



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

April 2016

From the Editors.

As Spring has sprung, we see a packed diary for April with Mad Science Easter Camps in the first week of April, the St Georges Day Fair on 23rd and the Village Hall is hosting an array of local talent at the Artisan Fair on the 24th.

The Tennis Club also have their AGM this month on 22nd and the Village Hall invite you all to their official opening following the refurbishment work on 18th.

It is also a very significant month for your community as it is time for you to apply for the position of Parish Councillor. In total 10 Councillors are needed to carry out important work for your Parish, often unseen but, nevertheless, vital tasks which keep our village running smoothly and a safe and clean environment for all. Don't wait, apply now - see page 9.

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Village Diary for

If you want your event published here

Mon 4 th April	WRBL Meeting
Mon 4 th April	Mad Science E
Tues 5 th April	Mad Science E
Weds 6 th April	Mad Science E
Thurs 7 th April	Over 60's (p6)
Sat 9 th April	Traidcraft in
Sun 17 th April	WRBL - Coach
Sat 16 th April	Morden Magpie
Sun 17 th April	Songs of Praise
Mon 18 th April	SM Village hall
Thurs 21 st April	WI Meeting (p
Fri 22 nd April	SM Tennis Club
Sat 23 rd April	St. Georges De
Sat 23 rd April	Traidcraft at 1
	10am - 1pm
Sun 24 th April	Artisan Fair (p
Sun 24 th April	Airfield Histor
Sat 30 th April	Cambridge Wir

Forthcoming Events:

Weds 8 th Jun	Over 60's - Br
Sun 10 th July	Songs of Prais

Other news in the Village, as soon as it is the activity of the Speedwatch Parish is a serious issue and the hard to reduce the problem to our families - we hope to have more activities next month.

So, wishing you a pleasant month.

David, Desma and Karen.

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

The Church is one of six in the Shingay Group and details of all services are published monthly in Prospect. Our website is www.shingaychurches.co.uk

Sunday 3rd 8.30am Parish Communion

Saturday 9th 10.30-12 Coffee morning with Traidcraft Stall

Sunday 10th 10.45am Mattins

Friday 15th 9-12 Café Church

Sunday 17th 9.45am Family Service
3pm Songs of Praise

Friday 22nd 9-12 Café Church

Saturday 23rd 10-1pm St George's Day Fair

Sunday 24th Group Communion at Abington Pigotts

Wed. 27th 11.15 Home Group, 22 Craft Way

Friday 29th 9-12 Café Church

Café Church will back after the school holidays on 15th April, 9am to 12 noon. Do join us for a chat with friends old and new and enjoy our selection of hot drinks, bacon baps, cake ... It is open to all, whatever age. Children can enjoy a story and activities at 10.30am.

All are welcome.

Songs of Praise

Sunday, 17th April, at 3pm
at St Peter and St Paul
Steeple Morden

A warm invitation to ... sing your favourite hymns, hear some inspiring stories, enjoy tea and cakes and spend time with friends.

For further details, or if you would like a lift, please contact Gilly on 852380 or Anne on 853490.

Check out our website:

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

Fri 1st Apr 12.00pm Soup and Socialise. Does exactly what it says on the tin – plus a quiz!

Saturday 2nd Apr 7.30pm for 8.00pm Folk Night

Sunday 3rd Apr 10.30am Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style form of worship. All welcome

Monday 4th Apr 10.30-12.00 Men's Guild in the school room

Wed 6th Apr 9.30am Mix and Match Coffee Morning

Sunday 10th Apr 10.30am Service in the Chapel led by Fionnaigh Reid

Wed 13th Apr 9.30am Mix and Match Coffee Morning

Sunday 17th Apr 10.30am Joint service with St Mary's at the chapel led by Angus McCormick

Wed 20th Apr 9.30am Mix and Match Coffee Morning

Sunday 24th Apr 10.30am Easter Day Communion Service in the Chapel led by Fionnaigh Reid. All welcome

Wed 27th Apr 9.30am Mix and Match Coffee Morning

Please be aware that the above services are possibly subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Many thanks.



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

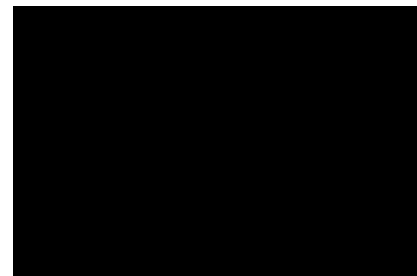
The Full PC meets on the second Monday in the in the Cricket Pavilion (the Village Hall in Winter) at 8.00pm.

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. Minutes can also be viewed on the Steeple Morden Village Website www.steeplemoden.org and the Village Post Office. Discussion on agenda items at the March meeting included the following:
- Parishioners Mr & Mrs Thorp requested that they can put **flower containers** on the piece of grass in front of their property to try and prevent cars parking on the verge. The parking of cars at that spot is dangerous due to the proximity of the Cheyney Street junction. The white line also needs painting. The PC will make the request with County.
- District Cllr Cicely Murfitt made her report.
 - **Council tax increase by £5 per annum** for a Band D property - there is still a £180K shortfall.
 - The **SCDC magazine** was out last week
 - Various **elections** are taking place soon - to vote you must be on the electoral roll
 - The 3 proposed **solar installations** are not going ahead at the moment
 - **Asbestos in Odsey** - she is dealing with it with SCDC
 - **Cars parking outside of front of Jester** - despite being asked to stop this by SCDC and the police it continues. The Managers will be contacted again
 - The **Starlings on Jubilee Way** have reduced
- The **MHI application** for a reduction in the speed limit outside the school to 20mph was unsuccessful
- Cllr Chris Whittington gave a report about **Speedwatch activities**. The level of offenders has been such that the police have been to the village and have issued fixed penalty fines. Speeds of 54mph, 50mph and 44mph have been recorded and there have been 13 repeat offenders. The group are seeing a noticeable reduction in speeding since their activities started. The equipment is on a share basis and it is felt that the frequency as to when the equipment is available to Steeple Morden is too low. There is an option for the PC to purchase their own £2,400 but there may be some local sharing options to split the cost. The PC requested that Cllr Whittington liaise with 2 other potential villages and report back at the May meeting.
- The **Election Packs** for the Parish Councillors positions are now available from the Clerk
- The PC agreed the appointment of LGS services as their **internal auditor**
- Recreation Ground - The Village Hall asked if and when the **road outside the Village Hall would be re-surfaced** - quotes to be obtained by the May meeting. In addition, factored into this will be plans to resolve the **muddy area at the kissing gate** and shaded grass area leading to the tennis courts. It was also noted that the dugouts have been secured and painted.
- **Odsey War Memorial**. There are more than sufficient funds to do the restoration work which will take place in the summer. The pledged fund of £500 from Mr Fordham and his son will be ring fenced for future work/maintenance (once agreed with Mr Fordham).
- The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on 9th May at 8.15pm. It will be preceded by the PC Meeting and AGM at 7.30pm
- The current contractor (Alison Jarman) will cease **emptying the bins and dog bins on the Rec.** In April. The PC requires a replacement. It was suggested for the Clerk to write to the clubs to see if they want to take it on as it could raise much needed funds.

I would like to thank all of you who attended the funeral of my dear husband, Frank Ernest Mead, also for the donations for Dementia UK and condolences.

Many Thanks - Joyce Mead



Grants for youth groups

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (charity number 1103314) is offering grants of up to £5,000 to fund additional social action opportunities for young people, whereby the young people contribute to their community and learn new skills.

The Local Youth Social Action Fund is open to applications from Charities/CIOs and Community Interest Companies working with young people aged 10-20yrs old living in Cambridgeshire.

We have some funds that must be allocated and spent by 30 April 16 and the online application form and more information can be found on the following webpage.

<http://www.cambscf.org.uk/local-youth-social-action-fund.html>

Any questions, please contact CCF

Thanks

Jane Darlington

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (charity number 1103314)

www.cambscf.org.uk

01223 410535



MORDEN YOUNG WRITERS GROUP

We are a small, informal group, led by a professional writer, who meet on an occasional basis in Steeple Morden.

We discuss and practise all forms of writing (but especially fiction) - inspiration, technique and especially finding that all-important individual 'voice'.

If you are aged 11 - 16, enjoy writing, and want to develop your interest and your skill, do join us - we'd love to see you!

Contact Sarah Harrison 01763 53171

novel@sarah-harrison.net

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Brownies	Debbie Fisher	01763 852811	debbie-fisher@hotmail.co.uk
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	Kate Reynolds	07952 100208 or 01763 852888	Pre-School: preschool@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk Out of School Club: outofschool@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk
Cricket Club	Fraser Daws	01763 853008	fraser.daws@btinternet.com

people!!

Would anyone like to come and help supervise the walks and help with car marshalling. We can cover any "out expenses" including lunch and fuel

The car park marshalling will be fairly straightforward and walk supervision requires the wearing of a hi-vis jacket walking at the middle or rear of the

Is anyone available to come along for walks at:

Ridgewell Airfield, Essex on Sunday April (start time TBC)

Any help would be greatly appreciated

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We, the Flecks Lane Action Group (FLAG), think the proposals last year for solar developments would have been sited inappropriately and a complete misuse of high quality agricultural land. We are not against the use of renewable technology in the right place.

There has been a long silence from the developers since the consultation took place but we have at last heard that the proposals outlined have been cancelled.

No reason was given for the cancellation and we would like to think that it was, at least in part, due to the opposition expressed locally. We cannot say that a proposal for a solar farm along Flecks Lane may not be resurrected in the future, but we now have a better understanding of the issues involved.

Some of the knowledge we have acquired in our campaign has already been used to direct advantage by opponents to the 50MW solar farm proposed by another developer for Dry Drayton. SCDC's Planning Committee unanimously overturned SCDC's planning officers' recommendation to approve the development and refused it. Attitudes are changing, perhaps.

We are grateful for the support we have received. We should also like to acknowledge the invaluable participation of our District Councillor, Cicely Murfitt, as well as the significant and very supportive contribution from Heidi Allen MP and her office.

It has been most pleasing to know that so many people in our community share our views.

Annie Coe (on behalf of FLAG)
8 February 2016

Cambridge Wind Band presents Stars and Stripes Saturday 30th April – 7.30pm at West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge

An evening of American music featuring Bernstein, Stevie Wonder, John Williams and much much more. Tickets £15 / £10 available from ADC Box office by calling 01223 300085 or email boxoffice@adctheatre.com

We would like to thank the Cambridge Wind Band who will be raising funds through this concert for Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire.



Speaker: Phyllis Baptie
"The history of dolls houses".

Speaker: Speaker: Members Meeting
The members arrange the evening to give the committee a rest !

Outing T.B.A

Speaker: Anita and Reg Brown will be talking and showing some of their bygone s collection.

Tea Party TBA

Speaker: Dr Jenner a retired Rheumatologist will talk about his work as a consultant at local hospitals
Bring and buy stall

Speaker: Linda Scoles. "Around the world in 23years with the US air force and Reg"

An evening with the ladies of Steeple Morden
R.B.L at Steeple village hall

Christmas mealT.B.A

Speaker: "A beauty evening", local hairdresser to talk about hair and nails, and other beauty subjects

ANNUAL MEETING
Member to talk about her visit to Japan
Bring and buy stall

Speaker: Mr and Mrs Crossley "The history of Cockayne Hatley and St John's Church. This is an open meeting visitors welcome

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 advertorial 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. Send it to newletter@steeplemorden.org – first come, first served basis.

This is YOUR opportunity to tell local people about your local business!

**Steeple Morden Royal
British Legion
Women's Section**

**Meeting Monday April 4th 2016
7.30 p.m.**

Speaker Marion Maule
"Grannies Kitchen"
Meet in SM Village Hall

Visitors welcome

Fee for non members £1.50

Please contact Chairman T Covington (01763 852 982) or Secretary Pat Smith (01763 852511) for further Info.

I have lived in Steeple Morden for 16 years and after receiving at least 2 calls a day for the last few days from the same "Scam" company today instead of just hanging up I did a little fishing of my own to see how their scam worked and thought I would bring to your attention as it may help someone who may just be having a problem with their computer and who may unwittingly fall for this scam.

The caller is very polite and persistent, it goes something like this:

Hello my name is... who said he worked for PC experts In Oxford. He advised me I has a problem with my computer they had received an error and warnings from it! (my computer) I said oh and what would you like me to do, he asked me to start up my computer and said he would talk me through it.

I questioned why he wanted that and that was he then going to try to take over my computer, he said you have problems and I will help you sort them. Of course I knew that this was a complete lie and a scam that would no doubt hurt my computer and potentially my pocket if they managed to gain access to any personal data.

I managed to get a number out of him 0800 310 1054 which if you look up on Google (or P C Experts Oxford) there is a whole barrage of people warning about this scam. I don't know how they manage to keep operating and why they are not shut down. However, until that day arrives forewarned is forearmed and if by running this warning in the village newsletter it only helps one person who may unwittingly go along with their scam as they are called at a time when they are actually having a problem with their computer in my opinion it will have been worth it.

I did manage to keep the person talking for between 5 and 10 minutes.....keeping him on for so long as far as I am concerned stopped him trying to con some other unsuspecting recipient with his unsolicited calls.

Local Resident



STEEPLE MORDEN BOWLS CLUB

We are a friendly village bowls club situated behind the village hall with our own club house and bar from where we organise various social events as well.

We are offering 6 weeks free training commencing Monday 18th April, from 10 to 12pm.

We would be pleased to hear from you even if you cannot initially attend on these dates, all ages welcomed, couples or single.

Equipment is provided, only requirement is a pair of flat soled shoes.

Please contact Daniel Sheehan on 01763 853101 or Alan Hudson on 01763 852538, email alan@oneservice.co.uk.

Look forward to seeing you.

Steeple Morden Parish Council Election 2016 - Your Chance to Make a Real Difference to Your Community

This year's PC Election will give Steeple Morden's parishioners the opportunity to select their Parish Council for the next four years.

Today, your Parish Council consists of nine dedicated and hard-working individuals representing all aspects of our community and it is important for us all that the Council continues to be well supported and well represented in order to best serve the Parish for the future.

Consequently, the Parish Council is now on the look-out for Parishioners with a real passion for the villages that they live and work in who would like to play a pivotal part in determining the future direction and running of our Parish.

Whether you would like to represent your community as a Parish Councillor or whether you would like to get involved in one of the many Council Working Groups such as Planning, Environment, Finance or Project Implementation we would love to hear from you.

So, if *you* want to make a real difference to your community why not call David Brown on 01763 853793 or email davidjohnbrown@btinternet.com for an informal chat, more about the opportunities available and what's involved.

Remember, Your Community Needs You!

Steeple Morden Parish Council Election

Michelle Walbridge
Parish Council Clerk
Available
(Sally Walbridge)
South Street
OQR. Telephone
01763 853793
email sally.walbridge@btinternet.com

Applications

New Parishioners
9 or less years in the area
an election

Elections (if new councillor)

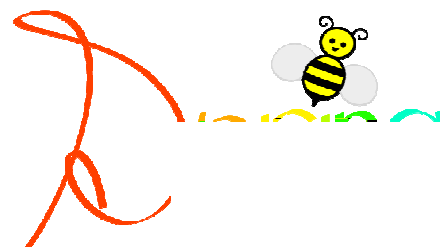
PILATES

Pilates classes held at Steeple Morden village hall on
Fridays 9.30-10.30am

Exercise is suitable for all ages and fitness
levels

Pilates builds strength and core stability and improves
posture, muscle tone and flexibility

For further details contact Larisa on 07791078782 or
Larisa.pilates@yahoo.co.uk

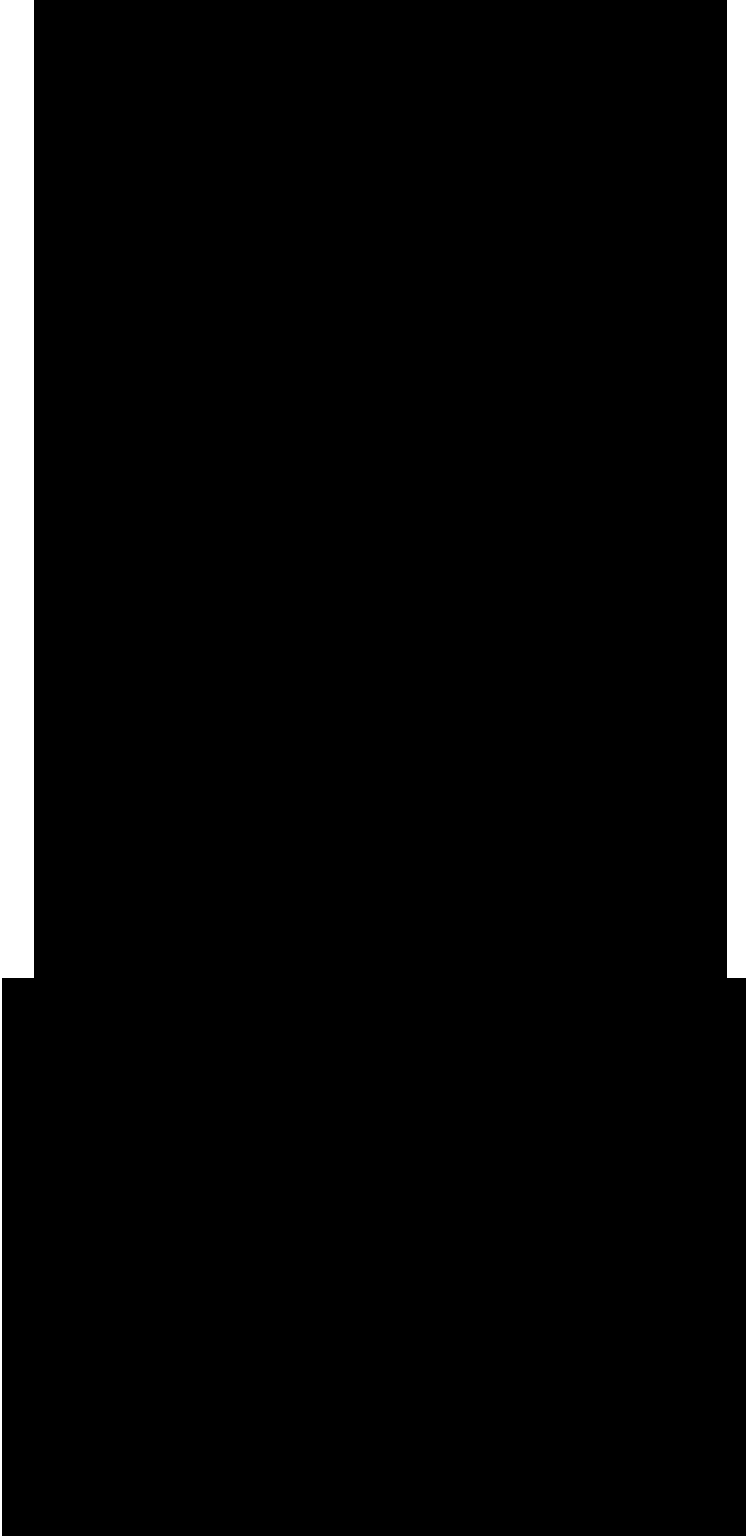


S.M.R.B.L. Women's Section
Coach trip to
Springfields
Outlet Shopping and Gardens
(near Spalding)

Sunday 17th April 2016

Leaving S.M. Hay Street 9.30 a.m.
Return from Springfields 4.00 p.m.
Cost £15 per person

More details and bookings to
Thora Dix 01763 853348 please.
E mail thoradix@tiscali.co.uk



We would like to invite you to the official, opening of the Village Hall following the recent refurbishment work.

There will be a presentation, including a dedication to John Jarman, followed by an opportunity for you to see the completed work. We will also be providing drinks during the evening.


For further information, you can contact:
Karen Brown on 017863 853793 or
mrskarenbrown@btinternet.com



23rd April, 10.00 -1.00 in Steeple Morden Church

There will also be refreshments. Do come along to support us.

If you are able to donate any goods for the above stalls, please contact Gilly (852380), Anne (853490), Annie (853829). Thank you



MORDEN MAGPIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - 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. We are keen to hear from young boys, girls and parents who would like to join us. 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 Donnelly - 07860 607416. kevin@donnelly.tv

Under 7 - Martin Holt – 07740215874. martin.holt@arjconstruction.co.uk

Under 8 - Laurence Harrison – 07799625529. Laurence.harrison@digitalradiouk.com

Under 9 - Andrew Holt – 07850801899. Andrew.Holt@arjconstruction.co.uk

Under 10 - Pete Summers – 07709258359. peter.summers@virgin.net

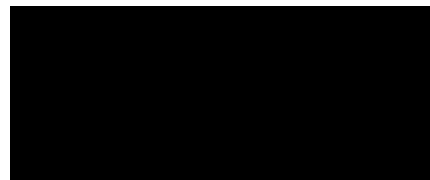
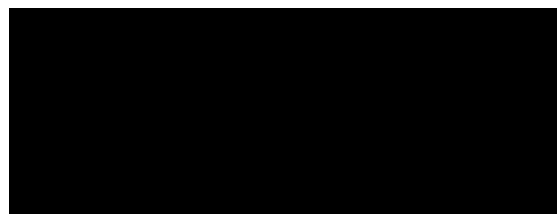
NMC Div 2A Recent Results

	<u>Home Team</u>		<u>Away Team</u>
20 th Feb	SM 1 st Team	3-1	Gamlingay Utd Res
27 th Feb	Meldreth	0-4	SM 1 st Team
5 th Mar	Stple Bumpstead	4-4	SM 1 st Team
12 th Mar	SM 1 st Team*	4-4	Littleport Town

NMC Div 5A Reserves Recent Results

	<u>Home Team</u>		<u>Away Team</u>
20 th Feb	Clare Town Res	2-3	SM Reserves
27 th Feb	SM Reserves	3-0	Harston 2015
5 th Mar	SM Reserves	3-2	Fulbourn Institute
19 th Mar	SM Reserves	3-0	Saffron Crocus Res

*Cup Pen 3-4



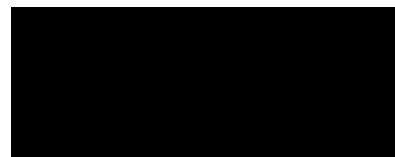
Local Artist Group • Katie Foster Jewellery • That's Gorgeous Framing • Apricot & Fig • Bakery@Number 55 • Wendy & Colin Artists • Make & Create • Gizzi Leather • Noko Designs Jewellery • Felt meets Cloth • Anna Pye Print Design • Wendy Hutchins Artist • Peter Grimmer Artist and many more
Drinks and Light refreshments

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
The Mobile Library stops in the village on the first Wednesday of every month.

It stops at Russell Close between 10.10am and 10.55am.

The calling date for April is:
Wednesday April 6th

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Contact details for the editors are at the top of the first page of the Newsletter

STEEPLE MORDEN VILLAGE HALL

The 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, Crockery, Stage, Parking.

Projector and screen available for hire – 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**

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