

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

February 2016

From the Editors.

Any thoughts about having a mild winter have been dispelled by temperatures reaching $-5^{\circ}C$ and $-6^{\circ}C$ as shown on the outside thermometers. More frost and snow are promised during February and into March, hopefully the Met Office have made a mistake.

The birds have flocked to use the feeders in the garden, during the cold weather. It was quite interesting watching them queue up on a nearby bush to take their turn at the feeder. We have several feeders and we have noted that certain birds prefer one or the other, the chaffinches all congregate on one, whilst the blue tits, coal, and long tail tits use another. The rest are confined to another. Very odd.

We have received several comments regarding the newly refurbished

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Village Diary for February

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

Mon 1st Feb SMRBL Women - Talk (p8)

Thurs 4th Feb Over 60's - Film (p6)

Fri 12th/13th Feb Morden Players - LOVE IS (p7)
Sat 13th Feb Coffee Morning with Traidcraft (p2)

Thurs 18th Feb Allotment & Garden Soc. AGM (p8)

Sat 20th Feb Race Night (p8)

Sun 28th Feb Firefighters Breakfast (p4)

Sun 28th Feb Airfield History Walk, Nuthampstead

(p6)

Forthcoming Events:

Wed 2nd March Lent Lunch (p7) Sat 19th March Quiz Night (p8)

Sun 20th March Airfield History Walk, Boxted (p6)

Sun 17th April Coach Trip to Springfield Gardens (p8)

Sun 17th April Songs of Praise (p2)

Sun 24th April Airfield History Walk, Ridgewell (p6)

Sun 10th July Songs of Praise (p2)

Village Hall, all complimentary. Work is very nearly completed. A big thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to clean, and redecorate the main hall, kitchen and committee room.

The diary has filled up considerably since the January issue, with a Sunday Breakfast, Coffee Mornings, Traidcraft, Film Shows, Talks, and some interesting History Walks.

David. Desma and Karen.

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

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

Friday 5th 9-12 Café Church

Sunday 7th 8.30am Parish Communion

Wed. 10th Ash Wednesday

> 7pm Holy Communion, Guilden Morden

Friday 12th 9-12 Café Church

Saturday 13th 10.30-12 Coffee morning with **Traidcraft Stall**

Sunday 14th 10.45am Mattins

> **6pm Lenten Group Choral** Evensong, Guilden Morden

Sunday 21st 9.45 Family Service

6pm Group Evensong, Litlington

Wed. 24th 11.15 Home Group, 22 Craft Way

Friday 26th 9-12 Café Church

Sunday, 28th 10am Group Communion,

> Steeple Morden 6pm Group Evensong, **Abington Pigotts**

Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for February

Check ou our websi e: www. uildenmordencon re a ionalchurch.com

Wed 3rd Feb 9.30am *Mix and Match Coffee Morning

Fri 5th Feb 12.00pm Soup and Socialise. Does exactly what it says on the tin – plus a quiz!

Saturday 6th Feb 7.30pm for 8.00pm Folk Night

Sunday 7th Feb 10.30am Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style form of worship. All welcome

Wed 10th Feb 9.30am *Mix and Match Coffee Morning

Sunday 14th Feb 10.30am Service in the Chapel led by Tina and Ray Hitch. All welcome

Wed 17th Feb 9.30am *Mix and Match Coffee Morning

Sunday 21st Feb 10.30am Joint service with St Mary's led by Cyril Harris in the chapel. All welcome

Wed 24th Feb 9.30am *Mix and Match Coffee Morning

Sunday 28th Feb 10.30am Communion Service in the Chapel led by Fionnaigh Reid. All welcome

Please be aware that the above services are possibly subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Many thanks. * Mix and Match Instead of hosting two toddler groups and one coffee morning, we are looking to 'mix' them together and open a 'Mix and Match' toddler group and coffee morning instead on a Wednesday morning. The 'toddler' part of the morning will start at 9.30am with the 'coffee' morning starting at 11.00am which is open to all ages. The toddler group will end at 11.00am leaving the other members of the coffee morning to continue enjoying their fellowship in a slightly quieter environment.

Songs of Praise

Will be back in Steeple Morden on 17th April, 3pm please put the date in your diary.

There will also be Songs of Praise in Guilden Morden Church on Sunday, 10th July at 3pm.



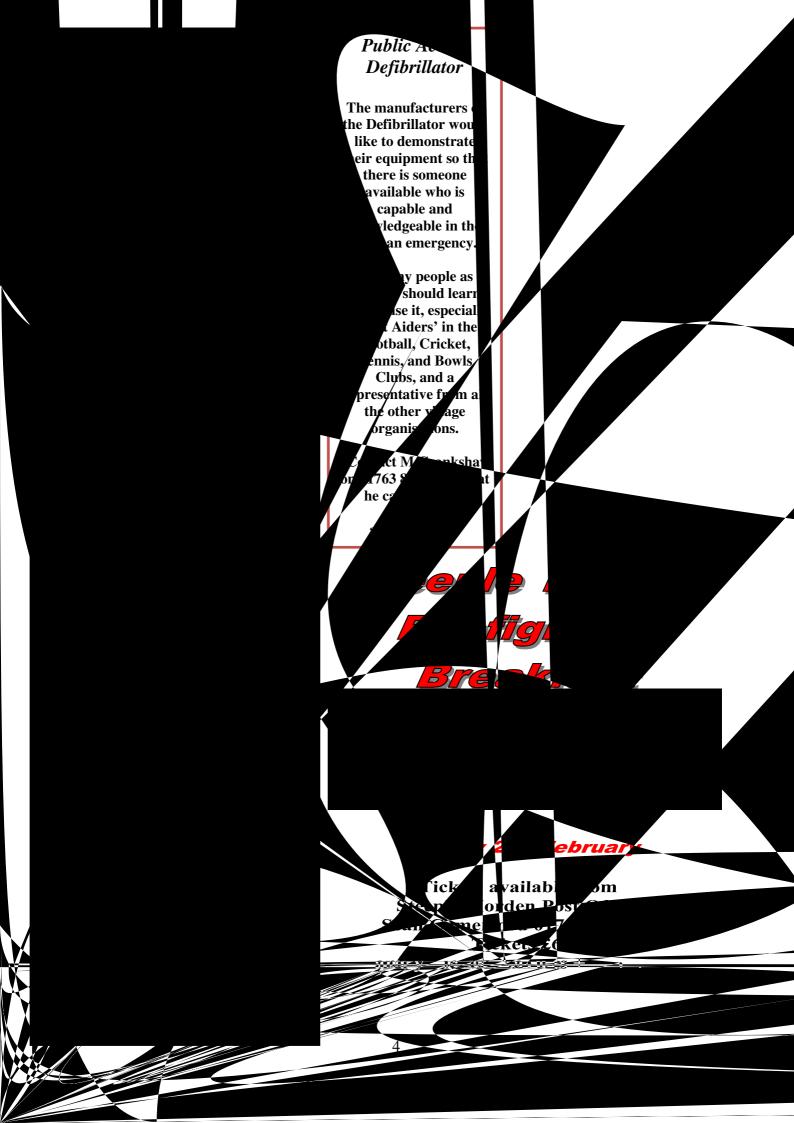
NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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 OQR. 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 January meeting included the following:

- Chris Whittington was welcomed as a new member of the Parish Council and invited to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- A505 Junction the Herts County Council Transport Committee have agreed to various options that
 were put forward to deal with the safety aspects of the junction. The HCC Officers have agreed to paint
 arrows on the carriageway, cut back vegetation, improve signage, and reinstate the white line when
 crossing the junction. Cambs CC Officer Amanda May has been approached to find out when the Odsey
 signage will be changed.
- Speedwatch Brian Burton has four volunteers who are interested in starting a Community Speedwatch but he needs a few more to get the scheme underway. It was decided that Cllr Chris Whittington would be the co-ordinator between the Speedwatch Team and the Parish Council.
- District Cllr Cicerly Murfitt reported on the forthcoming Ward Boundary Changes. It has been proposed to reduce the number of District Councillors from 57 to a possible 45, a consultative document has been circulated and views and requests are needed by 1st February.
- Finances a draft budget had been circulated to all councillors concerning the 2016-17 Precept for the village. This was discussed and various alterations and additions were made.
- Recreation Ground and Conservation Area- In the Play Area, the climbing frame wooden section is rather slippy due to the wet weather a 'beware 'notice will be put on the climbing frame alerting parents. Brushwood cutting will go ahead when the weather improves. Dog fouling is still a problem, although no reports have been received. A complaint has been received regarding mud on the driveway to the Village Hall. The Football Club will be asked to sweep the area after practice and matches.
- The Odsey War Memorial has received £1000 from the Community Chest for cleaning and renovation. A decision on grants from the War Memorial Trust is still awaited.
- Football Club has requested that the 'dug-outs' on two of the football pitches be made more secure, by placing them on a concrete plinth. It was suggested that a metal roller-blind be added to keep out 'undesirables'. The Football Club/Cricket Club has requested that the Sports Pavilion be upgraded to include showers and changing rooms suitable for home and away teams, which would mean extending the Pavilion by 2 3 meters into the car park. The disable toilet would also be upgraded. To facilitate this work the Football Club were applying for a grant from the Football Association. To enable them to obtain the grant the Parish Council will consider granting the Sports Clubs' a lease.
- Correspondence it has been suggested that 'Cowslip Weekend' incorporate a celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday. Bluegrass have booked the recreation ground for 17-19th June, and requested that one or two caravans stay over until 20th, as these people had travelled some way to attend the event. A complaint has been received from Jubilee End concerning starlings roosting in trees and causing an environmental health problem.
- North Brook End Trees trees are to be planted along the road in North Brook End, the owner of the land will be informed.





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













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SM Newsletter Editors	David & Karen Brown	01763 853793	newsletter@steeplemorden.org		
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Out of School Club	·	or 01763	preschool@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk		
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			outofschool@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk		
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Football Club	Mark Thorp	07738 304329			
Morden Magpies Youth	Laurence Harrison	07799 625529			
Bowls Club	Alison Murray (Secretary)	01462 742293	alisonmurray@gmail.com		
Tennis Club	Fiona Coverdale	01763 853325	steeplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk		
Waggon & Horses	Josie	01763 853311			
Morden Players	Hazel Smith	01763 852602	hcsmith@clara.co.uk		
Over 60s Club	Ann Thorp	01763 852848	annthorp35@yahoo.com		
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Mobile Wardens Scheme	Angela Drew	01763 852635			
WI	Di Coleman	01763 852124	dicole.8pott@btinternet		
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Social Car Scheme	Hazel Smith	01763 852602	hcsmith@clara.co.uk		

If the contact details need to be amended please let the Editor know, so that the list can be as accurate as possible at all times. A list of local useful numbers can be found on the village website (www.steeplemorden.org) and more general useful numbers can be found on the inside back page of The Listing.

Steeple Morden Over 60's Club

4th Feb 2016: Film Show - A Musical TBA

3rd March 2016: Ryeland Sheep - Celia Upchurch to tell us about her Girls
7th April 2016: Balance & Exercise - Simon Hanna from the NHS - to help

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Meetings & Venue – 2.30pm – Steeple Morden Village Hall Visitors Welcome – £2 includes tea and

Volunteer Help Needed - Airfield History Walks - 8th in the East We have now held 8 History Walks around airfields in East Anglia and they are becoming rather popular. The last one we had 120 people!!

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

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

Is anyone available to come along to any of our walks at:

Nuthampstead Airfield, Hertfordshire on Sunday 28th February - 8:45am start Boxted Airfield, Essex on Sunday 20th March (start time TBC)

Ridgewell Airfield, Essex on Sunday 24th April (start time TBC)

Any help would be greatly appreciated,

Martin Cuthbert BA (Hons) ACIfA - Community Archaeologist

The Eighth in the East Project (Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund)

Mob: 07856 267936. Office: 01449 775542.

Email: martin@8theast.org



Steeple Morden Newsletter – we desperately need help please

The Newsletter desperately needs volunteers to help with the Newsletter production, otherwise there is the chance that the Newsletter does not have enough resource to continue.

If you are able to help, please contact Karen Brown.

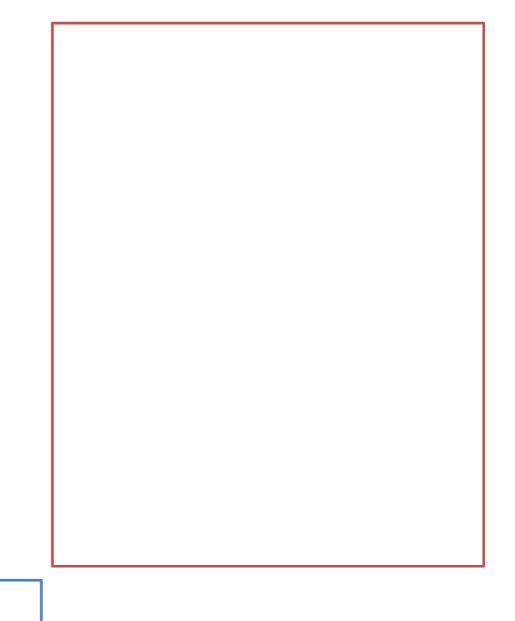
01763 853793.

mrskarenbrown@btinternet.com

We are looking for people who:

- can spare a few hours a month (only 2 or 3 months a year) producing the Newsletter as part of the Newsletter Editorial Team
- are able to use a computer, MS Word and the Internet.
- have a passion for keeping this important village publication going

All the articles are sent via e-mail or the information is gained from the Internet and copied/pasted to the Newsletter. You only produce a short editorial.





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

A for on local businesses

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Steeple Morden Royal British Legion Women's Section

Monday February 1st 7.30pm Virginia Partridge 'Put Your Best Foot Forward'

SM Village Hall Visitors Welcome Fee for non-members £1.50

Coach Trip Outing to Springfields Outlet and Gardens. April 17th

Please contact Chairman T Covington (01763 852982) or Secretary Pat Smith (01763 852511) for further information.





STEEPLE MORDEN BOWLS CLUB Affiliated to EBA,CCBA,EWBA,CCWBA Recreational Ground, Hay Street,Steeple Morden, SG8 0PE

Please note the following events to be held at SMBC

Saturday 20th February 7.00pm for 7.30pm start, another exciting Race Night, these are very popular so please book your place with;

David Holt 01763 852636 Geoff Gilbert 01763 852898 Or the ever reliable Post Office.

Saturday 19th March 7.00pm for 7.30pm start a Quiz Night, following the very successful one held last year. Please book your place with the same contacts above.



STEEPLE MORDEN ALLOTMENT & GARDEN SOCIETY NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

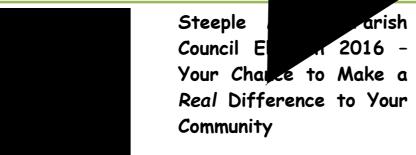
THE AGM IS TO BE HELD AT THE WAGGON & HORSES IN STEEPLE MORDEN ON THURSDAY $18^{\rm TH}$ FEBRUARY 2016 AT 8PM.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING AN ALLOTMENT THIS IS THE IDEAL TIME TO MEET THE PLOT HOLDERS AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR WELL-ESTABLISHED SITE IN STEEPLE MORDEN.

ALL CURRENT MEMBERS AND WOULD-BE ALLOTMENTEERS WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ALISON: 01763 853038 OR EMAIL

ALISONDYCHE@YAHOO.CO.UK



Next 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!

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

Church Roof Appeal

hank you a ain o all who have responded o he Church oo Appeal le er rom he riends, delivered with he Sep ember copy o rospec.

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Son s rom American musicals presen ed by om Asher and ae velyn, accompanied by hil Asher, were warmly apprecia ed, and he evenin raised a o al o to will o owards he church roo appeal.

Carol sin in around he vina e on he Sunday evenin be ore Chris mas or anised by he riends raised a record 1 o pwards repairing he church roo. hanks o all hose who came alon and everyone who ave so enerously.

David McKee, or he riends o SS e er aul

Steeple Morden Village Hall refurbishment u years in he pla nd over in ense undraisin, ove 000 has be raised o carry ou major work wh as now almos comple e. lovember, he he work commenced on ! oile s are almos comple e he new doors will be ins alled in early anuary. he projec has replaced he exis in men's and ladies oile s, added a disabled oile wi h baby c acili y and al ered he en rance o have ele doors and an access ramp. his will nuch needed enhancemen so he hall del mak more accessible o he wider communi y acili y in S eeple n his very in and R live. Morde Our re ar users will re he hall in early anuary and as an added b a small eam o volun ee's have also decor he main hall whils i has been closed. V ok orward o e o have an welcomin you all back and h openin ceremony in anuary

Stay well this winter

In the past year as many of one in four residents in Cambridgeshire visited A&E when they could have used an alternative service or looked after themselves at home.

Each visit to A&E costs the local NHS £87, and that's before any treatment is given. When you look at the figures, this costs the local NHS over £4million a year. In turn this is the equivalent cost of 677 hip replacements, or 287 liver transplants or 115 more dementia nurses.

Using A&E when you don't need to can also have a knock-on effect to the rest of the hospital, as busy A&E departments resulted in 500 cancelled operations and procedures because a bed was no longer available, and longer waiting and referral times.

But you can help

- Stay healthy get a flu vaccination if you are eligible
- Look after others check on elderly friends, relatives and neighbours especially in spells of cold weather, help them to keep warm and have the medication they might need
- Be prepared get your prescriptions in early before the holidays and see your pharmacist or GP for any issues you might be putting off
- Choose the right service your local pharmacy can provide confidential, expert advice and treatment for a range of common illnesses and complaints, without having to wait for a GP appointment.

For help with finding local NHS services visit http://www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk/

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 Donnelley 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			NMC Div 5A Reserves Recent Results				
Home Team		Away Team	<u> </u>	Home Team		Away Team	
SM 1 st Team	W/O	Meldreth	19 th Dec	Fulbourn 'A'	3 - 3	SM Reserves	
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Planning Applications considered by the Parish Council

- 1. Ref No. 5/2761/14/FL Appeal Horse and Groom 2 detached houses.
- No further comments above those submitted at the initial planning application
- 2. Ref. No S/2824/15/LD Request for local information 34 Ashwell Road application for a loft conversion. Council noted that this property was part of the affordable housing development. It was agreed that the Clerk advise the District Council of this as the Housing Association should be involved with the shared equity dwelling.
- 3. Tree work application 40 Hay Street. Details of the application to fell a Poplar Tree were circulated. No comments were made.
- 4. The School House Hay Street Details of the application to remove a Silver Birch Tree were circulated. No comments were made.

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.



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 February is: Wednesday February 3rd

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.

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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.

NEW We now have a 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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