



**PARISH
COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER**

July/August 2015

From the Editors.

The Parish Council have included their annual report as an insert the printed version delivered every household in the Parish.

In this double edition, we also see a lot of events during the months July and August - dominated by Open Studios in July and the Sch Fete early on in the month of July

There are some important items worth noting in this month's edition

The request for nominations for the Jubilee Trophy - your voice counts so please read the details on page

Also, we are lucky to have been provided with a defibrillator in the village which could result in the saving of lives - training is being offered so please put yours forward if you can - see page 10.

The Townlands Charity have 2 notices this month and it's important

**Saint Peter and Saint Paul
Church, Steeple Morden
Diary for July/August**

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

July

Fri 3rd 9-12 Café Church
Sunday 5th **8.30 Parish Communion**
Wed. 8th 11.15 Home Group, 22 Craft Way
Friday 10th 9-12 Café Church
Sat 11th 10.30-12 Coffee morning and Traidcraft Stall
Sunday 12th **10.45 Parish Communion**
3pm Songs of Praise, Litlington
Friday 17th 9-12 Café Church
Sunday 19th **9.45 Family Service**
Wed. 22nd 11.15 Home Group, 22 Craft Way
Sunday, 26th **10am Group Communion, Tadlow**

August

Sunday 2nd **8.30 Parish Communion**
Wed. 5th 11.15 Home Group, 22 Craft Way
Saturday 8th 10.30-12 Coffee morning and Traidcraft Stall
Sunday 9th **10.45 Parish Communion**
Sunday 16th **9.45 Family Service**
Wed. 19th 11.15 Home Group, 22 Craft Way
Sunday, 23rd **10am Group Communion, Litlington, with laying-on of hands for healing**
Sunday, 30th **10am Group Communion at Wendy**

For enquiries about Sunday School, please contact Alison Butterworth on 01763 853318.



Fairtrade

You can help fight poverty amongst small growers and producers by supporting Fairtrade. There will be a Traidcraft stall at the Coffee Morning

at Steeple Morden Church, 10.30-12 noon on Saturday, 11th July and at the Coffee Morning at Steeple Morden Church, 10.30-12 noon on Saturday, 8th August. Do join us for a coffee or tea, a chat and a browse. Everyone is welcome!

Check out our website:

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

Coffee Morning
Tots and Teas
Soup and Socialise. Does exactly what it says on the tin – plus a quiz!

Folk Night
Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style form of worship. All welcome.

Coffee Morning
Tots n Teas
Bible Study style service in the Schoolroom followed by a short church meeting.

Coffee Morning
Tots n Teas
United Service at St

Mary's
Coffee Morning
Tots n Teas
Communion Service in the

Chapel
Coffee Morning
Tots n Teas

Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style form of worship. All welcome.

Coffee Morning
Tots n Teas
Please not there is NO

SERVICE this week
Coffee Morning
Tots n teas
10.30am Service in the

Chapel
Coffee Morning
Tots n Teas
Service in the Chapel
Coffee Morning
Tots n Teas
Communion Service in the

Chapel

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 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. 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 June meeting included the following:

- The Chairman suggested a full Newsletter print run for the July/August Edition to distribute the APM annual report.
- The Chairman gave an update on the A505 Junction project. A safety audit is being progressed with possible funding from the Section 106 money from OMYA.
- Some updates were discussed in respect of the proposed solar farm at Rectory Farm. The Chairman had met with FLAG. No further discussions can take place until the planning application has been received.
- County Cllr Adrian Dent gave his report, which included:
 - A complaint about scrap cars in Guilden Morden from a Steeple resident
 - Upcoming meeting with the DIO/MOD regarding Bassingbourn Barracks
 - The Chairman queried all the recent gravel road dressing - this is the decision of Highways and out of County control
 - The missed broadband locations in Steeple has been rectified
 - 22nd June - fly the flag ceremony at County Hall
 - The Annual Public Health Report has been published by Cambs. CC - it's a good report.
- District Cllr Cicely Murfitt gave her report, which included:
 - The South Cambs. Magazine has been distributed
 - The local plan has been suspended as the Government required more information on certain items such as the provision of land for building
 - The Bowls Club have received a grant of £1,500 towards their new roof
- Internet Banking was discussed and there are 2 possibilities which need further investigation
- The Bowls Club responded to the refusal by the PC for assistance with roof repairs. It was agreed by the PC that all the Sports Clubs need to be self sufficient.
- Maintenance of the Reading Room was discussed and it was agreed to progress roof repairs and outside painting which needs to include the Cricket/Football Pavilion.
- It was confirmed that, in 2010, a company was paid for cleaning Odsey Memorial - further investigations are required.
- It was agreed to replace the light switch in the Disabled Toilet with a PIR light.
- As part of the Special Projects '15 Initiative, the PC have agreed to fund the provision of additional benches around the village - these will be ordered a.s.a.p. In addition, Cllr Jeremy Clayton reported that Townlands Charity will fund an additional picnic bench for use by the whole community to be sited near the Tennis Courts.
- The CCTV installation is progressing. The PC is currently waiting for detailed plans from the contractor.
- Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire - with the reduction from 62 to 55 officers, the proposal to group Steeple Morden with Guilden Morden and Gamlingay was accepted by the Parish Council.
- The PC reviewed the start time of the Parish Council meetings - it was agreed to move it to 8pm to allow for people working out of area to be involved in the PC.
- Cllr Mark Crankshaw provided an update on the recently installed Community Defibrillator. Training on the new equipment is now being scheduled and all village organisations are invited to attend (see page 10).
- Cllr Jeremy Clayton requested that the Newsletter included an item regarding the availability of funds for apprentices from Townlands (see page 10).
- It was agreed that nominations are required for the Jubilee Trophy are required by the next PC Meeting (see page 7).



Tony Gilbert, along with Julian, Avril, Sarah & Ben, would like to thank everybody for their kind support on the passing of his beloved wife Audrey. It has been a source of great comfort.

The family would also like to thank The Waggon & Horses for an excellent wake, Wild Wood Floral Events for the lovely flowers and Shamus Williams & Jeremy Rule for their compassion in the conduct of the service and other arrangements.

CREAM TEAS in aid of Church Funds



Sunday 6 September - 2.30 - 5pm

At Hill House, 24 Cheyney Street, Steeple Morden
(home of David & Gilly McKee)

Tickets Adults £4 Children under 12 £2
from Gilly McKee 852380 Rose Dickinson 852138
or The Post Office

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SM Newsletter Editors	David & Karen Brown	01763 853793	newsletter@steeplemorden.org
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Village College	The Principal	01763 242344	
SS Peter & Paul Church	Genesta Harris	01763 852305	No e-mail
GM Cong. Church	Fionnaigh Reid	07867 666574	fionnaighhal@hotmail.com
SM Village Hall Bookings	Diane Knight	01763 853073	Viguersk@aol.com
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Cricket Club	Fraser Daws	01763 853008	fraser.daws@btinternet.com
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Newsletter - v
need help plea**

Due to changes in circumstance:
Newsletter needs volunteers to
with the Newsletter production.
you are able to help, please con
Karen Brown. 01763 853793.
mrskarenbrown@btinternet.com

We are looking for people who:

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

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



Home Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire
are looking for Home Visiting Volunteers

Can you give a family the most precious gift -
your time?

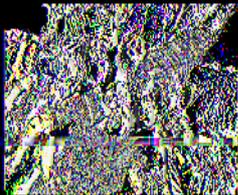
Our volunteers are all parents or grandparents
who can give a few hours a week to help families who
are finding it difficult to cope.

All parents need emotional and practical help to get through the first few years
but not everyone has friends or family nearby.

This is when Home Start volunteers can help!

A 10 session training course for new
volunteers is being held during
June & July 2015

The course will run from 9.30am - 2.30pm - dates to be confirmed



For more details contact Sarah or Jackie at:
Home Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire
Unit 6, Valley Farm, Station Road, Hitchin,
Royston, Herts, SG8 6JP

Tel: 01763 853793 or email: volunteers@homeroston.org

www.homeroston.org

Registered Charity No 1100305

Meeting Monday 6th July 2015

10.00am - 11.30am

St. Andrew's Church

Meeting on August 2nd 2015

Childhood Memories

Bring something from your childhood.

Meet in SM Village Hall

Visitors welcome

Fee for non members £1.50

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

Songs of Praise

Sunday, 12th July 2015
St. Catherine's, Linton

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.

Each year the Parish Council award the
Jubilee Trophy to a nominated
parishioner who has made a significant contribution
to the village.

The nominations are made by you, the people of
Steeple Morden Parish by way of recognition of these,
often, silent heroes.

If you would like to make a nomination, please call or
e-mail the Chairman, David Brown, of the Parish
Council before 13th July 2015.

Tel: 01763 853793

E-mail: david@steplemorden.org

Anna Pye Cambridge Open Studios

All 4 weekends in July

11am-6pm

Original hand pulled prints
Hand printed textiles
Notebooks Cards

Lino printing workshops

I am absolutely delighted to be able to write to you as your new Member of Parliament! In the early hours of 8th May 2015, I was elected to represent every person, every business, every school and organisation in South Cambridgeshire and I can't tell you how proud that makes me feel.

During the election campaign I tried to meet as many people as possible and convey to them that if successful, I would always be approachable, available and crucially listening. I come to politics from business having worked in both the public and private sectors and more recently running my own firm. In my working life I discovered that the best decisions I made were as a consequence of listening to the people who would be affected by those decisions.

I want to carry that ethos forward, so if you are worried about anything, need my help, want to talk to me – please feel that you can. You can call my office on 01954 211444, email me heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk, write to me at 153 St Neots Road, Hardwick, CB23 7QJ or you can tweet me @heidiallen75. I am here because you put me there, and I will NEVER forget that.

With very best wishes,



Gina Ferrari

Textile Art

Sat 11th/Sun 12th & Sat 18th/Sun
19th July

11am until 6pm

Cambridge Open Studios

**49 Hay Street, Steeple
Morden**

Richly textured, colourful art

Framed pieces for your wall, items for
your home, jewellery, gifts, cards &
more.

Browsers welcome!

For more information contact Gina:
01763 852971

www.ginaferrari.blogspot.co.uk
www.camopenstudios.co.uk

We are pleased to welcome a new tutor and a new 10 week course which starts on Tue 22nd September 2015 at 7.45pm in Guilden Morden School, SG8 OJZ.

Marina Burrell promises to deliver a fascinating course on Russians



Allotments for Rent

Would you like the satisfaction of growing your own vegetables, reducing your shopping bill and possibly making new friends along the way? Our site on the edge of the village has now been established as a small, friendly, lively, enthusiastic (and mixed ability!) growing area around 20 plots on site. Due to changes of circumstance

become available so we would love you to join our thriving community of Allotmenters. We have 'full size' and 'half size' plots – perhaps you would like to share with a friend or children the chance to learn more about where their food comes from by growing their own. It is a self-contained, locked site with a water supply and communal composting, and you can have a plot if needed.

So if you want to be eating fresh Asparagus in April and your own Leeks in December please contact Alison in the first instance on 01763 853038 or alisondyc

VE Day Celebrations at Steeple Morden School Fete 4th July 2015 - 1pm – 4pm

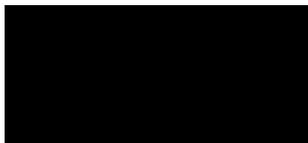


We are a small group of people who write for a profession or as an occasional hobby.

We discuss writing (but not just writing) for inspiration, to help each other, especially for individual writers.

If you are aged 18 and over and want to improve your skill, do join us!

Contact Sara at novel@sara



Steeple Morden Village Hall Committee

Would you like to be part of a team? Can you spare the odd hour once a month?

The Village Hall Committee is looking for new Members to add to the team.

We meet every 6-8 weeks for a meeting. There will be, perhaps, an hour or so of your time until the next meeting.

Please contact Karen Brown on 01763 853038 or mrskarenbrown@btinternet.com to register your interest.



The Townlands charity in Steeple Morden was set up in the early 1900's to offer grants to those who are needy in the village.

This year the charity has widened its scope to provide grants and assistance to people in need, or to organisations that have a whole village benefit.

If you wish to apply, please contact Jeremy Clayton on:
01763 852203 or
jeremly@ewpepper.co.uk

The Townlands Charity are keen to consider small grants for those requiring financial assistance with purchasing tool/equipment, etc. For their apprentice scheme.

The scheme must be Government Approved or can be a similar vocational course, such as City & Guilds.

Please contact Jeremy Clayton on:
01763 852203 or
jeremly@ewpepper.co.uk
for further details

Public Access Defibrillator

For the carriers of the Defibrillator or other people who are in need of a defibrillator in the village, please contact the village office on 01763 852203 or jeremly@ewpepper.co.uk for further details.

Any people who are in need of a defibrillator in the village, please contact the village office on 01763 852203 or jeremly@ewpepper.co.uk for further details.

Contact Mr Clayton on 01763 852203 or jeremly@ewpepper.co.uk for further details.

Harvest Fair Reminder

Please put **Saturday the 19th September** between 12 noon and 4pm in your diaries for this year's Village Harvest Fair. This year will be the new committees second year of running the Fair and with last years hugely successful day we know we have a lot to live up to. Last year the feedback was fabulous with the village having a brilliant family day, with something for everyone. As a result of the fantastic comments about the Glen Miller Band (Opus 17) I am pleased to announce they will be returning. We are also going to be having an activities tent this year for the younger audience and we will have more adrenalin focused activities and rides for those slightly older villagers.

The dog show was a real favourite and I advice early training now commences for village dog with the most waggy tail, child's best friend, golden oldie and the dog with the friendliest face. The usual favourites of Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Fairground Rides, Tea & Cakes, Licensed Bar (beer tent) Car Boot Sale and Horticultural Show are here again this year. The Pimms tent was such a success with the ladies we are in negotiations with the company for significantly further supplies as would befit a major city!

The committee are enjoying planning new surprises to surpass even the success of last year. This includes ongoing discussion with the Ministry of Defence for even more military might than the fabulous Black Watch (and brilliant Piper) they brought last year. The MOD inform me that Black Watch are still licking their wounds having been defeated by the village children in the tug of war. We will be having special events in the arena to surpass last years very wet and entertaining fire brigade races and display. To keep up to date with what will be happening on the day follow us on Face Book (Steeple Morden Harvest Fair) or check out our web site www.steeplemordenharvestfair.com

For anyone wishing to have a stall at the Fair or donate prizes for the Grand Prize Draw or with offers for more entertainment or simply wishing to advertise in the Harvest Fair programme that will delivered to all villagers please e mailsteeplemordenharvestfair@gmail.com

The Harvest Fair is a special day that brings the village together and it's success depends on you coming along. We very much look forward to seeing you all for another brilliant day on Saturday September 19th.

LATEST NEWS Police Dog to perform in the arena - The Fire Brigade are coming back this year

Jon Boutcher - Harvest Fair Chairman

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

Steeple Morden Cricket Club - Fixtures & Results

All Matches start at 1.30pm

27th June Barley CC, Cambs - 2nd XI Home
4th July Little Shelford CC - 1st XI Home
18th July Rebels CC - 1st XI Away
25th July Elsworth CC - 1st XI Home

1st August Cambourne CC - 2nd XI Away
8th August Dullingham CC - 1st XI Away
15th August Buntingford CC - 2nd XI Away
22nd August Elsworth CC - 1st XI Away
29th August Barley CC, Cambs - 2nd XI Away

Steeple Morden Bowls Club

The Newsletter will be giving details of planned home fixtures each month for the Bowls Club. *Situated behind the Village Hall, the green is among the best in Cambridgeshire, and the club is very friendly.*

Home Fixtures for July

Thurs 2 nd July	Milton at 6.30pm
Fri 3 rd July	Barrington at 6.30pm
Mon 6 th July	Haddenham at 6.30pm
Tues 7 th July	LGC at 2.30pm
Tues 7 th July	Sawston at 6.30pm
Fri 10 th July	Sawston "A" at 6.30pm

Sun 10 th July	Ashby d. Zouch at 2pm
Mon 13 th July	Alex Beehive at 6.30pm
Sun 19 th July	Royston at 2.30pm
Tues 21 st July	Howard Gdns at 2.30pm
Sat 25 th July	Eynesbury at 3pm
Mon 27 th July	Duxford at 6.30pm

Home Fixtures for August/September

Sat 1st Aug	Standon & Puck. At 2.30pm
Thurs 6 th Aug	Romsey at 6.15pm
Fri 7 th Aug	Coleridge at 6.15pm
Tues 11 th Aug	Stotfold at 2.30pm
Tues 11 th Aug	Abbey at 6.15pm
Thurs 13 th Aug	Lt. Shelford at 6.15pm

Tues 18 th Aug	3 Horseshoes at 2.30pm
Sat 22 nd Aug	Cambs. V.P. at 2pm
Mon 24 th Aug	Comberton at 6.15pm
Tues 1 st Sept	St Andrews at 2.30pm

Secretary, Danny Sheehan on 01763 853101

A group of representatives from Ashwell, Guilden Morden and Steeple Morden Parish Councils and now, Litlington Parish Council, is trying hard to achieve improvements to the A505 junctions at Odsey and Litlington

We have a list of things we think could be implemented easily and without great cost.

We would still like to hear from you if you have had a near miss at these junctions or any suggestions you may have for safety improvements.

Cicely Murfitt SCDC Cllr for the Mordens Ward, 10 Silver Street, Guilden Morden, 01763 852 526
cldr.murfitt@scambs.gov.uk

Do you think the Dog Control Order is Working?

The Parish Council would like to hear your views on this and any other issues that you think should be considered for everyone in the village. Please contact Cllr Trish at the Post Office.

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.



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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 July & August is:
Wednesday July 1st
Wednesday August 5th

CROCKERY 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.

Contributions sent to the editors prior to the newsletter deadline will normally be printed in the next available edition.

The deadline for the September edition is 12 noon on Saturday August 15th.

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.

****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**

Don't forget you can view this issue and back issues of the Newsletter online at www.steeplemorden.org and also subscribe to the monthly e-mail copy of the Newsletter. Lets save money and trees!