas@jalg.org.uk

Meet for Coffee 5

Thursday 9 June, 10.30am

Grange Community Centre and Café,
Letchworth SG6 4NG

The Centre is within easy walking distance of many members and will complement the other coffee groups. The Café is in an attractive building next to the main Community Centre.

Usually open from 7.30am to 2.30pm. The group will decide how often to meet and a favourite day of the week.

Acting Group Contact: William Armitage 01462 643537;
newideas@jalg.org.uk

Pilates/ Keep fit

Around 40 people have expressed an interest in some form of keep fit.

Many members seem keen on Pilates and so we are now looking for a qualified instructor and a venue.

Members are asked to **please get in touch if you could lead a session of Pilates, Qigong or similar.**

We also need someone who would be prepared to act as the contact point for this group.

This could be a very popular group if we can get the help needed.

William Armitage 01462 643537
newideas@jalg.org.uk

Pickleball

Pickleball is a fun sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis.

Played either indoors or outdoors on a badminton-sized court. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball over a net.

Contact Steve if you are interested.

Acting Group Contact:
Steve Green 07710 542803
newideas@jalg.org.uk

We are hoping for some of these New Ideas to become new groups. As soon as they do, they will appear in the relevant section of the newsletter with a 'NEW' icon like this:

newideas@jalg.org.uk



Guided Village Walks

This was one of the most popular choices in our recent survey so we want to get this idea off the ground.

We are hoping to draw up a list of activities for 2022, and we need one or two people who can help us to make this happen.

Please get in touch if you can help in any way.

newideas@lalg.org.uk

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

It also enables you to join in the free COVE events when they resume.

Committee News



The next Committee meeting is on **Wednesday 22 June**.

If there is anything you would like the Committee to discuss, please contact the Secretary:

Marian Adams: 01462 683898;
secretary@lalg.org.uk

Approved minutes of past meetings and details of future meetings are at:

lalg.org.uk/committeemeetings

Meet a Member

Derek Blyth

Derek joined LALG in June 2020 to help with online events during the Covid pandemic. He said:



66 My good friend and neighbour, Elaine Fox, told me that she wanted to step up what LALG could offer to people who were stuck at home during lockdown. She helped to arrange a fantastic programme of online entertainment and I was only too happy to support that with a variety of music-based talks and performances.

I am a retired music teacher, have conducted many shows at the Gordon Craig Theatre and still belong to the London Accordion Orchestra. We recently featured in the UK album charts backing the pop band The Divine Comedy on their 2022 album *Charmed Life*.

The orchestra is giving a concert on Saturday 2 July at Letchworth's Broadway Theatre. It's booking now!

LALG's online talks have stopped now but I am still involved, mainly with the Nordic Walking group. I really enjoy the chance to meet new people.

Outside of LALG, I am a keen cook and baker and I recently took up patchwork and quilting. I am also a Sunday School teacher at St. Mary's Church in Stotfold.

What else? Well, I am originally from Scotland and still have family there. And I have a cat called Dillon, who is in charge of the house!



Do you have an idea for a new group?



Any member of LALG is welcome to start a new group on any subject provided it is within the spirit of LALG.

The Group Support Team will help to get things started and provide advice and support until it becomes self-sufficient.

And we are always looking for more people willing to help groups to become established.

Please get in touch with one of us if you could help, or if your group needs our help.

Please ring one of the team:

Steve Green 07710 542803

Jackie Sayers 07970 407635

William Armitage 01462 643537

Or you can email us at:
groupsupport@lalg.org.uk

Make Music for Ukraine



Tuesday 21 June is International Make Music Day and Elaine Fox is organising a fundraiser for Ukraine.

Local music makers will come together at 11am in Letchworth town centre to entertain and there will be some community singing.

We hope you can join us to support the refugees and displaced people as they rebuild their lives. If you would like to take part, or can volunteer on the day please get in touch:
chair@lalg.org.uk

Black Squirrel Country Dancing Group

Tuesdays 31 May and 21 June, 6.30pm - 8pm



The main hall at the Central Methodist Church, Pixmore Way, Letchworth, SG6 3TR

Starting up again from 2020!
Complete beginners with 2 left feet very welcome!

All dances taught/called.

LALG members £4, non-members £5

All welcome!

**Group Contact: MandyBaldwin
07515 823735**

mandyandbob@googlemail.com

Arts and Books

British History Reading Group



Thursday 16 June, 7.30pm

Broadway Hotel Bar.

Topic: *Religion and the Rise of Capitalism* by R H Tawney.

This classic of economic history examines the relationship between capitalism and religion from the late Middle Ages to the early eighteenth century.

Although nearly a century old it's a stimulating read.

All welcome.

**Group Contact:
Don Dowling 01462 678934;
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lalg.org.uk/britishhistory

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Get Painting

We meet at The Settlement, Letchworth SG6 4UB each Wednesday morning 9.30am - 12.30pm to paint in watercolours, acrylic or oil paints.

All welcome, from beginners to masters. Paint, chat and discuss each other's work and a nice tea break to boot!

Contact:

Tony Faulkner 07414 780177;
antonio@live.co.uk

Data Protection

We only use your personal data to keep you informed of LALG activities and to send you information from other organisations that share our values and from our discount suppliers.

We store your data securely.

We do not give your data to anyone else without your permission.

If you cease to be a member, we remove your data from our records.

Data Protection Officer:

Elaine Fox 01462 735642
dpo@lalg.org.uk

Art Appreciation

There will be no meeting in June. The next meeting is
Monday 4 July, 2pm



If you would like to join us, or want more information, please get in touch:

Group Contact: Anne Clarke
artappreciation@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/artappreciation

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

Children's Books

For dates and books being read, please see the website.



We enjoy reading classic and current books aimed at children, from picture books to teen fiction.

We discuss the content, writing style and format and its relevance to the period it was written in.

For more information, please get in touch:

Group Contact: Jane Faulkner
childrensbooks@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/childrensbooks

Crime and Murder Mystery Book Group

Monday 27 June, 7.30pm

The Orchard Restaurant,
Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club,
Muddy Lane, SG6 3TB

The Guest List by Lisa Foley

Sorry, we are currently full, but please contact us to go on the waiting list.

Group Contact:
Jenny Gosling 01462 895878;
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lalg.org.uk/crimebookgroup



Full

Immersive Theatre

We travel down to London occasionally to see the latest immersive theatre shows.
See our webpage for more details.



Group Contact: Andy Smith
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ialg.org.uk/immersivetheatre

Daytime Book Group

Monday 13 June, 2pm
All the Light We Cannot See
See by Anthony Doerr.



Monday 11 July, 2pm
Windswept by Billy Connolly.

We meet at The Orchard Restaurant, Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB

Group Contact:
Hazel Irwin 01462 730498;
daytimebook@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/daytimebook

The Irish Book Group (formerly Ireland and the Irish Language)



Wednesday 8 June, 11am
The Gallery, Leys Avenue
We will be discussing *Time after Time* by Molly Keane. There will also be time to choose future books and also general discussions on aspects of Irish literature and a book swap.



Wednesday 13 July, 11am
Mad, Bad, Dangerous To Know by Colm Tóibín writing about the fathers of Joyce, Yeats and Wilde.

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

ialg.org.uk/ireland

Fairfield Book Group



Thursday 9 June, 7.30pm
Note: Date change

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Thursday 7 July, 7.30pm
Lies Sleeping by Ben Aaronovitch.

Fairfield Bowls Club,
Kingsley Avenue, SG5 4GY

£2 per month covers hire costs of venue and books.

Refreshments available from 7.15pm.

Group Contact:
Elaine Fox 01462 735642;
fairfieldbookgroup@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/fairfieldbookgroup

Group Contacts: looking for a policy, a form or guidance on something?
Visit ialg.org.uk/guidance

Monday Painting Group



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 try it for £5 per session.

Group Contact:
Valerie Williams 01462 624439
mondaypainting@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/mondaypainting

Film Appreciation (Discussion Group)

Monday 6 June, 8pm
at Peter's house.



We will discuss *By the Grace of God* (2018) dir: François Ozon. It is available for the next few weeks on BBC iPlayer. It is also available to rent on Amazon Prime Video.

Group Contact:
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Play Reading 2

Broadway Hotel Bar

Please get in touch if you would like to go on our waiting list:



Acting Group Contact:
Jackie Sayers 07970 407635;
playreading2@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/playreading2

Full

Opera and Ballet Group

Tuesday 5 July, 7.15pm
Letchworth Settlement,
Nevels Road SG6 4UB

We shall watch part of Scene 1 of Act 1, the whole of Scene 2, and Act 2 of Donizetti's wonderful and highly dramatic opera *Maria Stuarda*, (Mary Queen of Scots). Joyce DiDonato's performance as Mary is outstanding. Truly, an evening not to be missed. Come along, plenty of room in the Main Hall.

Group Contact:
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operagroup@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/operagroup



Play Reading 1

Monday 20 June,
1.30pm

Barefoot in the Park by
Neil Simon

Meeting in a member's house as usual in Letchworth.

We now have room for one or two new members. Please contact Ann if you are interested and wish to know more.

Group Contact:
Ann Gibson 01462 680995;
playreading1@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/playreading1



Poetry in the Afternoon

We meet at our homes to discuss a themed poem.



Regrettably we cannot accept new members for the time being, but please get in touch to go on our waiting list.

Group Contact:
Mike Mannion 01462 674580;
poetryafternoon@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/poetryafternoon

Full

Poetry for Pleasure

If you would like to join our waiting list, please get in touch.

Group Contact:
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poetry@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/poetry



Full



LETCHWORTH CITY CHORUS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

FRI 15TH JULY 7:30PM - SAT 16TH JULY 2:30PM

Letchworth City Chorus has built an enviable reputation since it was established, both for its exciting performances and rich harmonies from a versatile repertoire. This year we celebrate our 10th Anniversary (delayed by Covid for two years!). Our concerts this summer will be a celebration of the music that has been the favourite of both the choir and our audiences over these 10 years. It will feature songs from stage, screen and popular music: from the dynamic (This is Me – Greatest Showman) to beautiful love songs (Fields of Gold – Sting). We aim to make this our best concert yet!!

**Letchworth Free Church,
Norton Way South, SG6 1NX**

ADMISSION: £10 CONCESSIONS: £8

Tickets from David's Music Shop or pay at the door (card only)

We look forward to entertaining you!

JOIN US

Letchworth City Chorus is always ready to welcome new members from the diverse communities of North Hertfordshire. No auditions are required nor an ability to read music, just a love of music.

Our rehearsals provide full support to reach the standards required for our performances.

We are a friendly and vibrant mixed choir that enjoys the social side of being together as much as the music. We meet every Wednesday at the Free Church, from 7:30pm You will be welcome to join us on any Wednesday 'to try us out'. And why not attend one of our concerts and see for yourself the amazing community that is Letchworth City Chorus.

Readers' Group

Thursday 23 June,
7.45 for 8pm, Mrs Howard
Memorial Hall, Norton Way
South SG6 1NX



Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

Thursday 28 July, *The Girl With the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare

The group is now full, but do get in touch to be added to our waiting list. There is a charge to cover room hire and library fees (for the books).

Group Contact:

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

Full

lalg.org.uk/readersgroup

Science Book Group

Wednesday 20 July,
7.30pm



13.8: The Quest to Find the True Age of the Universe and the Theory of Everything by John Gribbin

An astrophysicist and popular science writer, Gribbin explains how the Universe's age was discovered (13.8 billion years), how our understanding of the Universe has developed, and how we should be able to unify the 20th century's two great theories of physics (the general theory of relativity, describing the behaviour of large things; quantum theory describing the behaviour of small ones) into a unified "Theory of Everything".

We will discuss this book and related topics. All LALG members are welcome and there is no charge. We expect to meet in The Orchard Café, Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB; but please check the website a few days before.

Contact: Ann

sciencebookgroup@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/sciencebookgroup

Shakespeare Study Group

Wednesday 1 June,
10.30am-12.30pm

Broadway Hotel bar



We are a friendly informal group who are interested in learning more about the works of William Shakespeare.

Each month we choose a certain play to read and discuss and we meet on the first Wednesday of every month.

Group Contact:

Lorraine Gregory 07708 580308;
shakespeare@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/shakespeare

Writers Group

First Tuesday of each month,
7.30pm - 9.30pm



We are a friendly and varied group. We write 2 or 3 pages in advance, inspired by a specific topic or genre.

We then share our work (optional) before the meeting and discuss it on the night. Newcomers very welcome.

Group Contact: Diana Newson
writersgroup@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/writersgroup

Crafts & Gardening

Art and Craft Workshop

Thursday 2 June

If you would like to learn how to paint with



watercolours come and join our next workshop. All materials supplied.

Please get in touch for the time and location:

Group Contact:

Robin Ghisi 01462 482400
artworkshop@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/artworkshop

Embroidery Group

Third Wednesday of each month, 2pm

Orchard Café , Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club SG6 3TH



This new group is focused on hand embroidery. Members vary from skilled to complete beginners, all levels are welcome. We plan to work on individual projects sharing ideas and skills as we go. If you would like to join us please get in touch:

Group Contact:

Alison Walker 07742 606150;

embroidery@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/embroidery

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

Clock Group

Wednesday evenings

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall,
Norton Way South
SG6 1NX



We service and repair clocks under our tutor Richard Edwards.

Sessions begin with a short presentation on theory, followed by practical work on members' clocks.

We welcome both previous members and beginners; no experience is necessary and only a few basic tools will get you started.

Richard will contact members nearer the meeting. Prospective members who contacted him during lockdown are on the mailing list, but it will do no harm to send him a reminder.

Group Contact:

Richard Edwards 01462 683030;

clockgroup@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/clockgroup

Flower Arranging

**Mondays every 2 weeks
2-4pm**



The Cloisters,
Letchworth SG6 3TH

We are a very enthusiastic group who enjoy making pretty arrangements.

Our skills vary from complete novices to almost professional.

The group can now accept new members, so if you are interested, please get in touch:

Group Contact:

Angie Lockyer 01462 893441;

flowerarranging@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/flowerarranging

Local Discounts

For details of local businesses offering discounts to LALG members, turn to page 28 or visit **www.lalg.org.uk/discounts**

Gardens For All

Saturday 25 June



We will be going to Benington Floral Festival and Open Gardens, travelling individually or by car share. For further details of meeting time etc. please contact Susan Mellor.

New members are always very welcome to join this friendly group. You don't need a garden to belong.

Group Contact:

Susan Mellor 01462 456486;

gardensforall@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/gardensforall

Gardening Tea and Tips 1



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

Group Contact:
Annie Hankin 01462 685511;
gardeningTT1@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/GardeningTT1

Full

Gardening Tea and Tips 2

Friday 24 June, 2pm
At Peter & Jenny's.



We take turns to host meetings, view the gardens, swap plants, information and ideas, followed by refreshments.

Group Contact: Angela Ellis
gardeningTT2@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/GardeningTT2

Full

Gardening Tea and Tips 3

Mondays 15 and 27 June, 2pm



We are a newly set up group of keen gardeners and have just had our first official meeting. We plan to visit each others' gardens, swap plants, information and ideas, followed by tea and cake. We are a friendly group and would welcome more members. Please get in touch for details of the venues.

Group Contacts:
Ros Dollman 01462 683769
Christine Reed 07855 634075
gardeningTT3@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/GardeningTT3



Knitting Group

For information about our meetings, please contact:

Group Contact:
Annie Hankin 01462 685511;
knittinggroup@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/knittinggroup



Full

Patchwork Group

Thursday 9 June, 11am-1pm

Orchard Café, Sports & Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. We meet on the first Thursday of the month. For more information about our group please get in touch.

Group Contact:
Zena Truscott 01462 627253;
patchwork@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/patchwork



Full

Photography Out and About

We are a small group of hobby photographers.

Our monthly photoshoots are held on the second Monday morning. We review some of our photos on the fourth Monday afternoon at a local hall to share ideas and knowledge. Members take it in turns to organise outings and the review.

The group is currently full. If you would like to be added to our waiting list please get in touch.

Group Contact:
Pat Rumpus 01438 557529;
poa@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/poa



Full

Playing the Recorder for Fun

Wednesdays, 10am - 11.30am

We enjoy making music together and having a chat afterwards. Some experience of recorder playing and/or reading music would be useful.

Group Contact:
Rayna West 07415 169511;
recorder@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/recorder



Sewing Group

First Friday of every month at 10am

Our skills and interests are varied, but we all love creating useful and/or beautiful things.

We help each other with ideas and practical advice. All welcome.

Group Contact:
Alison Butler 07941 631314;
sewing@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/sewing



Sketching in the English Countryside

Friday 24 June, 10.30am

Norton Common, Letchworth
Meet in the car park by the open air swimming pool.

All welcome, just bring your drawing paper, pencils and a chair if you enjoy sketching outside or would like to have a go.

Group Contact: Celia Lord
01462 623589 or 07964 373131;
sketchingcountryside@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/sketchingcountryside



Textiles Group

We share ideas regarding all elements of textiles and we meet at one of our members' homes.

The group is currently full but please contact Linda if you would like to be added to our waiting list.

Group Contact:
Linda Carson 07990 748583;
textiles@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/textiles



Full

Wild Flowers

Summer outings will include a visit to Docwra's Manor Garden on a Wednesday afternoon, and Hexton Chalk Pits on a Wednesday or Thursday in June.

Members will be given details when dates have been decided.

Group Contact:
Sheila Rhodes 01462 678911;
wildflowers@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/wildflowers



Full

Ukulele Group

Main group, 26 strong.
Thursdays, 1pm - 3pm
St Thomas' Church Hall,
Bedford Road SG6 4DU

Beginners group.
Thursdays, 12pm - 12.45pm, we are looking for another 5 people to start a new group. Instruments provided, no experience required.

Improvers group
Improvers group is now suspended due to commitments performing at various venues.

Group Contact:
David Flower 01462 683939; or
07804 158463
ukulele@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/ukulele



Textile Interest Group

Thursday 23 June,
11am - 1pm



This group meets on a monthly basis to take part in a Textile workshop. This month we will be 'Rag weaving'.

The meetings, which include all materials and equipment as well as refreshments, are £4 per person. New members always welcome.

Please email to book your place in advance.

Group Contact:
Amy Wilson 07917 542405;
textileinterest@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/textileinterest

It is up to each individual to stay safe and to arrange their own personal insurance where applicable.

Food and Drink

Breakfast Club

Tuesday 14 June, 10am



Gardener's Retreat,
Hitchin Garden Centre,
Cambridge Road (A505),
Hitchin SG4 0JT

A varied choice for breakfast is available from Toasts & Preserves to a Full English Breakfast.

Please contact Malcolm beforehand as some venues can only take a limited number of people.

Group Contact:
Malcolm King 01462 677329;
breakfast@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/breakfast

Baking Group – Evenings

Next meeting date, theme
& venue TBA.



This group currently meets, every two months, on a 'bring and share' basis, tasting and discussing items that we have made at home and sharing the recipes. We want to grow as a group and need your views and ideas.

Please email your thoughts to Emma on what you want/expect from the group, the frequency of meetings, having members' demonstrations and/or hands on baking (if feasible), other styles/methods of cooking, occasional talks. What themes interest you such as different breads, savoury items, "free from", cakes, biscuits, pies/tarts.

All welcome. If you are planning to come, please contact:

Group Contact: Emma
baking@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/baking

Firkin Club

Thursday 9 June, 8pm



Garden City Brewery
The Wynd, Letchworth
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.

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

New members welcome.

Group Contact:
Grant Cameron 01462 679569;
firkinclub@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/firkinclub

Food and Cookery

Please contact Keith to go on our waiting list.

Group Contact:
Keith 07917 446044;
foodcookery@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/foodcookery



Full

Lunch Club

Monday 13 June,
12.30pm

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

We are a small friendly group open to everyone. As booking the venue is preferable, please contact Sheila by email if you would like to join us.

Group Contact:
Sheila George 07807 827490;
lunchclub@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/lunchclub



Malt Whisky Appreciation

Friday 15 July, 7pm

Slainte Mhath!

Over 100 whiskies tasted so far!

If you are interested in sampling, comparing and enjoying fine malt whisky come along to this meeting when fine examples will be presented for members' pleasure.

For the venue and format please contact:

Group Contact:
Grant Cameron 01462 679569;
maltwhisky@ialg.org.uk

To see a list of the whiskies sampled so far, visit our web page at

ialg.org.uk/maltwhisky



Making Cocktails

Cocktail-making evenings are held every two months and are hosted by group members at their homes so we are limited to numbers.



Currently the group is full. However, to join the waiting list, please do get in touch:

Contact: Claire Brett,
claire.brett@btinternet.com
cocktails@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/cocktails

Full

Supper Club

Please contact Linda for details of our next meal.

Group Contact:
Linda King 01462 677329;
supperclub@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/supperclub



Vegetarian and Vegan Group

Vutie Beets,
The Wynd,
Letchworth SG6 3EN

The group meets on the third Tuesday every month at 7pm. The meeting's agenda changes monthly: examples include cooking demonstrations, talks, quizzes and meals.

An email will be sent to members with all the details nearer the time.

If you are interested in attending please email the group contact below.

Group Contacts:
Harry hello@vutiebeets.co.uk
Lara Mitchell
vegetarianandvegan@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/vegetarianandvegan



Wine Appreciation Group

Friday 10 June, 7.30pm

The wine presentation is Oaked V Unoaked Wines presented by Aileen Barry and we look forward to appreciating the differences between the production process.

If you are interested in joining you are very welcome; please contact:

Group Contacts:

Tony Mansey 07770 541207;

George Barnes 01462 673710;

wineappreciation@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/wineappreciation



Wine Discovery

Please get in touch for details of our next meeting:

Group Contacts:

Moira and Nigel Rigby

winediscovery@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/winediscovery



Full

Wine Group 3

Tuesday 21 June, 7.30pm

Mrs Howard Memorial Hall,
Norton Way South SG6 1NX

Our wine group 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. Please email if you are interested in joining us.

Group Contacts:

Jerry Bolter 07561 759798

Mike Clarke 07885 164188

winegroup3@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/winegroup3



General Groups

Action for Happiness

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



Group Contact:

Chris West 07932 195463;

actionforhappiness@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/actionforhappiness

All Things Feathered Poultry Society

Calling all keepers of poultry and waterfowl!

We meet every two months and you will be very welcome to join us. You will meet some delightful hens and fellow keepers.



Group Contact:

Claire Bunyan 07788 153500;

chickens@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/chickens

All Things Military

Thursday 9 June, 7.30pm

The Underwood Room,
Mrs Howard Memorial Hall,
Norton Way South SG6 1NX

London Transport in Wartime a talk
by Mike Leverton.

£3 each to cover the cost of room hire
and refreshments.

Group Contacts:

Veronica Tomkins 01462 671402;

allthingsmilitary@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/allthingsmilitary



General Groups cont.

All Things Scottish

For our next meeting the group will be hearing from members and friends all about their Scottish roots, Highlands, Islands, Lowlands, Borders, Clans and how they arrived in North Herts.

If you would like to take part as a contributor or as a listener please contact Joyce.



More response is needed to ensure that the group continues.

Group Contact:
Joyce Henderson
01462 420342;
scottish@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/scottish

Ancient Egypt Study Group

We are interested in all aspects of Ancient Egypt.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month.

If you are interested in Egyptology, please get in touch.

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



If you are interested in a group that's full, why not start another group?

The Support Team can help for the first few meetings until the group is self-sufficient.

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Tickets are £18 (£5 for age 25 and under).

For tickets go to trybooking.co.uk/BQFK

For more information and a link see our website. westonmusicsociety.org.uk/



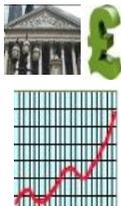
WESTON CONCERTS

Saturday 11th June 2022 7.30pm
Alexander Chance (counter-tenor)
and
Toby Carr (lute)

Holy Trinity Church, Weston SG4 7DJ

Two rising stars, Alexander Chance and Toby Carr will share a long set of early English music, to be followed by a conversation with us, the audience, about performance issues and the current state of their particular musical world. This follows our previous success with the same format with the guitarist Sean Shibe.

Black Squirrel Investment Club



After 21 years of superb analysis and uncanny intuition we remain competitive with the FTSE 100!!

Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

For more information, please get in touch.

Group Contact:
Graham Pointon 01462 670004;
investmentclub@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/investmentclub

If you would like to join or suggest a new group, please leave your details at David's Bookshop or email **newgroups@lalg.org.uk**

Computer Users

Fridays 10 June and 1 July, 2pm



Premier Inn café, Station Road, Letchworth SG6 3BG

This is a self-help group for non-experts who, through their own experiences, try to solve computer or smart phone issues raised by other members of the group.

Drop in for help with any computer/ phone related problems over a coffee.

All levels of expertise welcome.

Group Contact: Graham Taylor
usingcomputers@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/usingcomputers

Full

This is not a computer support line

Blitz an Open Space

Litter picking dates:



Letchworth

Saturdays 11 June and 9 July
Thursdays 16 June and 21 July

Baldock

Wednesday 1 June and 13 July
Sundays 26 June and 31 July

Venues will be advised nearer the time. To date the teams have collected 672 bags of rubbish. Brian's medical procedure in April went well as does his recovery. He hopes to be leading the teams in June.

He would appreciate it if any LALG member can advise him of areas that need attention.

Volunteers are always welcome to join; please send your details to:

Group Contact:
Brian Noble 01462 490906;
or 07773 671487 (text)
litter@lalg.org.uk

lalg.uk.org/litter

Countryside, Nature, Farming and Wildlife



Tuesday 14 June, 10.30am
David's Bookshop café, Letchworth.

Identifying trees

We will be looking at tree identification in Britain especially those found in the local area. If you have tree guide books please bring them with you. The meeting will include a short walk to identify trees nearby. No need to book, just turn up.



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

lalg.org.uk/countryside

BUSINESSES OFFERING DISCOUNTS TO LALG MEMBERS

A M Optometrists	29 Leys Avenue	486123	10% off complete glasses
Agent Brains Escape Games	26 Leys Avenue	539763	10% off all off-peak game bookings
Alexander Lewis Estates	9 Arena Parade	510881	20% off fee for sales
Allders Opticians	15 Eastcheap	01462 673216	10% off spectacles
Bamboo Turtle, the zero waste shop	12-14 The Arcade	07880 986635	10% off household liquids
Beautiful Bathrooms	53 Leys Avenue	484477	10% off bathroom products
Cooks Boutique	22 Leys Avenue	01708 691322	10% off purchases over £10
Countryside Ski and Climb	118-120 High Street, Stevenage	01438 353086	10% off full price items only
David Stern Optician	10 Arena Parade	683045	10% excluding eye test
David's Bookshop	12-14 Eastcheap	684631	10% over £5, some exceptions
David's Music	12 Eastcheap	475900	10% over £5, some exceptions
Eric T Moore Books	14 Cherry Trees, Lower Stondon	450497	10% on stock items (not special order) and orders must be placed by phone or email
Fairhaven Wholefoods	Unit 27 Jubilee Trade Centre, Jubilee Rd	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% except Interflora
Icas-Vilas Fine Art	8-10 Leys Ave	677455	10% framing only
Isabelle Estates	45 Station Road	487877	10% off sales fees
Jewellery Box	1 The Arcade	675707	10% off everything except watches
Joules etc. Gifts	3 The Wynd	07415 281930	10% off sales over £10
Just for me	30 Leys Ave	676688	15%
Letchworth Aquatics	66 Leys Avenue	337326	10% off livestock
Letchworth Centre For Healthy Living	Hitchin Road	678804	10% off café and many treatments 5% off many classes, 15% off room hire. Phone for details.
Letchworth Pharmacy	One Garden City, Broadway	685915	10% non-medical
Martins Furniture	62-64 Leys Avenue & Commerce Way	351610	10% discount off furniture, 5% off carpets and flooring
Max Spielmann	36 Broadway	672264	10%

Unless specified otherwise, the town is Letchworth and the phone code is 01462.
For the latest details, see www.lalg.org.uk/discounts



Letchworth

Festival

28th May - 26th June

MUSIC

Live music on stages and venues across the town
Garden City Sounds in Howard Park | TryFest at Letchworth Rugby Club

ART

Letchworth comes alive with arts activities and exhibitions
Art Market Weekend | Sketchworth Garden City | Bruce Asbestos

FILM

Experience film like never before at our film festival events
Food Film Festival at Broadway Cinema | Director Talks

HERITAGE

Explore Letchworth Garden City's unique heritage and history
Tom Karen Creations | Outdoor Museum | Walks, Talks and Open Days

FOOD AND DRINK

Because what's a festival without food and drink!
Jubilee Big Lunch | Food&Drink Fest

PLUS MANY MORE EVENTS INCLUDING

LALG 35th Anniversary celebration events, Open Gardens,
Armed Forces Day commemorations and more.

To see the full event listing
scan this QR code, or visit
www.letchworthfestival.org



Events Running Throughout The Festival..

The Gallery Went Pop

Broadway Gallery

A new exhibition by artist, Bruce Asbestos

Facing the Music

Broadway Cinema

An exhibition by photographer, Rod Shone

Letchworth Fun Fact Hunt

Throughout the Town Centre

Solve all the clues and identify the hidden word within the grid to be in with a chance of winning a luxury hamper donated by Leysbrook.

Tom Karen Creations

Micro Museum at One Garden City

Exploring the life and work of one of Britain's most influential designers. From Bond Bugs and Reliant Scimitars to Raleigh Choppers and Star Wars vehicles and much more created at OGLE in Letchworth.



Other Highlights

Artists and Makers Fair Weekend

11th - 12th June - Leys Avenue - 10am - 4pm

Meet and support local artists... Plus, an Art Trail including Open Studios, Artist Talks and Demonstrations.



Letchworth Open Gardens

Sunday 19th June

20 Letchworth gardeners will once again be opening their gates to the public.

The gardens will open at 11am and close at 5pm.

You can browse as many

or as few gardens as you like for the entry fee of £8 in advance or £10 on the day.

All the monies raised from programme, plant and refreshment sales will be shared between the Garden House Hospice and the British Red Cross, and there's never been a better time to support these worthy causes.

Find out more about these, and all the events taking place at www.lethworthfestival.org

June 17th - 19th

Garden City Sounds

Howard Park
The Sunbuck

FRIDAY 17th
Local Produce Night
Skimmington Ride
The Outliers
Steph Scott
Mark & Tom

More Acts
TBC

SATURDAY 18th
BRITPOP 60's to 90's
feat.
95RPM
Norton Splinter
(&Guests)
T N E
Trippin' Highys

Herts Big Band
Blues Jam - Folk Jam
KIDS RAVE

SUNDAY 19th
Mainstage Closers
Sing-a-Long Closing
Ceremony
Great British Dad-Off
Letchworth Pulse
Festival

Jazzworks
Garden City Samba
Bhangra Workshop
Dance Fusion

Also: Circus skills - FunFair - Food - Beer - RealAle - Wine and more...

The popular Letchworth Festival event has been missed by audiences, performers and Letchworth residents in recent years as, like the majority of the cultural sector, the pandemic has curtailed and cancelled planned activities.

The team at The Letchworth Festival have now regrouped with a new energy and excitement to produce the biggest and best Letchworth Festival yet in 2022.

The festival will take place throughout the town in June 2022, kicking off with activities for the late May school half term, and events and activities to tie in with the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. Events being planned so far include a wider range of the creative arts than ever before, ranging from art, theatre and literature through to music and the spoken word.

The festival team are working with the Letchworth Culture Committee to use this event as a launchpad for the new Cultural Strategy for Letchworth. It's hoped that this new strategy will help to bring together creatives in the town, and position Letchworth as a cultural hot spot.

In the spirit of bringing creative people together, the festival team are looking to bring new faces to the organisation committee. There are a range of roles available - do you think you could be involved?

The chair of the Festival, Hilary Kemp said: "We're so excited to be reimagining, growing and relaunching The Letchworth Festival. Now is the time for us to celebrate all that is wonderful in our culturally rich and diverse town, and this festival will do just that. We need the support of the community, so if you think you'd like to be involved, please email me directly on hilary.kemp@letchworthfestival.org and we can have a chat, or visit the website and click "Contact"

www.letchworthfestival.org



The festival committee would like to thank the festival sponsors, without whom, the event would not be possible.



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scan this QR code, or visit
www.leitchworthfestival.org



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Miss Green Fingers	2-4 Eastcheap	337970	10% off café items
Mobility World Ltd	Birds Hill	708830	£50 off Riser Recliner Chairs, 10% off smaller items
Nanny Julie's Children's Hairdresser	8 The Arcade	337805	10%
North Herts Chiropody	46 Leys Avenue	684358	10% off full treatments
On Your Travels		677111	Discounts on tours and cruises
Pampered Pets	9 The Arcade	07432 440104	25% off a full groom
Past and Present	47 Leys Avenue	485117	5%
Professional Dry Cleaners	25 Eastcheap	682571	10% dry cleaning on site only
Prontaprint	59 Leys Avenue	674674	10%
Redfin Models	1 Whitehorse Street, Baldock	619543	5% off all kits
Revive the Beauty Salon	4 The Wynd	674888	10%
Shades Of Gray	38 Broadway	686578	10% for over 60s
System Restore UK	2 The Wynd	339101	10% off all labour
T Brooker	Unit 7 Bilton Rd, Hitchin	434501	Trade discount where applicable
The Cakey Lady HQ	16 The Wynd	337980	20% off 2 or more cakes
The Chai Room	30A Leys Avenue	338200 or 07539 222236	10% discount
The Letchworth Clinic	17 Station Road	670900	10% podiatry Mon-Fri
The Little Ironing Shop	23 The Wynd	671760 or 07976 966284	10%
The Orchard at Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club	Muddy Lane	835525	10% discount on all food and non-alcoholic beverages
The Secret Wardrobe	1 The Wynd	07921 869771	5% off scented products, 10% off all other items
The Shoe Box	45 Leys Avenue	683190	10% off all shoe repairs
The Uniform Monkeys	6 The Arcade	07828 148179	10% off first order
Tom Badstevener Gas Safe Engineer	44 Maltings Close, Baldock	07970 958483	10% off labour
Vutie Beets vegan café	24/25 the Wynd	337930	10% off all sales
Walkwel Clinic	13 Eastcheap	682526	5% off non-sale footwear only, in shops in Letchworth and Stevenage.

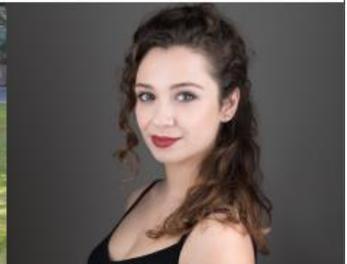
You will be asked for proof of your LALG membership. To suggest a new discount supplier, please contact the LALG Secretary at secretary@lalg.org.uk

THE
Imperial
MALE VOICE CHOIR



Musical Director: Deborah Miles-Johnson
Accompanist: Paul Webster

invites you to its Hitchin concert
featuring guest soprano Leilani Barratt



"Their superb voices filled the hall with tuneful, romantic and lively music."

commended for her "appealingly rich sound"

Saturday 11 June 2022 at 7:00pm

St Mary's Church, Hitchin SG5 1HP

Doors open at 6:30pm

**making
music**

Tickets on the door £17.50 (£8.75 student)

Advance tickets £15 (£7.50 student)

Available from Hitchin Initiative, 1A Church Yard, Hitchin SG5 1HR

Online (+ booking fee) at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/imvc



Proceeds will go to Garden House Hospice,
Letchworth and Great Little Chalfont Refugee
Welcome.

www.imvc.org.uk - Registered Charity No. 1120047



Decluttering Group

Tuesday 27 September,
4pm



Broadway Hotel bar

After a summer break, this group will be ready to focus again on how to declutter.

New members are also welcome.

Acting Group Contact:
Jackie Sayers 07970 407635
decluttering@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/decluttering

Europe and Beyond

Thursday 30 June

The Brunt Room,
Settlement, Nevells Road,
Letchworth SG6 4UB



The topic will be:
Approaches to Mental Health & Wellbeing since 2020

LALG members £3, non-members £4
all are welcome.

Group Contact:
Mandy Baldwin 07515 823735;
europaebeyond@ialg.org.uk
ialg.co.uk/europaebeyond

Quiz Team

Pub and charity quizzes are restarting – let Andrew know about any that you would like the team to go to.

Andrew will email regular quizzers; everyone else please check our webpage.

Group Contact: Andrew Dear
quizteam@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/quizteam



Geology

Wednesday 22
June, 7.30pm



Since our first meeting in March, we've had talks on 'Geology and the Civil Engineer' and 'The Geology of the Isle of Wight'.

Our next meeting in June will be a workshop on 'Limestone'. For more details about the workshop, please check the website.
If you'd like to join us, please contact:

Group Contact:
Carrie Dunne
geology@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/geology

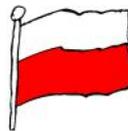
Letchworth Local History Research Group



No meeting in June. Please see the July newsletter for the next meeting.

Group Contact:
Philippa Parker 01462 686828;
localhistory@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/localhistory

Polish Culture and History



Our first meeting was too late for the newsletter.
More news in July.

Poland is at a geographical crossroads bounded by seven countries. It has a flourishing culture and was restored as a nation in 1918.

It is not too late to record your interest if you missed the meeting.

Acting Group Contact
William Armitage 01462 643537;
polish@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/polish



Architecture Group



The re-launch of this group was held too late for this newsletter. More news in July.

The group will be looking at past and future modern structures and will include visits to buildings of interest. We will consider the artistic design, architectural complexities, functionality and construction aspects of buildings.

If you missed the first meeting and would like to know about future meetings please leave your contact details, including phone number with William.

Acting Group Contact:
William Armitage 01462 643537
architecture2@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/architecture2

Towards Carbon-Free Architecture



For dates and times of meetings please see the website.

What have you done to lower your carbon footprint in your home?

Come along with your knowledge and share it with others. All welcome.
LALG members £3, non-members £4

We provide a space where homeowners, architects, developers and builders can learn and share experiences on reducing domestic carbon footprints (and energy bills!).

Group Contact:
Julia Sonander 01462 601903;
architecture@lalg.org.uk,
lalg.org.uk/architecture

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Letchworth Sinfonia Summer Concert

Join us on 25th June at 7.30pm at Letchworth Free Church, Norton Way South, Letchworth for a wonderful concert as part of the Letchworth Festival.



The programme includes Schumann's Cello Concerto (featuring Ariana Kashefi), excerpts from Ravel's Mother Goose Suite and Debussy's Prélude à l'après-midi d'un

faune. We can't wait to play for you. Book your tickets now by visiting www.letchworth-sinfonia.org.uk/concerts

£12 for adults,
£6 for under 18's.



Transport and Industrial Heritage



The group would like to restart but to do that we need one or two people to help to get it going. There is no shortage of ideas, interesting heritage sites to visit and speakers. Without your help and input sadly we will have to cease. Offers of help please to the group contacts. **More response is needed to ensure the group continues.**

Group Contacts:

Chris Snelling 07971 445281;

Robin Gale: 01462 671690;

transport@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/transport

Weather Report Group



Do you record local weather statistics? If so, you will be welcome to join our small group. Please get in touch!

Group Contact:

Keith Taylor 01462 670749;

weather@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/weather

Wilding Group

**Thursday 9 June,
7.30pm on Zoom**



Although we are on Zoom, our discussions beforehand may prompt us to go out to a wild place we can reach within half an hour. (So it may not be very wild!). Please get in touch if you'd like to join us.

Group Contact:

Sue Lines 01462 485266

wilding@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/wilding



Social Groups

Asia and Beyond

Wednesday 15 June, 7.30pm - 9pm

The Orchard Restaurant and Bar, Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane, SG6 3TB

This is a monthly meet up on the third Wednesday of every month.

So far we have discussed migration stories of people from South Asia.

The format of the group has changed to a more informal gathering over coffee. Speakers/activities will be planned 2-3 times a year at different venues. If you are interested in joining, please contact Nayier by email below.

**Group Contact: Nayier Ahmad
sasiaandbeyond@ialg.org.uk**

ialg.org.uk/sasiaandbeyond

50+ Singles Drop-In



**Friday evenings,
from 7.30pm**

Orchard Restaurant and Bar, Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB

We gather at tables in the bar, but ring in advance if you would like Anne to look out for you arriving.

It is a relaxed and informal way to make new friends and maybe to suggest an event that you would like to attend so it can be added to our calendar and others can go with you.

We also organise trips and events for members to sign up to. For more information, please do get in touch:

Group Contact:

Anne Sparrowhawk 07711 145736;

50plussingles1@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/50plussingles1

Meditation Group

Tuesdays, 7pm - 9pm

Gently guide the mind to cultivating a quiet awareness and stillness that arises with taking your attention within. This is a secular practice.

Suitable for all levels; beginners welcome. Guided by Neelam Taneja.

Group Contact:

Sunil Vilas 01462 677455;
meditation@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/meditation



Philosophy for Non-Philosophers

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 07711 145736;
philosophy@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/philosophy



Meet for Coffee 1

For meeting dates contact:

Group Contact:

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



Full

Meet for Coffee 2

Hitchin Garden Centre,
Cambridge Road SG4 0JT
For more details, please contact:

Group Contact:

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



Full

Meet for Coffee 3

Wednesdays, 10.30am

Broadway Hotel bar

All members are welcome to drop in. No need to book but you are welcome to call first to check that someone will be there to greet you.

Group Contact:

Wendy Rowe 07745 426863;
coffee3@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/coffee3



Meet for Coffee 4 at Baldock

Wednesday 15 June,
2pm

At Tapps Garden Centre, Baldock
SG7 6RS.

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Everyone very welcome.

Group Contacts:

Katie Pond 01462 623027

Julia Genders 01462 620615

coffee4@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/coffee4

Informal Lip Reading Group for Hearing Aid Users

Thursdays, 10.30am

We are a small group and we really enjoy our time together.

It is good to be back with friends after all the upheaval.

More details on our web page.

Group Contact:

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

lalg.org.uk/lipreading



Full

Singing For Pleasure

Thursday 30 June,
7.30pm - 9.15pm



St. Thomas' Church Hall,
Bedford Road, Letchworth SG6 4DU

This informal group (not a choir) meets on the **last Thursday of each month**.

We sing a wide range of popular songs from our songbooks and Geoff and Sue accompany us on the keyboard.

There is a short interval, for socialising and refreshments.

Cost for LALG members: £2.50 per session, including refreshments.

Non-members are welcome to come along and try a couple of sessions before deciding whether to join LALG.

Group Contacts:

Amanda MacKnight 01438 750974;

Roger Smith 01462 624824;

Geoff Wright 01462 682642;

singingforpleasure@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/singingforpleasure

Language Groups

Conversation Française

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:

John Gregory 01462 674639;
french1@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/french1

Daytime French

Thursdays 9 and 23
June, 2.30pm



12 Leys Avenue SG6 3EU

Thursdays 16 and 30 June, 2.30pm

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

Contact Sheila Rhodes for details.

Group Contacts:

Val Quieros and Sheila Rhodes

07787 512580;

daytimefrench@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/DaytimeFrench

Dutch Conversation

Once a month on
Wednesday mornings



Come and share your thoughts on the arts, politics, weather, travel, sports, gardening or anything else of interest.

Join our small group of (more or less) Dutch speakers.

Group Contact:

Corrie Swain 01462 742542;

dutch@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/dutch

German Group 1

Tuesday evenings
via Zoom



Everyday conversation with an opportunity for items of special interest.

You are welcome to join us - just contact us for Zoom details.

Group Contact:

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

lalg.org.uk/german1

German Daytime

Wednesdays, 2pm

This group meets via Zoom, or when possible, in each other's homes or a local café.

Hosting is not essential for anyone wishing to join this group. People on our email list receive a weekly update.

This group is thriving, but more members would still be welcomed, particularly native speakers.

Group Contact:
Sheila Hogan 01462 743578;
germandaytime@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/germandaytime



Italian Conversation 1

Usually Fridays,
7.30pm - 9.30pm

We meet via Zoom or at members' homes.

Group Contact:
Alan Fraser 01462 685448;
italian1@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/italian1



Full

Italian Conversation 2

Alternate Wednesday evenings at members' homes.

To find out more or to join the waiting list please contact Gloria.

Group Contact:
Gloria Tirelli 07503 495952;
italian2@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/italian2



Full

Italian Conversation 3

Alternate Mondays,
2.30pm

12 Leys Avenue SG6 3EU

Next meetings:

Mondays 6 and 20 June

Group Contact:
Val Quieros 07787 512580;
italian3@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/italian3



Full

Casual Italian Conversation

A casual, evening conversation group ideal for beginners or intermediate speakers, though patient fluent speakers are most welcome too.

We meet one evening a month to chat over a coffee or glass of wine. A great opportunity to practise your Italian conversation skills and build confidence.

If this appeals to you, please get in touch:

Group Contact: Emma
casualitalian@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/casualitalian



Latin

Alternate Monday evenings via Zoom

For those with some knowledge of Latin.

Group Contact:
Carl Raybold 01767 223167;
latin@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/latin



Russian Language

РУССКИЙ ЯЗЫК

Thursdays, 2.30pm - 4pm
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 needed.

We do need new members.

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

lalg.org.uk/russian



Spanish Conversation

Thursdays, 7.30pm

Three Horseshoes,
102 Norton Road SG6 1AG

The meetings are for general conversation and to practise Spanish together. Some ability in Spanish is needed if you want to really gain a benefit from taking part.

New members are very welcome.

Group Contact:
Ginny Morris 07944 777862;
spanish@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/spanish



Welsh Language and Culture

Last Wednesday of the
month, 2pm

Chalton Manor Farmhouse,
Moggerhanger MK44 3RA

New members welcome to come and share our love of 'the land of our ancestors'.

Group Contact:
Rosalie Lamburn 01767 640930;

lalg.org.uk/welsh



Sports and Games

50/9 Golf Society

We play nine holes every Wednesday morning at some of the finest Golf Clubs in the area, at discounted Green Fees of £10 to £17.50 depending on the venue.

Our games are social rather than competitive, and our members are of all abilities, both male and female. We are all over 50 years old and enjoy playing 9 holes - hence the group's name.

The 50/9ers take over where the regular Golfer leaves off.

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

lalg.org.uk/50_9golf



Badminton 1

Mondays, 8pm - 10pm

Letchworth Sports & Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB

New members welcome.

Group Contact: Paul McCann

badminton1@lalg.org.uk



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

It also enables you to join in the free COVE events on page 4.

Badminton 2

Mondays, 7pm - 8pm
Fearnhill School SG6 4BA



We play mixed doubles and would welcome new players. Our games are sociable, with the emphasis on fun and we have mixed abilities. Do get in touch!

Group Contact:
Sue Bresnahan 07801 345595;
badminton2@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/badminton2

Bridge Club

Tuesdays and Fridays,
1pm



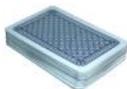
Howgills,
South View SG6 3JJ

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

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

Cribbage

Tuesday 7 June, 2pm - 4pm
Tuesday 21 May, 7pm - 9pm



Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club,
Muddy Lane SG6 3TB

Please contact Edna (afternoon session) or Tony (evening session) if you would like to play

Group Contact:
Edna Constable 01462 485086
cribbage@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/cribbage

Games Club

Mondays, 6, 20 June
7.15pm - 9.30pm



Methodist Church Hall,
North Avenue SG6 1DH
Parking at front, entry on right-hand side of building.

Our club is very welcoming, we help each other out, so don't worry if you haven't played a certain game. We play a wide variety of board and card games. We meet at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. £3, card only, no cash.

Please get in touch beforehand, so we can look out for you and find out what games you have played. If you can take a lateral flow test before the meeting please do so. To check if the meeting is going ahead, please get in touch:

Group Contact:
Cathy Watts 07523 763358;
gamesclub@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/gamesclub

Garden City Wheelers

Thursday 16 June,
10.30am



Meet at the Fountain in Broadway Gardens weather permitting.

We will ride to Jordans Mill, Biggleswade for lunch. This ride is suitable for beginners. We will cycle at the pace of the slowest rider doing a relatively flat return mileage of approximately 20 miles.

If you need further information or intend to join a ride for the first time please contact Stuart on the number/ email below.

Group Contact:
Stuart Collins 07710 507069;
GCWheelers@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/GCWheelers

Easy Riders

Sunday 19 June, 10am



Meet at Letchworth Par 3 Family Golf Centre, Willian Way SG6 2HJ for a ride on quiet roads and the Greenway. Please check our webpage for details of our next rides.

We ask riders to bring a helmet, a drink and a spare inner tube. If you would like to join us, please get in touch for details.

E-bikes are also welcome.

Group Contact:

Jackie Harber 07578 466982;
easyriders@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/easyriders

Mah Jong

We meet at members' homes where we play the game for pleasure.



The game and the way we play it lends itself to both the beginner and the more advanced.

Group Contact:

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

lalg.org.uk/mahjong

Full

Open Water Swimming



We have two swims planned for June - a midweek evening at Box End Lakes (Bedford) and a weekend at Westmill Farm Lakes (Ware).

The group is full for 2022 - but if you are interested in joining us for the 2023 season contact Steve

Acting Group Contact:

Steve Green 07710 542803;
openwater@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/openwater

Full

Par 3 Golf

Fridays, 10am

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



Nine holes, ranging in length from 53 yards to 104 yards.

There is a comfortable clubhouse, serving light refreshments at reasonable prices.

To join this group LALG membership is essential.

There is a small charge.

Group Contact:

Paul Wilkinson
par3@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/par3

Full

To attend LALG groups you should be a member of LALG. But most groups will let you come a couple of times before you decide.

Rummikub

Wednesdays,
10am - 12 noon and
Thursdays, 1pm - 3pm



Orchard Café, Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB

If you have not been before, please get in touch.

Group Contact:

Les Hunt 07748 481288
rummikub@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/rummikub

Social Cycling

Sunday mornings



These are leisurely rides around 12 - 20 miles, on quiet roads or off-road tracks, always ending in a coffee stop. E-bikes are welcome.

New members welcome.
Contact Robin for more information.

Group Contact:
Robin Ghisi 01462 482400;
socialcycling@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/socialcycling

Table Tennis For Fun



Thursdays, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Central Methodist Church Hall,
Pixmore Way SG6 3TR

We ask that every player has had 2 vaccinations. Please get in touch for confirmation. New members welcome.

Group Contact:
Uschi Groves 01462 684742;
TableTennisFun@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/TableTennisFun

Short Tennis

Thursdays, 10.30am



Indoor courts,
Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club
SG6 3TB

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.

If you want to find out more about joining our group, please contact:

Group Contact:
Andy Gordon 01462 685366;
shorttennis@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/shorttennis

Pétanque



Wednesdays, two sessions, **2pm- 3pm** and **3pm - 4pm**

Letchworth Par 3 Family Golf Centre,
William Way SG6 2HJ

18 people playing at each session. If you are interested, please email:

Group Contact:
Maureen Flower 01462 683939;
petanque@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/petanque

Scrabble



For dates and times of meetings please see the website.

Usually on alternate Wednesdays at Orchard Café, Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB

Group Contact:
Eileen Creak 01462 632692;
scrabbleclub@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/scrabbleclub

Please don't be offended if your Group Contact asks to see your LALG membership card. We recommend that Group Contacts do this at least annually.

Saturday Night Board Games



Letchworth SG6 1FY

A group to learn and play some of the top-rated modern board games.

See website for meeting details.

Group Contact: Andy Smith
saturdayboardgames@ialg.org.uk

ialg.org.uk/saturdayboardgames

Whist

We are sorry we are unable to continue hosting the Thursday evening whist, which we have been running for over 10 years.

We take this opportunity to thank all those members who loyally supported us for all that time. We made some great friends and were genuinely touched by the generosity and kindness shown on our last evening. The flowers, wine and the wonderful garden centre voucher with which we have purchased a lovely bird feeding station will always remind us of you all.

Best regards

David and Lynda McGuire



Snooker

Thursdays, 2pm - 4pm

We meet every 2 weeks at the ABC Club, 24 Leys Avenue, Letchworth SG6 3EW.

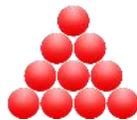
The cost is £10 per hour for table (shared) plus £3 entry for non-members. Snooker cues are available to borrow.

Let Angela know by the Monday of the week we are playing if you would like to participate.

There is also a pool table. The cost for this is £1 per game plus £3 for non-members.

Group Contact:
Angela Gray 07879 776726
snooker@jalg.org.uk

jalg.org.uk/snooker



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Advertisement

Poker

Tuesday evenings 7pm

A friendly poker club is starting to play at The Highwayman pub in Graveley from Tuesday 3 May and we will welcome new members.

There is no charge for the venue but we do give our custom to the pub.

We play for small stakes. For more details please get in touch:

Contact:
Neville Hudson 01462 230579
hudson9173@hotmail.co.uk

Advertising

We welcome advertising from other voluntary organisations and leisure providers, linked organisations and businesses in our discount scheme.



Our advertising rates are:

Commercial:
Full A5 page £70, Half A5 £40

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Full A5 page £55, Half A5 £30

Adverts should be PNG or JPEG files, formatted to fit a full or half-page of A5.

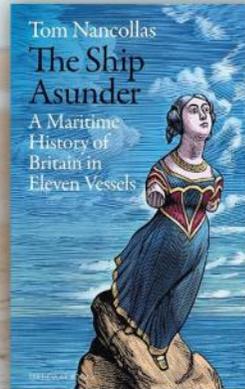
These should be emailed to **newsletter@jalg.org.uk** by the 10th of the previous month.

But beware! Space is limited: **first come, first served.**

To discuss any special requirements, please contact the editor at **newsletter@jalg.org.uk**.

David's Bookshop Presents...
An Evening with
TOM NANCOLLAS
for The Ship Asunder:
A Maritime History of Britain in
Eleven Vessels

On Thursday 30th June, 7pm @ Central
Methodist Church in Letchworth
109 Pixmore Way, SG6 3TR



Book tickets online, in store or
over the phone, 01462 684631.
Standard tickets £7, or £20
with a copy of the book.
www.davids-bookshops.co.uk

Feature

A special visit and a special rocking horse

Now and again some special visit is organised for those who attend or are associated with LALG's Opera and Ballet Group. Such visits usually have a connection with opera and/or ballet; for example, watching English National Ballet's dancers in their daily morning class, or a backstage tour of the Royal Opera House. But two visits last August were different.

Many of us were aware of the late Queen Mother's association with Hitchin and particularly St Paul's Walden. It was there that she, as Elizabeth Bowes Lyon, spent much of her childhood at the Bury, the home of the Hertfordshire Bowes Lyon family.

We found that we could book group tours of part of the house, with an introductory talk about the gardens, followed by time to explore as much of the parkland and woodland gardens as we wished.

So 21 of us visited on what was a most perfect August afternoon weather-wise and another 18 of us a few days later.

All agreed that the visits were very interesting and worthwhile, some aspects being unique. For example, when brought to our attention, I vaguely recalled having seen in a book or magazine, or on television, a photo of the quite young Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret sitting on a rocking horse. 'There', said our guide 'is the rocking horse'. Yes, there in front of us the rocking horse upon which the young Princesses had sat.

John Cox
Opera and Ballet Group

Walking Groups

Alternative Ramblers

Sunday 12 June



Please meet at **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 the George Hotel and Star and Garter pubs in Silsoe village. Please make your own arrangements.

To book please contact Mary Wakeman.

Mobile on the day 07941 543246

Group Contacts:
Anthony and Mary Wakeman
01462 337588;
alternativeramblers@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/alternativeramblers

Friday Afternoon Walks



No walk this month. If you could lead a walk please contact Marian.

All welcome.

Group Contact:
Marian Cowdrey 07854 678952;
fridaypmwalks@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/fridaypmwalks

Dog-Friendly Walking Group

**Wednesday
22 June, 10am**



Meet at the junction of Burford Way and Westmill Lane, Hitchin, SG5 2SR for this circular walk.

All are welcome with or without dogs; no need to book, just turn up.

Group Contact:

**Marian Cowdrey 07854 678952;
K9walks@ialg.org.uk**

ialg.org.uk/K9walks

Early Morning Walks

**Wednesday 8 June,
7am - 9am**



A walk to Ickleford followed by an optional breakfast at the Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, Muddy Lane SG6 3TB. Walkers and non-walkers are welcome. Please let William know if you are coming for breakfast.

**Wednesday 22 June,
7am - 8.45am**

We meet at Letchworth's first roundabout on Broadway, whatever the weather.

Open to all LALG members, walkers and non-walkers. Well-behaved dogs welcome. No need to book.

Group Contact:

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

ialg.org.uk/earlymorningwalks

Slow Ways: This is a project to create a network of paths between towns in Great Britain. It is a collaborative effort supported by 80,000 registered people to help walk and review walks.

See www.slowways.uk

Long Distance Walkers

**Saturday 18 June,
8.30am**



Sandy to Letchworth.

Meet at Letchworth Station to catch the 08:30 arriving Sandy, via Hitchin, at 09:04. Fare £3.30 off peak single, with senior railcard or in group of three.

The walk is 27 km (16½ miles) of flat country, mainly alongside River Ivel.

Bring a packed lunch.

**Walk leaders: Robin and Debbie.
Telephone Robin: 07948 554359**

Group Contact:

**Mia Matheson 01462 490070;
longdistancewalkers@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/longdistancewalkers**

Baldock Walks

Thursday 9 June, 10am



A new group with walks of various lengths from a couple of miles to 12 miles.

A walk of about 4.5 miles to Clothall via Baldock back lanes then Icknield Way and Hickman's Hill. Please bring a drink.

Meet outside Baldock community centre. Park at Tesco.



To book for the walk please phone or email Julia: **alanjuli-agen@gmail.com**

**Group contacts: Julia Genders
01462 620615, 01707 265 601**

**Eileen Creak 01462 632692
baldockwalks@ialg.org.uk**

ialg.org.uk/baldockwalks

Midweek Amblers/ Ramblers



Tuesday 14 June

Time and details to be confirmed, please see the website or contact Carol.

Group Contact:

Carol Stokes 01438 353666;
midweekambleramble@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/midweekambleramble

Sunday Ramblers

Sunday 5 June



Ayot Greenway walk.

A circular walk of about 8.5 miles starting from the Ayot Greenway Carpark. Mostly wide paths, with a small section of road, around Ayot St Lawrence village. Gentle slopes in parts, passing outside "Shaws Corner". Stopping for lunch at the old church in Ayot St Lawrence.

Car share advisable - meet at the Arena carpark for 9.30am. Travel down the A1 and exit at Welwyn Garden City. Then find the B197. Turn right soon after the Red Lion pub.

For accurate location, please download the what3words app on your phone.

What 3 words: ///toast.sulk.toned. If you use Google map, search for Ayot Greenway Carpark.

Bring a packed lunch. To put your name on the list please contact Paolo.

Walk leader:

Paolo 07504 181009 or
infantino59@gmail.com

Group Contact:

Robin Edmett 01462 636085;
07948 554359;
sundayramblers@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/sundayramblers

Midweek Walkers

Friday 10 June, 10am



A circular walk of approximately 10 miles, including parts of Woburn Deer Park, Aspley Woods and the local countryside.

Meet at the Park Street Car Park, Woburn – opposite St Mary's Church.

Please bring a packed lunch and book in with **Alison Rennison** at **alison_rennison@btinternet.com** or **07738 582871**. Alison will be able to co-ordinate lifts if needed.

Mobile on the day: **07989 826440**.

Next walk: Thursday 7 July

Group Contact Jess Peyton Jones
01462 458397;

midweekwalkers@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/midweekwalkers

Evening Strollers

Tuesday 14 June, 7pm



Join us for a 3-mile circular stroll from The Three Horseshoes at Norton.

The route includes some unmade paths and uphill sections.

Afterwards those who want to will stop for a drink at the pub.

Acting Group Contact:

Jackie Sayers
07970 407635

eveningstrollers@lalg.org.uk

lalg.org.uk/eveningstrollers



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.

Nordic Walking

We are full at the moment but we are happy to add you to our waiting list and to provide a taster session for you. Please get in touch:



Group Contact:
Christina Butterworth
01462 634437;
nordicwalking@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/nordicwalking

Full

Slower Walkers

Tuesday 21 June
Note: Day and date change



A 3.5-mile walk in the Gosmore/Charlton area, with lovely views, led by John and Margaret from the Three Moorhens in Hitchin (SG4 9AJ). Meet at the pub at 10.15am to commence walk at 10.30, lunch booked for 1pm.

Please park in the right-hand area at the far end of the car park. If staying for lunch it is essential you inform John before midday on Tuesday 14th along with your menu choice. Search for "Three Moorhens Hitchin" to access the menu, or phone John for details.

If having booked lunch but then unable to attend, please inform John at jcox.editproof@ntlworld.com, or **01438 241043**.

Mobile on the day **07710 400097**.

Next walk: **Tuesday 19 July Note: Day and date change**

Group Contact:
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slowerwalkers@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/slowsrwalkers

Trail Walkers

Saturday 11 June
Special LALG Anniversary Walk



We are a recently re-established group, aiming to cover some of the longer distance trails that pass near Letchworth. New members are warmly welcome.

We are currently enjoying working our way round the Hertfordshire Way, which circumnavigates the county of Hertfordshire. This is being tackled in stretches of generally 10-12 miles. We normally walk on the second Tuesday of every month. We are sharing cars for these linear walks. In June we will be walking from Cuffley to Shenley and in July from Shenley to Chipperfield. Further details will be given on the website nearer the time.

Next walk: **Tuesday 12 July**.

If you may be interested or have any questions, please get in touch with:

Group Contact: Nigel Bellis
trailwalkers@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/trailwalkers

Walking Buddies

Friday 24 June, 11am



A walk around Waines Wood Preston.

Meet at The Windmill, Charlton 10.30am and drive to Soot Field Green for a walk to Waines Wood, then Lunch at The Red Lion, Preston. There could be some small inclines. Everybody welcome

Group Contacts:
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Jane Clark 01462 450599;
walkingbuddies@lalg.org.uk
lalg.org.uk/walkingbuddies

Weekend Strollers

**Saturday 18 June,
10.30am**

Festival extra walk. Meet by the fountain at the Broadway Gardens, town centre, Letchworth

Saturday 25 June, 10.30am

Meet at Arlesey High Street, opposite Fairfield Park entrance.

We do not walk fast or far, no more than 3 miles. Walks are followed by coffee. If wet, more coffee, less walk! No booking required. If you are not sure where to meet, please get in touch.

Group Contact: William Armitage
weekendstrollers@ialg.org.uk
ialg.org.uk/weekendstrollers



Wild Walks Mostly Mountainous

**Social: Thursday 16 June,
8pm**

The Garden City Brewery, The Wynd.

Tom Coates (organiser), Roger Harrison and William Armitage have recently returned from walking one half of their epic trek. They took the fun option of a night sleeper to Montrose on the East coast to start their adventure of walking across Scotland. The ground was dry so they were able to paddle across rivers and find detours to avoid the devastation caused by the recent hurricanes. They finished at Blair Atholl station where they caught the sleeper back home. They eagerly await the second half to Skye in the Autumn.

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Feature

Some favourite rides of the Garden City Wheelers

Jordans Mill This is a flat ride through Arlesey, Henlow and Langford and back; about 20 miles. Lunch is particularly enjoyable outside during the summer months looking out over the river Ivel. But equally comfortable in the restaurant during the winter months.

Southill Another flat ride of 22 miles in a similar direction through the Bedfordshire countryside. A nice non-rushed lunch at The White Horse - in the garden in the summer - is lovely. It is also quite cosy inside, during the winter months.

Great Offley This ride is a little more demanding as it is quite hilly through Preston and Ley Green but well worth the effort. It is 26 miles for the return journey and there are several venues for our refreshment stop. We usually go to The Red Lion for their excellent lunches.

Codicote The return trip is about 28 miles through some lovely Hertfordshire countryside. There are a couple of demanding hills but overall it is generally flat. We have lunch in a dedicated cycling venue called SpokeCycles also known as Spokes. It's lovely in the summer months sitting outside and overlooking the farm and in the winter months indoors sitting around a blazing stove, enjoying one of their famous toasties.

We are primarily a social cycling group. During the ride, we will not leave anyone behind. Where possible we try to include a slightly longer ride for those with a little more experience and stamina.

Garden City Wheelers: see page 36.

Linked Organisations

Baldock Floral Society baldockfloralsociety.co.uk	1st Thursday evening each month in Baldock Community Centre. Part of NAFAS providing workshops and expert demonstrations.	Jean Metzger 07767 884728 or 01462 490930 metzjean@aol.com
Baldock Folk Club	Free admission, donations to performers welcome.	Brian Burke 07768 274037 brianbofbaldock@gmail.com Orange Tree Pub, Baldock
Broadway Gallery www.broadway-lethworth.com/ studio-gallery	Free exhibitions, drop-in family arts studio, courses and events.	The Arcade, Letchworth paul.davey@lethworth.com 01462 476110
David's Bookshop www.davids- bookshops.co.uk	Bookshop offering authors' events and book signings. 10% over £5, some exceptions.	Eastcheap 01462 684631 info@ davids-bookshops.co.uk
Forty Plus Cycling Club www.fortypluscc.co.uk	Rides of 25-40-miles to pub lunch, mainly on quiet lanes. Thursdays 10.30am. New members welcome.	Geoff Perry 07770 600370 Stuart Collins 07710 507069 stuartcollins2016@gmail.com
Friends Of Norton Common www.facebook.com/ friendsofnortoncommon	Volunteers working to preserve Norton Common. Weekly working parties Thursdays from 9.30am.	Norton Common friendsofnortoncommon@ virginmedia.com
Get Painting	Wednesdays 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Settlement. Beginners welcome. Bring your own materials; a social way to enjoy your hobby.	Tony Faulkner 07414780177 antonio@live.co.uk
Letchworth District Gardeners Association www.ldga.org.uk	Talks, outings, coffee mornings, trading store and seasonal shows. Discounted entry to monthly talks.	enquiries@ldga.org.uk
Letchworth Educational Settlement www.lethworth settlement.org.uk	Independent adult education centre providing academic and recreational classes.	229 Nevells Road info@lethworthsettlement .org.uk
Letchworth Film Club www.lethworthfilmclub .com	We view quality films at Broadway Cinema that might not otherwise come here. Discounted tickets.	Peter Griffiths peter@ lethworthfilmclub.com 01462 671679
Letchworth Garden City Society www.lgcs.org.uk	History & architecture of LGC and other garden cities; Arts & Crafts Movement; local planning matters. Visits. Talks.	Philippa Parker 01462 686828 philippaclare@me.com
Letchworth Jazz Appreciation Society www.lethworthjazz.org.uk	Monthly meetings at Garden City Brewery: informed presentations of jazz recordings, with CD/DVD/Book Library and Raffle!	Bernard Pritchard 07563 875127 info@lethworthjazz.org.uk
Letchworth Men In Sheds www.lethworthshed.org	A non-profit workshop. Share skills, learn new skills, drop in to socialise. Reduced membership fee for LALG members	Peter Hill 07941 889066 Letchworthmeninsheds @gmail.com
Letchworth Model Railway Society www.lethworthmrs.org.uk	The Society meets weekly: Mondays and Wednesdays at Standalone Farm.	secretary@ lethworthmrs.org.uk

Linked Organisations cont.

Letchworth Natural History Society	Monthly Sunday and weekday walks. Discounted entry for LALG members. U16s free.	Pat Robinson 01438 515026 patrobinson759@btinternet.com
Letchworth Scale Model Club letchworthsmc.yolasite.com	Static modelling - figure modelling, vehicles, aircraft ships, etc. Talks and demos at The Club Room, Icknield Centre, Icknield Way, SG6 1EF	Rod Johnson 01438 814225 rodjohnson.mail@talktalk.net
Letchworth Sustainability Forum	Community Group charged with creating a sustainability plan for LGC. Developing ways to help low-income families cut costs and carbon footprint	info@sustainableletchworth.org.uk
Lordship Theatregoers www.facebook.com/groups/lordshiptheatregoers	We buy tickets at group rates for West End shows, and matinees at Milton Keynes Theatre. No travel arrangements included.	Clive Roylance cliveroylance@icloud.com
North Herts 50+ www.nh50plus.com	Courses, events and social meetings for anyone aged 50+. Discounted entry for LALG members.	Sheila Hogan 01462 743578 nh50plus@gmail.com
N. Herts Guild of Spinners, Weavers And Dyers craftingtogether.wordpress.com	Spinning, weaving, dyeing and other textile crafts. Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Letchworth Settlement 7.30-9.30pm, during term time.	craftingtogether@gmail.com
North Herts Ramblers Group nhrg.org.uk	Weekend walks and occasional midweek in N. Herts, Beds, Essex, and beyond. Walking holidays in UK and abroad. Courses in leadership etc.	Leon Fotiadis 07525 796814 leon.fotiadis@ntlworld.com
North Herts Speakers Club www.northhertsspeakers.org	Develops competence in leadership and communication. 1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays, 7.30pm at Sun Hotel, Hitchin. Free for visitors. Call first.	John Kendall 01462 684036
Pembroke 50+ Club	Letchworth Leisure Centre. Prime activities: badminton and keep fit. Has also provided table tennis, card and board games and social events	Geoff Dallimer 01462 678745 pembroke50plusclub@btinternet.com
Rainmakers International Folk Dance Group www.rainmakers.org.uk	Dances of all styles from around the world.	Mark 01462 454210
Transition Town Letchworth www.transitionletchworth.org	Local projects to help repair the climate. LALG Members can borrow our thermal camera to check out the energy efficiency of their home.	ttletchworth@gmail.com
Weston Music Society westonmusicsociety.org.uk	Six concerts pa by acclaimed classical musicians, inc. two for classical guitar. Usually Holy Trinity Church, Weston. Newcomers very welcome.	Simon Armitage 01462 790214 westonconcerts@gmail.com
Willian Bowls Club bowlsclub.org/club/3950	Bowls club on Lower Green Norton Common, Icknield Way. Reduced membership fee (33% discount).	Norton Common. David 01462 642790 davidpollard@hotmail.co.uk

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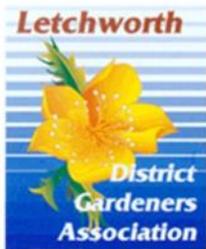
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Chris Beardshaw



Thursday 23rd June at 7:30pm

Chris is a garden designer, plantsman and well-liked TV and radio broadcaster, appearing on shows such as Gardeners' World, Gardeners' Question Time and Beechgrove Garden. He is also a hugely informative and entertaining speaker.



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meetings@ldga.org.uk



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