



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## April 2019

### Editorial

Hello!

I hope you are enjoying the lighter evenings and warmer days as we head into spring. It is an exciting time for us as we are finally moving after having lived in the village for nearly thirty years. Over that time we have made many friends and have many happy memories which is of course, what village life is all about. We are not going far, just to Guilden but it does mean this is my last newsletter as editor which creates a vacancy. If you are reasonably computer literate and can spare a few hours or so a month then we would love to hear from you. You wouldn't be doing it alone as Desma is continuing as editor but it does share the work load to have a couple of people on board. I have really enjoyed it over the past few years. Give me or Desma a call if you are interested or want to know more about what is involved. (Our contact details are below)

Twenty years ago John and Pat Hobbs put together a cook book for the millennium, filled with parishioners' recipes and they are thinking about doing the same for 2020. At the moment they are just testing the water but if you are interested do give Pat or John a call on 852902.

I hope you all have a very happy Easter and I'm sure I will still be seeing lots of you out and about over the coming months... there is certainly plenty in the diary for everyone.  
Gina

### Village Diary for April

If you want your event published here please contact the Editors.

- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> April** First Thursday Club (p10)
- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April** Cricket Club Quiz (p13)
- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April** Bowls Club Bingo (p11)
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April** Home Start Literary Lunch (p10)
- Sat 13<sup>th</sup> April** Litter pick Station Road, zones 4 & 5 (p7)
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April** Bowls Club Coffee Evening (p11)
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> April** SM Tennis Club AGM & Wimbledon Ballot (p12)
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April** Spring Fair and Art Competition (p6)
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April** Litter pick Hay Street, zones 6 & 7 (p7)
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April** Artisan Fair (p12)

### Forthcoming Events

- Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May** Bowls Club Quiz (p11)
- Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May** RBL Annual Dinner (p11)
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May** Bowls Club Bingo (p11)
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May** Home start Aquathon (p5)
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> July** First Ever Steeple Morden Literary Festival (p11)

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## **Steeple Morden Parish Council List of Councillors as at May 2018**

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**the WI  
inspiring women**

**THE MORDENS WI**

**Most Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday in each month at Guilden  
Morden Village Hall**

**President: Diana Coleman 852124.**



### **Lead theft from churches and what you can do to help prevent it here**

There have been a number of serious lead thefts from churches local to us recently. Your help in keeping a watchful eye for suspicious activity is much appreciated. Please note vehicle numbers and alert the police if you see anything suspicious. Thieves often remove a small amount of metal at a time, making repeat visits to clear the site. Alerting police may help them identify and catch criminals. Please call the police if you see vans or workmen around the building outside normal working hours. Please be extra watchful when works are going on, as buildings are attractive to thieves if there are workers or scaffolding on site.

Many thanks. Rev'd Shamus Williams.

### **Home security Advice**

Recent Police reports received have highlighted a slight increase in outbuilding and shed being broken into in rural areas around Bassingbourn Village.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team would like to take this opportunity to offer some security advice to assist residents in keeping their personal items safe and secure where possible; Garages and shed are often full of expensive tools, which are ideal for breaking into your homes.

Never leave any outbuildings unlocked, especially if it is a connecting door to the home, whereby a burglar can get in and not be seen.

Fit additional strong locks/ padlocks and make sure doors are strong enough not to be kicked in. ensure any ladders are locked away and not left lying around or down the side of the main home. Ensure brackets are internal and not exposed bolts or screws that can easily be undone. Consider use of a steel box fitted to the floor of to secure larger tools.

Side gates and excess points are locked and secured.

Boundaries of your property have strong fences or plant some thorny hedges to the front, (but don't let them grow too high 1-1.5mtr in height) so passers-by can see the front of your home but not inside your property.

Alarms are useful and more residents seem to be installing these alongside CCTV cameras, most new ones can be viewed on your mobile devices.

Some other links to security measures can be found on the following;

[www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) / [www.creproducts.co.uk](http://www.creproducts.co.uk) / [www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com) /

[www.crimereduction.gov.uk/publicity\\_catalogue](http://www.crimereduction.gov.uk/publicity_catalogue) Plus look at your local Neighbourhood watch schemes which you can find through your local parish council or on line at [www.neighbourhoodwatch.uk.com](http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.uk.com)

Stay safe and keep you items secure

Regards South Cambs safer Neighbourhood Policing Team

## **NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

The Full PC meets on the second Monday in the in the Cricket Pavilion (Village Hall in winter) at 7.30pm.

The meeting is listed every month in the Village Post Office window, on the Notice Board at the Recreation Ground, and in Odsey near the station.

A copy of the full minutes from the Council Meetings may be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk, Sally Walmesley, Redwood Lodge, South Street, Litlington, Royston SG8 0QR. Telephone 01763 852137 or e-mail [sally.walmesley@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.walmesley@btinternet.com). Minutes can also be viewed on the Steeple Morden Village Website [www.steeplemorden.org](http://www.steeplemorden.org) and the Village Post Office. Discussion on agenda items from Parish Council Meeting on Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Report from County Cllr Sebastian Kindersley:**

As Cllr Kindersley could not attend the meeting he had sent his report in advance so it was not discussed at the meeting and was taken as read. Items included:

- EWRail consultation is now closed. There had been little support for the EWR proposals at the public consultations yet the alternative route following the A428 suggested by CamBedRailRoad had been well supported
- An Ofsted of CCC children's services had rated the service as "requires improvement" a drop from "good" in the past five years. This is obviously a result of increased cuts to services and the higher number of children being placed in care in Cambridgeshire.
- There was a disappointing outcome to the latest meeting with Hertfordshire about the A505. It was agreed money could be found from the road safety budget to ban right turns from the Litlington junction (highest record of accidents with injuries) and this will happen in the next five years. However funding is not available for any changes to other junctions and they will be added to a list where it is unlikely they will receive funding within the next ten years. Cllr Kindersley suggested that at least a 50mph speed limited be introduced past the Odsey junction. The PC will respond to Hertfordshire supporting this proposal.

### **Report from District Cllr Heather Williams**

- IT problems are still on-going creating problems with sending out newsletters by email.
- The chief executive at SCDC Beverley Agass has taken sudden early retirement. In the last 10 months over 50 people have left and there are currently over 60 vacancies. Cllr Williams couldn't make any comment on the situation other than report the facts.
- Cllr Williams did not vote for the budget at the last full council meeting as she did not agree with the extent of the cuts/savings proposed, or with a proposal to borrow £20m for investment over the next five years. She had proposed an amendment for there to be more transparency which was voted down. The PC would request information about the criteria and rate of return for this investment.
- Charge for an extra green bin – The charge would be £20 from 1<sup>st</sup> April until October or for any period during this time so advice was to sign up now to take advantage of this. The next payment would be due in October.

### **Matters Arising from last meeting**

- A decision about the re-nomination of ACV for the Waggon & Horses would be made on 9<sup>th</sup> April
- A quote was still being sort for a new website host. The website appears to be unavailable at present.
- Costs for street lighting energy will be investigated for the 2020 budget.

### **Financial Report.**

- The budget and the purchase of a new printer were approved.

### **Recreation Ground**

- David Holt's name will be added as a key holder for the car park gate and the sign will be changed.
- A new dog sign was being put up.
- The gun dog training was taking place on the conservation area which was having a detrimental effect and they will be asked to move back up to the recreation ground.
- A new surface for the car park had been ordered.
- The work on the leylandii trees was now scheduled for October and all parties are in communication.

### **Maintenance**

- Footpath 10 – the sign needs to be changed to agree with the definitive route.
- It was confirmed that Black Lane is County Council owned.

### **Traffic**

- The signs will be erected on a lamppost in Station Road
- A coordinator and volunteers are still required for the speed watch team. The parish clerk would be the contact.

### Litter pick

- A new season of litter picking has started with a successful first session at Odsey which resulted in 18 bags of litter being collected. Refreshments were provided afterwards at the Jester

### Planning

- Planning Ref S/0412/19/FL North Brook End Farm, provision of indoor training facility, equestrian building and further staff accommodation. Supported with a covenant that the accommodation was for employees of the business only
- Planning Ref S/0569/19/FL 77 Hay Street, single story extension to rear. Supported
- Planning Ref S/0250/19/FL Morden Grange, erection of kiosk. Supported

### Car Parking at Station

- It was agreed that parking at the station is an increasing problem with a greater volume of cars often parked dangerously and this is a problem that is likely to continue and increase. Various options for a solution have been explored in the past but it was felt the situation warrants further attention. Cllr Courtney had prepared a comprehensive document looking at the problem with recommendations for action. He was thanked for his efforts and it was agreed a working party consisting of Cllr Traverse Healy, Cllr Courtney and Cllr Belson would meet to consider options available.

### Annual Parish Meeting

- This will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May and will be preceded by the AGM.
- Village groups can only give a report if they physically attend the meeting.

Keith Austin reported that the village hall committee now had a new secretary, Mike Smith

**Date of next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 7.30 pm**

## Road Closure 29<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> May

Station road will be closed at Odsey for tree maintenance work around the electric cables, from 9.30 am and 3.30 pm daily. Diversions will be in place

### Cambridge Gliding Centre Open Day Sunday 5th May, 10am - 4pm.

Come and visit Gransden Lodge Airfield to find out about the sport of gliding. All welcome. Discounted trial gliding lessons with our qualified instructors will be available using a choice of winch launch, aerotow or motor glider. Call the office on 01767 677077 to book your flight in advance or just turn up on the day. Refreshments. Free admission. Free talks about gliding and static displays.

Airfield entrance on the B1046 between Little Gransden & Longstowe, opposite Gransden Lodge Farm (enter SG19 3EB into your SatNav). More information online: <http://www.camgliding.uk/> or via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeGlidingCentre/>

#### Traditional police role to change



Cambridgeshire Constabulary is set to join other police forces nationwide by ceasing to take reports of lost property and accepting only certain types of found item.

The changes take effect nationally from 1 February after the Chief Constables' Council agreed it as a way of reducing non-essential demand and the associated costs and bureaucracy generated for call centres and front counters.

The police service has traditionally accepted the responsibility of recording lost and found property, despite there being no statutory duty to maintain a system of recording non-evidential property.

Found items dealt with by police will reduce and a consistent approach will be adopted across the country. This will help reduce call volumes and remove an unnecessary burden on policing.

Inspector Keren Pope said: "As with any change to a long-standing convention, it will take time for people to get used to this new way of working."

"There are now many ways of receiving the same service online and information and guidance will be available on our website. These changes will result in a significant saving for forces in terms of time and money, allowing us to concentrate on the issues most important to people."

"For found items we no longer accept, with some exceptions, the finder will be encouraged to retain the property. They are under no legal obligation to hand in the property providing they have made a reasonable attempt to return it to the owner."

Those who have lost or found an item, can visit the [force website](#) for guidance on what they should do.

**Lost items** Any loss can be reported online at sites including:

[www.lostbox.co.uk](http://www.lostbox.co.uk)

[www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

[www.reportmyloss.com](http://www.reportmyloss.com) (for an insurance report)

For bicycles, register and report at [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com)

Report UK Passports at <https://www.gov.uk/report-a-lost-or-stolen-passport>

Details of losses reported via these methods are made available to police forces across the UK.

If you have lost property in a public place/premises or on public transport, contact the location or service provider directly.

Call: 101

Textphone: 18001 101

Visit: [www.cambs.pnn.police.uk](http://www.cambs.pnn.police.uk)

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Home-Start  
Royston & South Cambridgeshire



## Calling all swimmers for the Home-Start and South Cambridgeshire Aquathon

This year Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire are trying to make their annual Aquathon the biggest one yet and are calling on local clubs and organisations to help them make an ever bigger splash this year. The annual event, which has traditionally been held in partnership with local schools, is now being opened up to other local organisations keen to kick start their fundraising. This joint fundraiser is the perfect opportunity for local organisations to raise funds, and all without the hassle as Home-Start Royston and South Cambridge do all the heavy lifting. The event, which will be held on the evening of Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at the Royston Leisure Centre is organised entirely by local family support charity Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire.

Participants are invited to contribute teams of six for a fun 55 minute relay swim, and the great news is that participants can walk away with 50% of the sponsorship they raise, while the remaining 50% goes to support Home-Start's vital work with local families in crisis. It's a win-win for local people wanting to raise funds for a club or charity close to their hearts – with the added bonus of supporting local families in need.

With everyone from little nippers to grandparents welcome to take part, it has the potential to be a golden fundraising opportunity for a wide range of organisations – schools, Scouts, Guides, local sports clubs just to name a few.

Places at the Aquathon are limited, so if you would like to get involved and raise money for your club, whilst also supporting local families, contact Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire for an application form.

Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire  
01763 262262  
[admin@hsrsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hsrsc.org.uk)

## Litlington Gardening Club Join Us!

We are a local group who have a genuine interest in gardening and plants.

We meet the **second** Thursday of the month and have plans over the course of the year to visit numerous exciting gardens.

If you are interested Telephone **Suzanne**  
On **01763 852852**  
[suzanneandtony.davies@gmail.com](mailto:suzanneandtony.davies@gmail.com)



# SPRING FAIR

**SATURDAY 27 APRIL**

**10am to 1pm**

## STEEPLE MORDEN CHURCH

**RAFFLE – TOMBOLA – BLING & THINGS – PLANTS**

**JAMS & CHUTNEYS – CAKES & DESSERTS**

**CHILDREN'S GAMES & ART COMPETITION**

Tea and coffee available all morning

Soup and bread from 12 noon

We shall also be collecting your Gift Envelopes!

## Steeple Morden Spring Fair Art Competition

Artworks on the theme 'spring'  
Prizes will be awarded in the following categories



Preschool (P)  
Key Stage 1 (1)  
Key Stage 2 (2)  
Key Stage 3 (3)  
Key Stage 4-5 (4)



Photography, collage, pencils or paints – everything is welcome but please ensure your work can be displayed on a pin board and is no larger than A3 size. Please write your initials, contact phone number and category on the back. Entries can be submitted to a box in the church between 1 and 22 April and the artworks will be available to see from 24-28 April during daylight hours.

Any queries please contact Rosemary Garner  
01763 852521



**ENJOY CRICKET?  
COME AND PLAY  
AT STEEPLE  
MORDEN THIS  
SEASON!**



**NETS THROUGHOUT APRIL  
SEASON STARTS EARLY MAY**

Call Fraser Daws 07876 597425 or Ed Gilley 07958 180332 or find us on Facebook

**Steeple Morden Parish Litter Picks Schedule 2019**  
All events start at 2pm and last just 60 "magic" minutes

<b>Zones 4 and 5:</b>	Station Road from allotments to Ashwell Road to include Ashwell Road and Windmill Close etc Station Road and Hay Street to Craft Way to include Craft Way  <i>Meet at Waggon Pub</i>	<b>Saturday 13 April 2019</b>
<b>Zones 6 and 7:</b>	Hay Street from Craft Way to Trap Road /North Brook End Trap Road/ Bogs Gap and Brook End  <i>Meet at the recreation ground</i>	<b>Saturday 27 April 2019</b>
<b>Zones 2-6</b>	Whole village sweep  <i>Meet at the recreation ground</i>	<b>Saturday 11 May 2019</b>
<b>Zone 1:</b>	Odsey  <i>Meet at the Jester</i>	<b>Saturday 14 September 2019</b>
<b>Zones 2 and 3:</b>	Cheney Street from Litlington Road to Brook End to include The Green Cheney Street from Brook End to Hay Street Junction to include Russell Close and Jubilee Way etc <i>Meet at The Green/Litlington Road</i>	<b>Saturday 28 September 2019</b>
<b>Zones 4 and 5:</b>	Station Road from allotments to Ashwell Road to include Ashwell Road and Windmill Close etc Station Road and Hay Street to Craft Way to include Craft Way  <i>Meet at the Waggon pub</i>	<b>Saturday 12 October 2019</b>
<b>Zones 6 and 7:</b>	Hay Street from Craft Way to Trap Road /North Brook End Trap Road/ Bogs Gap and Brook End  <i>Meet at the recreation ground</i>	<b>Saturday 26 October 2019</b>
<b>Zones 2-6</b>	Whole village sweep <i>Meet at the recreation ground</i>	<b>Saturday 9 November 2019</b>
<b>Zone 1:</b>	Odsey  <i>Meet at the Jester</i>	<b>Saturday 23 November 2019</b>

Please email [SMLitterpick@yahoo.com](mailto:SMLitterpick@yahoo.com) with your full name and which of the events you can attend.

*Here is our 2019 schedule for the Steeple Morden parish litter picks - this will be our third year of alleviating the scourge of litter in our parish. Sadly despite all the good work over the past two years there are some people who still think it is OK to drop litter in our neighbourhood and so there is still a need for these sessions which are organised by Steeple Morden Parish Council.*

*I hope many of will join us for a session or two this year (there are eleven dates to choice from) as many hands make light work! It is just 60 minutes and we provide all the equipment you might need.*

*If you have any questions please email [smlitterpick@yahoo.com](mailto:smlitterpick@yahoo.com) - we look forward to seeing you this year.*

## Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church, Steeple Morden Diary for April

The Church is one of six in the Shingay Group and details of services in all the churches are published monthly in Prospect.

Our website is [www.shingaychurches.co.uk](http://www.shingaychurches.co.uk)

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** 9-11.30 am Café in the Church
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>** 8.30 am Parish Communion (Prayer Book)  
6 pm Group Evensong, Guilden Morden
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 pm House Group, 78 Hay Street
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday  
10.45 am Parish Communion
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 pm House Group, 78 Hay Street
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup>** Maundy Thursday  
7 pm Holy Communion, Abington Pigotts
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday  
10 am Walk from Chapel to Church, Guilden Morden  
2 pm Devotional Service, Litlington
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** Easter Day  
9.45 Parish Communion
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** 9-11.30 Café in the Church
- Sat 27<sup>th</sup>** 10-1 Spring Fair in the church
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** 10 am Group Communion, Wendy
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 pm House Group, 78 Hay Street

## Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for April

[www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com](http://www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com)

- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April** 9.00-11.30am Mix and Match Coffee Morning
- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April** 10.30am Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** 10.30-12.00am Men's Guild in the schoolroom
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April** 9.00-11.30am Mix and Match Coffee Morning
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** 11.00am Joint service at Litlington led by Angus McCormick
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April** 9.00-11.30am Mix and Match Coffee Morning
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April** 10.00am Good Friday Walk starting from Chapel
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April** 11.00am Easter Sunday Service at St Mary's
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April** 9.00-11.30am Mix and Match Coffee Morning
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** 10.30am Communion Service with Adrian Burr



Guider: Ann Clarke  
Guider: Debbie Fisher

Would you like to work with girls and young women to make a difference in your community while developing your skills and making new friends? Volunteering with Girlguiding could be for you!

Steeple Morden guides are looking for an additional volunteer to assist in running the unit, no previous experience necessary.

Do contact either Ann 07734455873 or Debbie via [debbie-fisher@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:debbie-fisher@hotmail.co.uk) to find out more.





## Contact Names, Numbers and E-Mail Addresses for Organisations and Groups in the Village



Organisation	Contact Name	Phone Number	E-mail
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First Responders (co-ordinator)	Wayne Cox		waynecox79@yahoo.co.uk
Primary School	Tracey How, Headteacher	01763 852474	office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk
Village College	The Principal	01763 242344	
SS Peter & Paul Church	Canon Shamus Williams (day off normally Monday)	01763 853067	shamuswilliams@waitrose.com
GM Cong. Church	Sandy Watkins	01763 852869	sandy@inteserv.co.uk
SM Village Hall Bookings	Diane Knight	01763 853073	Viguersk@aol.com
Scouts, Cubs & Beavers	Keith Austin	01763 852023	keith@bogsgap.co.uk
Brownies	Debbie Fisher	01763 852811	debbie-fisher@hotmail.co.uk
Guides	Ann Clarke	07756 291899	debbie-fisher@hotmail.co.uk
Allotment Society	Dave Blanchard	01763 853266	vivdaveblanchard@yahoo.co.uk
Smarties Pre-School and Out of School Club	Michele Taylor	07952 100208 or 01763 852888	Pre-School: smartiesgeneral@gmail.com Out of School Club: smartiesgeneral@gmail.com
Cricket Club	Fraser Daws	01763 853008	fraser.daws@btinternet.com
Football Club	Pete Summers	07709258359	
Morden Magpies Youth FC	Laurence Harrison	07799 625529	
Bowls Club (Sec)	David Holt	01763 852636	holt543@btinternet.com
Tennis Club	Fiona Coverdale	01763 853325	steeplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk
Waggon & Horses	Mandy & Jose	01763 853311	waggonandhorses73@gmail.com
Morden Players	Jenny Elder	01763 852557	jennyelder@sky.com
First Thursday Club	Ann Thorp	01763 852848	annthorp35@icloud.com
Luncheon Club	Lynn Pestell	01763 853461	
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WI	Di Coleman	01763 852124	dicole.8pott@btinternet
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Social Car Scheme	Hazel Smith	01763 852602	hcsmith@clara.co.uk

Please contact the editors to update us with any new details. Thank you!

## The “Mordens Community First Response Group”

### We are looking for new members

If you have a few hours spare a week, work from home from time to time, are home-based or just fancy doing something new that ***is massively rewarding***, then please get in touch.

The Mordens CFR Group is a small group of **local volunteers** who **are trained by the ambulance service** to attend 999 ambulance related calls within an approximate 5 mile radius of the Mordens. Since going live in July last year, we have attended over 120 calls, and in the vast majority of cases, have been the first to arrive on scene.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact myself, Nick Badger on (01763) 852191, 07860 537114 or mail [nickmbadger@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nickmbadger@yahoo.co.uk) or the group's co-ordinator Wayne Cox on (01763) 853206, 07795 823376 or by mail [waynecox79@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:waynecox79@yahoo.co.uk)

## Do you have a passion to help local families overcome times of special difficulty?

Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire needs more Trustees, and this passion, coupled with common sense, is what links everyone who works to achieve the remarkable successes of this local charity. Our professional approach enables us to respond to referrals from many other agencies in the local community including health care, education, local authority, and to requests from parents. The range of issues includes:

- An isolated single parent with two young children, fleeing domestic abuse
- A family with five children, mother unable to leave the house due to anxiety and panic attacks
- A child with Autistic Spectrum Condition, mum feeling very isolated and judged unable to leave the house

Our statistics show that the weekly support from our well-trained Volunteers helps restore confidence and control, leading to improved health and family relationships.

Good governance is key to providing this essential service and we provide a comprehensive induction programme for new trustees. We particularly need people with Finance, IT, HR, Social Media and Fundraising expertise; however, whatever your background, if you are keen to help us continue to make a real difference to the lives of local families, we would love to hear from you. For an informal chat, please contact Maureen Brierley, our Chair of Trustees, on 01763 262 262 <http://www.hsrsc.co.uk/>

## A Literary Lunch

With Vitali Vitaliev



Date for your diary

**A Literary Lunch**  
Tuesday 9th April 12.15 pm

The Old Bull Inn, Royston

### A chat with Vitali Vitaliev

Award winning author, journalist and broadcaster.

“Vitali Vitaliev is a star in the making”  
Time magazine

“Vitaliev has an irrepressible sense of humour”  
The Guardian

“With the charm of Michael Palin and the wit of Clive Anderson,  
this man is adorable”  
Time Out

Tickets are £15 to include a buffet lunch and tea/coffee.

To book call 01763 262262 email [admin@hsrsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hsrsc.org.uk) or online through [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hsrsc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hsrsc)

## Meetings & Venue for The First Thursday Club 2018/19

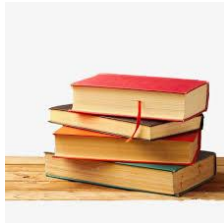
**4<sup>th</sup> April** Sandra Barker, basket making demonstration  
**2<sup>nd</sup> May** Birthday lunch, venue tba

**Meetings held 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month**  
**At Steeple Morden Village Hall from 2 pm**

*All visitors welcome*

**Chairman: Mrs A Thorp 852848**  
**[Annthorp35@icloud.com](mailto:Annthorp35@icloud.com)**





*Date for your diary!*

**Steeple Morden Literature Festival**  
**Sunday July 7, 11am - 5pm, Steeple Morden Village Hall**

Enjoy a full and varied programme of author events featuring writers with a local connection.

**Tickets £20, Under 16s £10, to include tea, coffee and soft drinks, and ploughman's lunch with glass of wine - on sale early June.**

**Proceeds to Friends of SS Peter and Paul, Steeple Morden.**

**For further details at this stage contact Sarah Harrison, 01763 853171  
 novel@sarah-harrison.net**



**Steeple Morden Bowls Club.**  
**(Situated behind the Village Hall)**

**Calendar of Fund Raising Events.**

- |                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <b>6th April</b>             | Bingo night, just turn up  |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b> | Coffee evening, registration and collect fixture cards<br>7.30 for new members |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b>   | Quiz Night 7.00 pm for 7.30<br>£10 with fish & chip supper<br>Tickets required |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>   | Bingo night, just turn up  |

For full details or tickets contact

**David Holt 01763 852636**  
**Howard Jarman 01763 852111**



**The MORDENS BRANCH**

**ANNUAL DINNER**

**11 May 2019**

**The Jester Hotel**

**6.30 for 7.00pm**

**£20 for 3 Courses**

**£16 for 2 Courses**

**Tickets – SM Post Office. Ray Leach (852734)**

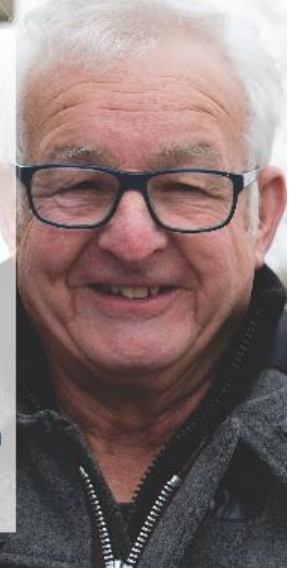
**Brian Haines (852237)**

**What would you do to improve health services in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough?**

**The NHS is developing a local plan and needs your help.**

How would you make it easier for people in our area to look after their own health and wellbeing?

**#WhatWouldYouDo**



**Have your say at**

[www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do](http://www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do)

**T: 0330 355 1285**

**e: [enquiries@healthwatchcambspboro.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchcambspboro.co.uk)**



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 Cambridgeshire  
**healthwatch**  
 Peterborough

**what**  
 would you do?  
 It's your NHS. Have your say.

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## Annual General Meeting

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

at

Steeple Morden Village Hall

from 7.00 p.m

Join us for a Welcome Drink

To Join Tennis Club/ Renew Membership/ Key  
Exchange

Followed by Meeting at 7.20pm and the Wimbledon  
Ballot



WIMBLEDON 1 July - 14 July 2019



- We are a small friendly village tennis club used by members of the local community and surrounding villages. All ages and all abilities (from beginners to match players) are welcome.
- We have 3 well maintained tennis courts (two are flood lit) so there are lots of opportunity to play throughout the year. (For regular slots the court booking sheets can be found inside the tennis club house).
- We offer our members the opportunity to play socially, in tournaments, club championship matches and/ or external matches.
- Tennis coaching is provided by Overandin and is available to all juniors (from age 5 years old) to adults.
- If you are interested in coaching please contact Overandin on [coaching@overandin.com](mailto:coaching@overandin.com) or ring Overandin on 0844 7761763. You can also book online <https://www.overandin.com/clubs/steeple-morden/>.
- To find out more please visit our website [www.steeplemordentennis.co.uk](http://www.steeplemordentennis.co.uk) or contact us on [steeplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:steeplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk).
- Membership forms are available on our website.



**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10am to 3pm**

**Steeple Morden Village Hall**  
**Admission is free**

The best local artists, craftspeople and producers will be showcasing their work so this is an ideal opportunity to buy unique gifts, homewares, handmade items and homemade treats

**Exhibitors - £20 per table**

**Limited space available so book your table NOW!**

**To book your table: [smvhartisan@btinternet.com](mailto:smvhartisan@btinternet.com)**



**Smarties Preschool**  
**'GOOD' OFSTED INSPECTION**  
**2018**

**We have places available from**  
**Age 2**

**To Book your Place: 01763 852888**

**[Smrtiesmanager@gmail.com](mailto:Smrtiesmanager@gmail.com)**

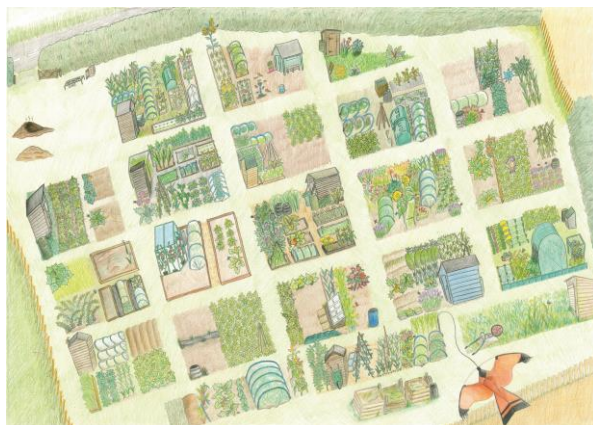
**Community Building, 7 Hay Street,**  
**Steeple Morden**

**[Smartiesmanager@gmail.com](mailto:Smartiesmanager@gmail.com)**

**We also run a Breakfast, Afterschool &**  
**Holiday Club too! (Age 3+)**







## Village allotments available!

Want to know where your food comes from and know it is fresh and chemical free?

Or maybe you want to grow your own cut flowers or herbs?

Well, now you can!

Grow your own in 2019 in good company at our community allotment site on Station Road. Fresh air, exercise and a friendly, helpful group of fellow growers await you.

We have are in a beautiful spot, with car parking spaces and water supply. The soil is good and the site is run by and for ploholders mucking in together.

**A few plots have just become available for 2019.** To make one of them yours, call Nettie on 01763 853843, email [nettieth@outlook.com](mailto:nettieth@outlook.com) or join our Facebook group 'Steeple Morden Allotment Society' and leave a message.



Steeple Morden Cricket Club invites you to....



## THE BIG FAT QUIZ OF THE YEAR



**Saturday 6 April 2019, 7.30pm – 11pm**

@ Steeple Morden Village Hall, SG8 0NQ

### The details:

Teams of 5-8 people

£10 per person including a fish & chip supper

Bar, raffle and a lot of laughs

To book a place for your team call 07703 320747, email [fraser.daws@btinternet.com](mailto:fraser.daws@btinternet.com) or visit Steeple Morden Post Office

## SPEED WATCH



My name is Phil Priestley and I am a Sergeant with the Neighbourhood Policing Team. I'm based at Parkside police station and my activities are focused on building community partnerships and helping to reinforce the policing presence that is available to all of our communities through Active Citizenship.

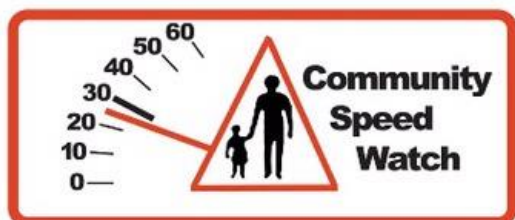
A big initiative that has been very successful across Cambridgeshire is 'Speed Watch' – and I know that Steeple Morden felt the benefit of this work for quite a while before it was withdrawn. There is a fantastic group of very active and socially conscious people in Steeple Morden who are rightfully concerned about road safety. The volume of traffic across the county has risen in recent years – and with that you will notice more drivers who are guilty of using their phones behind the wheel, speeding, driving too close to cyclists – perhaps even driving erratically through drink. If the number of cars on the roads increases – unfortunately the number of driving offences will rise in parity to that increase. We want to keep people safe.

Steeple Morden is investing in road safety and I am very impressed with the long term planning that is being organised by Cllr Jeremy Clayton and the rest of your Parish Council. They are exploring technology that will passively record the volume and speed of traffic on the road, and will offer a visual deterrent to speeding motorists.

In the longer term I will work with the Parish Council to explore buffer speed zones, the options for chicanes and gateways, and other planning options.

Additionally the Speed Watch group is being re-launched and re-invigorated – and I am determined to support it in every way that I can. They will record data on speeding vehicles, they will work in plain sight and particularly I am asking them to help us identify the drivers who hit the highest speeds, and those drivers who speed with the most frequent disregard for the rules of the road. This means the fastest speeders, and those cars that break the speed limit most regularly (these might be two separate groups of people entirely).

Please don't make the mistake of thinking that your local Speed Watch group works for me. They work to keep you safe – and to protect the children of the village. They work for Steeple Morden as a community. I would ask you to support them in every positive way that you can.



If you would like to volunteer to be part of the Steeple Morden Speed Watch team, we are looking for team members and a co-ordinator.

Please contact Sally Walmesley  
[sally.walmesley@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.walmesley@btinternet.com).



[www.mordenmagpies.co.uk](http://www.mordenmagpies.co.uk)

**A family-friendly club seeking players for U6, U7, U8 U9 & U10 age groups.  
Boys and girls of any ability welcome.**

Morden Magpies football club has a long history in local junior football. The club restarted in September 2012 and gain Charter status in 2014. This is a family club that enjoys the support of the senior Steeple Morden Football Club. Above all we want young players to have fun, enjoy and learn about the game and be part of a team. If you would like your son or daughter to join the club or would like to find out more please contact any of the following FA-qualified coaches:

Under 6 - Kevin Donnelley - 07860 607416. [kevin@donnelly.tv](mailto:kevin@donnelly.tv)

Under 7 - Martin Holt – 07740215874. [martin.holt@arjconstruction.co.uk](mailto:martin.holt@arjconstruction.co.uk)

Under 8 - Laurence Harrison – 07799625529. [laurence.harrison@digitalradiouk.com](mailto:laurence.harrison@digitalradiouk.com)

Under 9 - Andrew Holt – 07850801899. [andrew.holt@arjconstruction.co.uk](mailto:andrew.holt@arjconstruction.co.uk)

Under 10 - Pete Summers – 07709258359. [peter@summerselectricaltd.co.uk](mailto:peter@summerselectricaltd.co.uk)

## **Steeple Morden Football Club**

### **Steeple Morden 1<sup>st</sup> MP & G 1A Results**

2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Bassingbourn 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 – 0	SM 1 <sup>st</sup>
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Milton Res	1 – 3	SM 1 <sup>st</sup>
16 <sup>th</sup> March	SM 1 <sup>st</sup>	2 – 1	Balsham 1 <sup>st</sup>

### **Steeple Morden Reserves MP & G 2A Results**

2 <sup>nd</sup> March	SM Res H – W	Great Shelford Res
9 <sup>th</sup> March	SM Res	2 – 8 Haverhill Rovers 'A'
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Whittlesford Utd Res	1 – 5 SM Res

### **Steeple Morden 1<sup>st</sup> MP & G 1A Fixtures**

30 <sup>th</sup> March	Cherry Hinton Res v SM 1 <sup>st</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup> April	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> v Exning United 1 <sup>st</sup>
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Clare Town 1 <sup>st</sup> v SM 1 <sup>st</sup>
27 <sup>th</sup> April	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> v Clare Town 1

### **Steeple Morden Reserves MP & G 2A Fixtures**

23 <sup>rd</sup> March	SM Res v Papworth 1 <sup>st</sup>
30 <sup>th</sup> March	SM Res v Meldreth 1 <sup>st</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Great Shelford Res v SM Res
13 <sup>th</sup> April	SM Res v Gamlingay Utd Res
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Over Sports Res v SM Res

## A focus on local business

In support of promoting local businesses, the Newsletter is inviting local businesses to submit a short advertorial about the products and services they offer to be included in a future Newsletter.

The advert is to be written by you and can include a couple of photos. The articles need to be no more than half an A4 page including photos or graphics. Send to [newsletter@steeplemorden.org](mailto:newsletter@steeplemorden.org)

This is your opportunity to tell local people about your local business.



### The Village Wheelchair



There is a manual wheelchair available for short term use by anyone in the village. For more information and availability please contact Trish at the Post Office.

### CUTLERY AND CROCKERY HIRE



We have upwards of 80 sets of dinner plates, dessert bowls, cups and saucers with accompanying knife, fork spoon and teaspoons. We charge 5p per item for hire.

Details and more information can be obtained from Diane on 01763 852580. All charges go to our fund raising for Save the Children.



### MOBILE LIBRARY

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It stops at Russell Close between 10.20 am and 11.05 am. The next calling date is **Tuesday 2nd April**.

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### STEEPLE MORDEN VILLAGE HALL

Steeple Morden Village Hall is available for hiring for parties, wedding receptions, club and social activities.



*It comprises: Tables, Seating for 120, Bar, Kitchen, Cooker, Fridge, Stage, Parking. There is also limited Crockery & Cutlery*

*Projector and screen available and Induction Loop Equipment – ask our booking clerk for more details.*

For bookings and prices please contact:

**Diane Knight**

**33 Cheyney Street, Steeple Morden, SG8 0LR**

**Tel 01763 853073** (please don't phone between the hours of 6 - 7 p.m.)

**email: [Viguersk@aol.com](mailto:Viguersk@aol.com)**

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