



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## June 2018

### Editorial

Well after such a long drawn out winter hasn't May been glorious! It has been a joy to see the blossom, hear the birds and enjoy the sunshine.

There is not an awful lot going on in the villages this month but plenty to look forward to in July. From a personal point of view I have two sons getting married in July so quite enough to look forward to and keep me busy but once again I am participating in Cambridge Open Studios along with fellow artist Anna Pye.

If you have never visited Open Studios before I urge you to give it a try. During four weekends in July there are over 300 artists opening their studios throughout Cambridgeshire and exhibiting their work to the public. You can pick up a guide from the Post Office or from either Anna or me. And in addition we have another local artist, Peter Grimmer, also opening his studio at the end of this month. See page 13 for more details.

As well as the annual school fete, July also sees a wealth of activities celebrating 100 years of Steeple Morden. Plenty of stewards are required to man the two week exhibition in the church so please consider volunteering. (Details on page 2) Meanwhile, enjoy the sunshine!

Gina

### Village Diary for June

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

- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> June** A Night at the Races (p12)
- Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June** Peter Grimmer Open Studio (p13)
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> June** Peter Grimmer Open Studio (p13)
- Tue 26<sup>th</sup> June** Summer Flower Demonstration & Garden Talk (p7)

### Forthcoming events

- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> July** Home Start Literary lunch (p12)
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July** 355<sup>th</sup> Memorial service (p14)
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July** Hog Roast (p14)
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> July** Gina Ferrari Open Studio (p13)
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> July** Anna Pye Open Studio (p13)
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July** 100 years in Steeple Morden (p14)
- Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July** Steeple Morden School Fete (p7)
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> July** Steeple Morden Open Gardens
- 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> July** Anna Pye Open Studio (p13)
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> July** The Beauty & The Sorrow (p14)
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> July** Litlington Village Fayre – 100 years of RAF (p12)
- 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> July** Gina Ferrari Open Studio (p13)
- 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> July** Anna Pye Open Studio (p13)
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> July** Songs of Praise (p2)

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**Steeple Morden Parish Council  
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*Songs of Praise is back!*

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 3pm  
St Mary's Church, Guilden  
Morden**

You are warmly invited to ... sing your favourite hymns,  
hear some inspiring stories, enjoy tea and cakes  
and spend time with friends old and new.

For further details, or if you would like a lift, please  
contact  
Christine on 852125, Cynthia on 853127 or Anne on  
853490.

**"100 YEARS OF MEMORIES"  
EXHIBITION**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE**

We need stewards each day 3pm to 6.30pm (Wed 4 July to Wed 18 July) in the Church for the Exhibition. A rota is available in the post office. If you can help any day or days, please fill in a slot with your name and phone number. Even if you can only do an hour or two during the 2 weeks it would be much appreciated.

**SAVE THE CHILDREN**

The Mordens Committee would like to thank everyone who gave so generously in the recent house to house collection. We raised £1,000 which is a great achievement and wish to thank everyone for their continued kindness and support.



**Steeple Morden Village Hall gets roof insulation with help of The Big Lottery Fund**

Steeple Morden Village Hall Committee has secured a grant which covers adding roof insulation to the Village Hall, the work was completed in April 2018.

With roof insulation, we not only hope to save money on heating bills but also increase the energy rating of the hall.

After a great deal of effort, Trish Burton, the hall treasurer, won a grant from The Big Lottery for £6,516. The insulation cost us £5,955.75 and, of course, we have returned the excess back to The Big Lottery.



We are delighted with to, finally, be able to complete this project and continue to achieve our aims to make YOUR Village Hall the best it has ever been.

**NATIONAL  
LOTTERY FUNDED**

Steeple Morden Village Hall Committee

## 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 the Parish Council Annual General Meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May included the following:

### Elections

- Jeremy Clayton was elected chairman, proposed by Sacha Wheatley and seconded by Ginny Belson. Jeremy gave a vote of thanks to retiring chairman John Brocklehurst.
- Ginny Belson was elected vice-chairman with responsibility for meetings, Sacha Wheatley was voted as vice chairman with responsibility for paperwork
- Sean Traverse Healy was co-opted onto the parish council
- The following were elected with responsibility for various council working groups:
  - Planning – all PC members lead by Sean Traverse Healy
  - Recreation Ground – Angela Drew
  - Environment – Sacha Wheatley and John Courtney
  - Village Hall Rep – Celia Upchurch
  - Mobile Warden Scheme – Angela Drew
  - Police panel meetings – Celia Upchurch
  - Townlands Charity Trustees – Sacha Wheatley and Jeremy Clayton
  - Finance – Jeremy Clayton and John Courtney
  - Speedwatch - disbanded
  - GDPR compliance – Angela Drew and the clerk

### Adoption of policies

- The adoption of the following policies were circulated and adopted at the meeting: Standing Orders, Financial regulations, Code of Conduct and Complaints procedures.
- The Data Protection policy is currently a work in progress
- Review of Risk Assessment was deferred until the next meeting.

### Finances

- Historically The PC has only been responsible for part of the sewage charge from Anglian Water and has always received a reduced rate. However they have now received a bill for the whole recreation ground site. A decision was made to pay half the amount billed for sewage charges whilst there was an appeal on-going over the full charge. There is no dispute over the water charge.
- It was agreed that the Council would join of CAPALC (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils) at a cost of £321 per annum for the coming year as it could provide useful training for councillors.
- The annual audit was signed and approved.
- Three quotes had been obtained for the cutting back of the leylandii trees behind the cricket pavilion and one was selected and will be given the contract for the work in the autumn.

### Planning Applications

Ref S/1433/18/FL 2A North Brook End, Mrs Catriona Dauncey - demolition of existing bungalow and erection of a detached house. Recommend objection

Ref S/1490/18/OL Land adjacent to 120 Hay Street, trustees of D. Hitch, - Outline planning permission for proposed erection of 8 residential dwellings. Recommend objection

Notice of appeal Ref S/2909/17/FL Demolition of hotel buildings and construction of 6 houses. Additional representations by 30<sup>th</sup> May. Already recommended objection.

Notice of appeal Ref S/4451/17/OL Outline planning for up to 2 residential dwellings and garages. Additional representations by 5<sup>th</sup> June. Already recommended support.

## Notes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May

### Apologies

- These were received from Wendy Jeffs, Kevin Donnelly and Karl Parr.

### Minutes of the last meeting

- These were distributed at the meeting. There were no comments or matters arising

### Financial Report.

- This was distributed at the meeting. There were no comments

The Jubilee trophy awarded to a parishioner for exceptional service to the community was awarded to Thora Dix for 2018.

### Reports:

#### Report from retiring PC Chairman John Brocklehurst:

- Looking back at the report I gave this time last year, I was struck by how little seems to have changed. Last year I suggested that we all needed to be actively looking for opportunities to help. Given how much complaining there has apparently been on social media about the poor job the Parish Council has been doing, I'd hoped that we would have lots of people putting themselves forward in this year's election. At one stage it looked as though it might happen, but in the end it wasn't to be and we once again have a council that is deemed to have been elected because there weren't enough candidates.
- During the year we had two meetings that were attended by record numbers of parishioners. Both dealt with controversial planning matters brought about largely by the chaos in S Cambs planning department thanks to the fact that the outgoing District Council has failed to produce a Local Plan. Some of you will know that the plan to demolish the Jester has gone to appeal and we have until May 30<sup>th</sup> to make representations to the inspector. We await to see what will happen about the Station Road orchard site. At tonight's PC meeting another application, for 8 houses at the top end of Hay Street, has appeared. The trouble with many of these applications is that they are not providing the affordable housing needed. They, together with developments planned for Ashwell and Guilden Morden, will put further strain on the local infrastructure whether that be waiting times for a doctor's appointment or parking on the verges in Odsey which already reaches over 75 cars on weekdays.
- Going back to the theme I started with, our thanks are due to all the volunteers who turn out to help Ginny Belson pick up litter around the parish, and to Angela Drew and her small team of volunteers who look after the Rec for the benefit of everyone.
- Finally, I thank all of my colleagues for their work on your behalf over the past year. Special thanks should go to Sally our clerk. Not only has she kept us in order, she's had to cope with lots of new rules and regulations, not least the new privacy law.

#### Report from County Cllr Sebastian Kindersley:

- Cllr Kindersley reported it had been a difficult year in the face of austerity and further cuts to the budget
- The impact of this could be seen in the poor state of the roads and in the number of pot holes – over 60,000 had been reported this year and Cllr Kindersley encouraged road users to report them. Although a few of the worst ones were being filled nothing had been done to manage the overall deterioration of the roads.
- There had been progress on improving the safety of the A505 and although still in early stages, Herts CC had now produced plans for the improvement of the junctions. There was concern that the scale of building proposals in Letchworth and Baldock would make the A505 traffic worse.
- The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough fire authority had been abolished and had now become part of the Police, fire and crime authority.
- There was still no definitive route for the east/west rail link although the A428 corridor seems the most likely
- The county council will be moving from Shire Hall to either Northstow or Alconbury
- Car parking at Odsey was under review.

**Report from District Cllr Cicely Murfitt:**

- There was still no approved local plan which had been awaiting inspection for the past four years and the five year land supply is missing from the plan. Meanwhile this had resulted in unwanted planning going ahead giving concern about the local infrastructure.
- There was still a need for affordable housing with at least a dozen families in need. 40% of new housing should be affordable.
- South Cambs is still one of the lowest areas in the country for council tax.
- The new system for recyclable rubbish collection (paper in with other recyclables) seems to have been successfully established and will save money
- The litter picks in Steeple Morden have been very successful and the rubbish is being collected promptly.
- There have been several successful community chest grants within the parish. The bowls club received a grant for new doors and windows, and another for roof repairs, Smarties received money for a sensory garden, the first responders had a grant for new equipment and Tadlow had help for a tennis court.
- Cllr Murfitt has been involved with the production of the South Cambs magazine as well as being on the licencing committee. She is now stepping down as Councillor. She said we have an excellent parish council!

**Report from Townlands Charity – Jeremy Clayton:**

- This is a charity originally established in the 1890s to provide gifts for the elderly in the parish.
- There is £170,000 in trust that can be used to help anyone in need in the village. It is for individual people not for organisations or buildings etc
- A grant was awarded to the Mobile Warden Scheme this year.
- The trust need to be informed if there is a need

**Report from Bassinbourn Village College – George Lynn, governor:**

- There are currently 609 students on role but they were attracting new students resulting in a full 2018 intake with a waiting list.
- It had been a successful year for GCSE results
- The most recent Ofsted report had been complimentary of students, staff and governors.
- There had been several activities with the students such as foreign language exchanges, charity fundraising events, Duke of Edinburgh award expeditions, World challenge, a fashion show and dance show as well as considerable success in public speaking events.
- The PTA had been reformed as a Parents and friends group
- There was a new roof on the entrance hall

**Report from Steeple Morden Primary School - Brian Burton, governor:**

- The 2016 Ofsted report resulted in “Good School” status.
- There are 190 students on role
- The new head teacher Tracey Howe has settled well and is already making improvements
- Sport features highly within the school curriculum

**Report from Mobile Warden Scheme – Angela Drew:**

- This is a warden scheme providing daily contact, usually by phone to elderly or vulnerable adults who may need help with day to day living
- It is a small voluntary organisation funded from the Parish Council and the Townlands Trust.
- There are currently challenges with the new data protection laws
- Volunteers are always welcome (contact Angela Drew)

**Report from the Allotment Committee – David Blanchard:**

- Established in 2010 this is a thriving allotment site with 21 sites of which 19 are occupied by a mixed group from pensioners to young families
- It is well maintained village asset
- They have recently created a Facebook page which is open to members as well as anyone interested in growing vegetables.
- There is a swap bench for plants and produce.

**Report from the Village Hall Committee – Keith Austin:**

- Hire fees have been increased and the accounts are now in a healthy position
- A health and safety risk assessment has been carried out
- The chairs have been replaced and are now much more comfortable. The committee room floor has been replaced and the roof has been insulated which should save money and make the heating more efficient. Much of this has been achieved by grants thanks to the treasurer Trish Burton
- The heating system is due to be upgraded
- With the absence of the Harvest Fair, the committee are looking at alternative ways to continue to raise money, including an Open Gardens event this summer.
- Volunteers are always welcome

**Report from Sports Clubs**

- There was no report from the Cricket Club or Bowls Club
- Reports would be provided by the Football Club, The Magpies football club and the Tennis Club.

**Report from the Morden Players – Jenny Elder:**

- There is only a small membership but it continues to be a thriving and enthusiastic group with a great committee
- The latest production “This England” was a great success and there are more events planned throughout the year including a picnic, a dance evening, a wassail and a pantomime for early 2019
- There is a Morden Players Facebook page and people can sign up for a monthly newsletter via this page
- New members are always welcome. You do not have to act or sing as there are various ways to become involved.

**Report from the Scouts – Keith Austin:**

- The Scouts, Cubs and Beavers have had a very busy year helping with the litter pick, manning water stations at Wimpole, going on camps in weather conditions ranging from sunshine to ice. There have been outings and they have taken part in numerous other activities
- Cub leader Larry has been invited to the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree.
- It is 40 years since the group was founded by Daniel Sheehan. He led the group from 1978 to 1994 and following that became a District Commissioner. There was due to be a celebration with Danny this year but unfortunately he died earlier in the year. However there will be a celebration of his achievements with his widow Celia.

**Report from the Brownies and Guides – Debbie Fisher:**

- There 26 Brownies and guides led by Debbie Fisher and three adult volunteers.
- There have been a variety of activities throughout the year and the girls are currently working on their “Clever Cogs” badge to encourage engineering skills among girls.

**Report from Steeple Morden Lunch Club- Debbie Fisher:**

- There are currently 14 members over 60, who meet in the village hall on Tuesdays during term time. They enjoy a two course meal provided by the school kitchen.
- They are supported by a team of volunteers who serve the meal and clear up afterwards

**Report from the Over 60s – Ann Thorp:**

- This is a thriving group of 30 – 35 members who meet once a month in the village hall
- There have been numerous outings including a river cruise and theatre trip. There is also a varied programme of speakers

**Report from the Village Social Club – Tricia Covington:**

- This is a fairly new club established in February 2017 with 30 members.
- They meet on the first Monday of the month and new members are welcome.
- There have been various trips and activities over the past year including a trip to Kew Gardens and the Cambridge Observatory

**Should any parishioners have any requests to make to the PC for new projects please contact the chairman Jeremy Clayton**

**The next parish council meeting will be on 11<sup>th</sup> June**



## Summer Flower Demonstration and Garden Talk

Tuesday 26th June 7 - 10 pm

Amphletts, 5 Brook End, Steeple Morden

### **3 ways with summer flowers you can do at home**

Come and discover how to turn everyday flowers into an arrangement or hand tied bouquet, learn about foliage for flowers and pruning in your garden.

**WINE, SOFT DRINKS AND CANAPÉS INCLUDED**

Tickets £10

Steeple Morden Post Office or phone Gilly McKee 01763 852380 or email Jenny Clayton - [jjaclayton@aol.com](mailto:jjaclayton@aol.com)



Many thanks to all those who have turned up to help with the litter picks so far this year. There will be no litter picks over the summer but they will resume again in September, schedule below:

**Steeple Morden Parish Litter Picks Schedule 2018**  
**All events start at 2pm and last just 60 “magic” minutes**

|                       |  |  |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| <b>Zone 1:</b>        | <b>Odsey</b>   | <b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup><br/>September 2018</b> |
| <b>Zones 2 and 3:</b> | <b>Cheney Street from Litlington Road to Brook End to include The Green</b><br><br><b>Cheney Street from Brook End to Hay Street Junction to include Russell Close and Jubilee Way etc</b> | <b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018</b>                       |
| <b>Zones 4 and 5:</b> | <b>Station Road from allotments to Ashwell Road to include Ashwell Road and Windmill Close etc</b><br><br><b>Station Road and Hay Street to Craft Way to include Craft Way</b>             | <b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>                         |
| <b>Zones 6 and 7:</b> | <b>Hay Street from Craft Way to Trap Road /North Brook End Trap Road/ Bogs Gap and Brook End</b>   | <b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>                         |
| <b>Zones 2-6</b>      | <b>Whole village sweep</b>   | <b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>                        |
| <b>Zone 1:</b>        | <b>Odsey</b>   | <b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>                        |

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

**INVITATION  
TO JOIN THE FRIENDS COMMITTEE**



**Church attendance: Not Necessary**

**Experience in fundraising & running events: Useful**

**Interest in maintaining a Grade 2\* listed building in the centre of our village for future generations: Essential**

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**Or**

**Suzie Parr [Tel:853797](tel:853797)  
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## Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church, Steeple Morden Diary for June

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)

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 8.30am**  
Parish Communion  
(Prayer Book)
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 9-11.15**  
Café Church at the Bowls  
Club
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.45am**  
Parish Communion,  
with baptism
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 9-11.15 am**  
Café Church & Traidcraft,  
at the Bowls Club
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 9.45 am**  
Family Service with  
Metronomes Worship Band
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9-11.15am**  
Café Church at the Bowls  
Club
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 10am** Group Communion at  
Litlington with Traidcraft
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 9-11.15am**  
Café Church at the Bowls  
Club

**The House Group on a Monday evening is in temporary abeyance. Watch this space for its resumption.**

## Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for June

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

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 10.30am** Café style service for Whit Sunday. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 10.30-12.00am** Men's Guild in the school room
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June 9.00-11.30am** Mix and Match Coffee Morning
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am** Joint service of music and prayer with Littlington, at Guilden Morden Chapel
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June 9.00-11.30am** Mix and Match Coffee Morning
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am** Joint service at St Mary's
- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> June 9.00-11.30am** Mix and Match Coffee Morning
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am** Joint communion service at Littlington, with Adrian Burr
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June 9.00-11.30am** Mix and Match Coffee Morning



### Fairtrade

You can help fight poverty amongst small growers and producers by supporting Fairtrade.

Traidcraft goods are available on:

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Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 9-11.15 at Café Church, Bowls Club  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, from 9.30am, Christian Aid  
Breakfast, Ashwell Church Room  
Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June after the Group Communion at  
Litlington



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



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| Football Club                              | Pete Summers  | 07709258359                      |  |
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Can all contacts listed here please contact the editors to confirm that they are happy to have their details published in the newsletter or to update us with any new contacts. Thank you!

## Meetings & Venue for Over '60's 2017/8

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



## Hertfordshire Health Walks



### Royston Health Walks

Every Wednesday, 1.30pm

Meet at the The Heath Sports Centre car park,  
Baldock Road, Royston, Herts, SG8 5BG

Come and join us for a social walk on Therfield Heath.

The walks are a leisurely pace, take about 40 minutes and are free to attend!  
Join us for refreshments in the café afterwards. Everyone is welcome,  
including children and dogs.

No need to book, just turn up! New walkers can register at the start of the  
walk or online beforehand at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/healthwalks).

For more information email [healthwalks.cms@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:healthwalks.cms@hertfordshire.gov.uk) or call  
01992 588433 or visit the website.

### 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)

### St Mary's Church Restoration Committee

The touring theatre company  
"This is My Theatre"  
presents Shakespeare's

### *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

St Mary's Church, Guilden Morden  
30<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30 pm

*"I have had a most rare vision. I have had a dream,  
past the wit of man to say what dream it was.  
The woods outside Athens are truly bustling on this night!"*

Runaway lovers, mischievous fairies,  
their feuding King and Queen  
and the rehearsals of a band of amateur actors  
make this one of Shakespeare's most-loved plays.

Using the play's original language  
in combination with traditional  
folk music played live, choral song  
and modern characterisation,  
this beautiful adaptation will captivate audiences of all ages.

Tickets (£12.50) are available **online** at:  
<https://www.thisismytheatre.com/a-midsummer-night-s-dream>

Bar and Raffle

# A NIGHT AT THE RACES

with East Anglia Race Nights



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
**Meldreth Village Hall**  
**7.00 for 7.15pm**

Have a flutter in aid of  
**Home-Start Royston and**  
**South Cambridgeshire**



**Tickets: £12.00**

To book please ring:

**01763 262262**

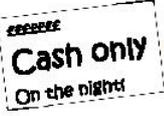
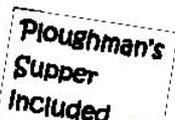
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## Litlington Village Fayre

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**Our theme is flying,**  
**marking 100 years of the**  
**RAF**

Vintage Tractors, Straw Maze,  
Children's Races, Youth Football,  
Dog Show, Bassingbourn Band,  
Teas and Stalls.

Come to Litlington Village Fayre for  
a traditional and popular afternoon  
of entertainment, games and stalls  
that raises money for village  
causes.

This year we will again support  
improvements in St Catherine's  
Church and the Rec. Centre. In 2017  
we also supported the new village  
defibrillator. Look out for updates

## Home Start Literacy lunch

How do you deal with a diagnosis of Parkinson's? Dancing is probably the last thing on your mind...

Parkinson's & the Tango Effect is the story of an incredible year in the life of a woman with Parkinson's. It began with a tango lesson and grew into an exploration of the healing potential of the dance.

Quirky, intimate and unashamedly literary, the book takes an unflinching look at the dark side but also at reasons to celebrate. It builds on research on the impact of dance on Parkinson's symptoms & takes it a stage further, with a behind-the-scenes record of private lessons and contributions from tango teachers. It documents the emotional and social benefits of the dance and its impact on the quality of life.

This book is my story, a story of learning to accept myself as I am but also refusing to be defined by Parkinson's. It's about how I found a way of living with illness that is liberating. It's the story of an extraordinary dance, both exotic and accessible, its history, its music. It's the story of what happens when the two come together. And it's the story of a sustaining and enduring friendship.

Parkinson's & the Tango Effect challenges our perceptions of disability. It is essential reading for those with a professional interest in dance and Parkinson's, and for researchers in the field.

## Literary Lunch



Local entertainer and Home-Start's *Poet in Residence*

**Jude Simpson**

hosts a chat with



**Kate Swindlehurst**

Author of *Parkinson's and the Tango Effect: My Year on the Dance Floor*  
an exploration of the healing power of tango

**Tuesday 3 July 2018**

The Old Bull Inn  
High Street, Royston SG8 9AW

**Buffet lunch from 12.15pm**

Chat 1.00 to 2.15pm

with time for questions

Tickets: £15 from

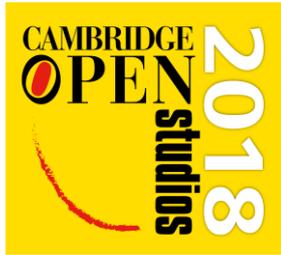
01763 262262 [admin@hsrc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hsrc.org.uk)

online at: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/hsrc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hsrc)

All proceeds in aid of Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire  
[www.hsrc.org.uk](http://www.hsrc.org.uk) Charity No. 1105385

# GINA FERRARI

Artist & Tutor



## CAMBRIDGE OPEN STUDIOS 2018

July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
11am – 6 pm

Paintings, textiles, cards & gifts

49 Hay Street, Steeple Morden SG8 0PD  
[www.camopenstudios.com](http://www.camopenstudios.com)

# ANNA PYE

Artist Printmaker Tutor

## CAMBRIDGE OPEN STUDIO 2018

July  
7th, 8th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd

**Original hand pulled prints  
Home textiles**

**Cards Notebooks Mugs  
The Walnut House 3 Station  
Road**

**Steeple Morden Royston Herts  
SG8 0NN**

**where I hold printmaking  
workshops**

**[www.annapye.com](http://www.annapye.com)  
[www.camopenstudios.com](http://www.camopenstudios.com)**

A poster for an exhibition titled 'London Landmarks'. The poster features three vertical panels. The left panel shows a detailed drawing of Big Ben. The middle panel shows a drawing of the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral. The right panel shows another drawing of Big Ben. The text on the poster is as follows:

London Landmarks

OPEN WEEKEND

June 23rd and 24th  
10am to 4pm

To mark the opening of his new studio, local artist Peter Grimmer invites you to visit his new exhibition which shows a number of drawings and paintings of London landmarks. Images of Cambridge, Norfolk landscapes, and local scenes are also on display.

The Old Bakery  
29 The Green  
Steeple Morden. SG8 0ND  
01763 852556

Tea and cakes provided

### Artists Don't Bite!

In Steeple Morden this summer there is an opportunity to visit three local artists in their homes to see their studios and exhibitions of their work.

At the end of June Peter Grimmer will be opening his new studio to the public for the first time and then in July, Gina Ferrari and Anna Pye will be taking part in Cambridge Open Studios.

This is a great opportunity to see a wide range of creative arts and to find out about techniques and materials with no obligation to buy.

You will be guaranteed a warm welcome, possibly offered refreshments and it is fine just to browse, although many visitors take the opportunity to buy a unique piece of art directly from the artist.

There are often suitable gift items as well as paintings and prints etc.

We all look forward to meeting you, don't be shy, come and have a look at what we do!



100 YEARS OF MEMORIES

## Exhibition

Capturing the life, times and social history in Steeple Morden during the last 100 years

In St Peter & St Paul Church

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Weekdays 3pm – 6.30pm

Weekends 11am – 4pm

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July 3pm – 7.30pm

Licensed bar & light refreshments



## 'The Beauty & The Sorrow'

### Reflections on the Great War in Words, Music & Song

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

St Peter & St Paul Church  
Steeple Morden

Licensed bar

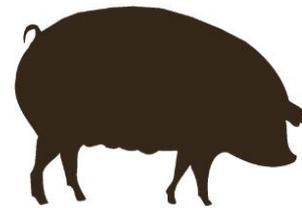
Tickets £10 to include light refreshments  
From Steeple Morden Post Office

## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the USAAF 355<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group in Steeple Morden

A celebratory memorial service will be held  
Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.



355<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group Memorial  
Litlington Road  
Follow parking signs from Litlington and Steeple Morden



## Hog Roast

July 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm - 10pm

In conjunction with  
100 Years of Memories

Steeple Morden Village Hall

Beer & wine available for purchase  
Catering by Davey's Butchers



Tickets on sale at  
Steeple Morden Post Office or  
David Crow 852405

PosterMyWall.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 Donnelly - 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

|                      |                            |       |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr | Duxford Utd                | 2 – 3 | SM 1st                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> May  | Clare Town 1 <sup>st</sup> | HWO   | SM 1st                     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May  | SM 1                       | 1 – 6 | Exning Utd 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> May | SM 1 <sup>st</sup>         | 3 – 1 | Thaxted R 1st              |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> May | SM 1                       | 2 – 4 | Hardwick 1st               |

### Steeple Morden Reserves MP & G 3A Results

8<sup>th</sup> May SM Res 4 – 1 Girton Utd Res

## Steeple Morden Cricket Club

Steeple Morden Cricket Club will be playing in Junior Division 4 (West) of the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association league for the 2018 season. The season starts with a home game on the 5th May against Cambridge NCI followed by matches most Saturdays until mid-September. We are again looking for new players, the minimum age for the league is 13, all abilities are welcome. If you would like to join the club or if you would like any further information please contact Fraser Daws on 01763853008, [fraser.daws@btinternet.com](mailto:fraser.daws@btinternet.com) or see our facebook page.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Sat May 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI | 144-6 | Cambridge NCI 4 <sup>th</sup> XI  | 142 all out |
| Sat May 12 <sup>th</sup> | Great Shelford 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI | 142-5 | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI | 108 all out |
| Sat May 19 <sup>th</sup> | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI | 159-8 | Coton 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI          | 155-9       |

### Forthcoming matches: Matches start at 13.30

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Sat May 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI | v | Cam Kerala 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI     | . |
| Sat June 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI | v | Girton 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI         | . |
| Sat June 16 <sup>th</sup> | Cherry Hinton 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI  | v | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI | . |
| Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> June | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI | v | Great Shelford 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI | . |

## 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

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

It stops at Russell Close between 10.20 am and 11.05 am. (Note new time and day)

The calling date for June is  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

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

### 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.)

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