



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## June 2019

### Editorial

The weather so far in May has really lived up to its usual variations in temperature. The old Mottos sum it up perfectly – *'Change not a clout till May be out'* and *'Who doffs his coat on a winter's day will gladly put it on in May'* Hopefully a change in the wind direction will lead to some warmer frost free evenings.

Not a particularly full events calendar this month, however the Coach Trip to Capel Manor and the Heavy Horse Show would be good one not to miss. There are a few tickets left. The Heavy Horse Show is a showcase of how these beautiful animals worked the land before the use of mechanical machines.

Morden Players are holding Auditions for the Autumn play *'Don't get your Vicar's in a Twist'*. Here's your chance to hit the boards!

The Sports Clubs are holding another Sports Aware Day. All our Sports Clubs will be represented so go and have a look. Try out something new –the Tennis Club are looking for new members so why not dust off that old racket and give it a go!

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### Village Diary for June

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

- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June Coach Trip to Capel Manor, & Heavy Horse Show, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Group (p12)
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>& 5<sup>th</sup> June Auditions for *'Don't get your Vicars in a Twist'*  
GM Congregation Chapel Schoolroom. (p8)
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Group AGM & Talk by Air Ambulance (p8)
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June Sports Aware Day SM (p9)
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June Literary Lunch with Philip Birtles, Royston (p12)
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June SM Village Hall, AGM (p8)

### Forthcoming Events

- Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July SM Primary School Fete (p12)
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> July First Ever Steeple Morden Literary Festival (p9) & Programme.
- Sat/Sun 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July Young Players Weekend, Pightle, SM (p12)

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**SAVE THE CHILDREN**

The Mordens Committee would like to thank everyone who gave so generously in the recent house to house collection. Between the villages of Steeple Morden and Guilden Morden we raised £1,052.08 which is an increase on last year's figures. This is a great achievement and we wish to thank everyone for their continued kindness and support.

Jill Hillman and Sue Willey



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

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

Many thanks. Rev'd Shamus Williams.

**Home Security Advice**

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

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

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

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

Side gates and excess points are locked and secured.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Stay safe and keep you items secure

Regards South Cambs safer Neighbourhood Policing Team

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

A copy of the full minutes from the Council Meetings may be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk, Sally Walmesley, Redwood Lodge, South Street, Litlington, Royston SG8 0QR. Telephone 01763 852137 or e-mail [clerk@steplemorden.org](mailto:clerk@steplemorden.org). Minutes can also be viewed on the Steeple Morden Village Website [www.steplemorden.org](http://www.steplemorden.org) and the Village Post Office. Discussion on agenda items from Parish Council Meeting on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> and AGM presentations.

- **Elections of Officers:**
- **Jeremy Clayton was re-elected Chairman**
- **Ginny Belson and Sacha Wheatley were re-elected Vice-Chairmen**
- **The following were elected with responsibility for various council working groups:**
  - **Planning - all PC members led by Sean Traverse Healy**
  - **Recreation Ground- Angela Drew**
  - **Environment -Sacha Wheatley and John Courtney**
  - **Village Hall Representative - Celia Upchurch**
  - **Townlands Charity Trust - Sacha Wheatley and Jeremy Clayton**
  - **Litterpick - Ginny Belson**
  - **Finance - Jeremy Clayton and John Courtney**
  - **MVAS Leader - Keith Austin**
  - **GDPR Compliance - Angela Drew and Sally Walmesley**
- **Adoption of polices -** Adoption of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Complaints procedures. Adoption of Data Protection policy. Review of Risk Assessment procedures.
- **Finances -** the Annual Audit was signed and approved.
- **MVAS -** The MVAS unit has been placed in Station Road, Hay Street and now in Ashwell Road. In the 6 weeks the MVAS has been in place there has been a general improvement in the speed of vehicles coming into the Village. The information generated from the MVAS showed excess speeding in the early morning - 6.00-8.00am and again in the evening 18.00 - 20.00pm. It is hoped that another MVAS unit will be purchased in this next financial year.
- **Any other business -**
  - Parking on the Cross is becoming a problem. Buses and large vehicles cannot access Cheyney Street without recourse to travelling on the pavements. There have been two accidents at the Cross in the past week. The PC are to ask the school if they will put traffic cones around the Cross area with 'NO PARKING' signs to help alleviate the problem.
  - Complaints have been received from several parishioners concerning the Trees which were cut and trimmed in Odsey This work was carried out by the Electricity Company, not the Parish Council or South Cambs CC.
- **The next committee meeting will be June 10th at 7.30pm.**

**To consider planning applications:**

**Planning RefS/1225/19/LB**

2 Guilden Morden Road - Two storey extension and internal alterations to create an en-suite bathroom.

**APPROVED**

**Planning RefS/1073/1/FL**

130 Hay Street - New porch to side elevation

**APPROVED**

**To consider planning applications: (cont)**

**Planning RefS/1211/19/FL**

Horse and Groom, Baldock Road - Demolition of existing building and the erection of a petrol filling station along with associated parking, access improvements and landscaping.

**DECLINED due to view being eroded from the Heath and other nearby Petrol Stations**

**Planning RefS/1322/19/PA**

Mill House Barn, 66 Station Road - Prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling (Class 3) and associated operational development. (Mr Chambers)

**APPROVED - subject to building being suitable and highway being of suitable standard.**

**Notes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

**Report from the PC Chairman Jeremy Clayton**

We have a wonderful village, and this is greatly enhanced by all the societies we have and the volunteers who help. Without these volunteers the village would suffer a loss of amenity, and social interaction. I have noticed though that many of the organisations have the same people being relied upon. I can't thank these individuals enough, but I do believe the load needs to be spread wider, and that we should encourage more people to join in and give some time. I am aware that several organisations are struggling to recruit volunteers, so please encourage anyone you know to help where they can.

As a parish council we are fortunate in that we have a diverse skills base, and that the council members are all prepared to take on different roles. I am grateful to them all. At present we have members taking on the following - recreation ground maintenance and improvement, website redesign, station car parking, litter picking, sign cleaning, Townlands Charity, finance, planning, traffic calming and utility usage and cost. Every member of the council is taking some responsibility for one of these areas.

I am also grateful to our councillors, both for the district and county, they certainly have our interests at heart and we could not be luckier in that they both fight our causes as hard as they can.

During the year we have had the threat of the proposed new railway encroaching in our parish. As yet I have not heard of any support for this. As a council we have opposed it, along with the neighbouring parishes and we await the outcome.

Station car parking and the A505 junction are continuing problems which we will continue to work on. I think it fair to say we are hopeful of some solution to the parking but any solution to the A505 junction seems a long way off as Herts County Council is unwilling to do anything.

We now have one speed monitor up, which has the advantage of collecting data. It is evident this sign has slowed traffic down and the data we collect from it will be useful in deciding the next steps in speed reduction. The sign will be moved around the village so we will have actual evidence of where the greatest problems are.

On the financial front the parish is in a good position however we are very mindful that with cuts in the District and County councils we may be liable for increasing costs in the village and we wish to be prepared for this.

Lastly my thanks go to Sally, our Clerk, who does a fantastic job for us.

The Chairman added that the Parish Council heard earlier at their AGM that the equipment had registered 46% of 3000 vehicles on Station Road exceeding the speed limit.

Cllr Jeremy Clayton (Chairman Steeple Morden Parish Council)

## Steeple Morden

### Receipts and Payments 2018/2019

#### RECEIPTS

| <b>2017/2018</b> |  | <b>2018/2019</b> |
|------------------|--|------------------|
| 28500.00         | Precept  | 30000.00         |
| 520.43           | Bank Interest ..                                 | 552.47           |
| 765.32           | Reading Room Receipts (electricity)              | 274.41           |
| 833.93           | CCC Grasscutting Grant                           | 833.93           |
| 4304.07          | VAT Refund                                       | 843.94           |
| 0.50             | Village Hall Ground Rent                         | 0.50             |
| 628.95           | Water Rate Cont from village clubs               | 1937.29          |
| 707.00           | Donations towards footpath diversion             |                  |
| 3881.77          | Section 106 Receipts                             |                  |
| 534.00           | Awards for All Grant -Litter pick equipment      |                  |
| 612.50           | Contribution towards Speedwatch kit              |                  |
| 91.53            | Drain clearance -cont from clubs to village hall |                  |
| 2600.00          | Allotment Rent and water Rate                    | 521.84           |
| 2247.49          | Bus Shelter insurance claim                      |                  |
| 25.00            | Newsletter donation                              |                  |
| <b>46252.49</b>  |  | <b>34964.38</b>  |

#### PAYMENTS

| <b>2017/2018</b> |   | <b>2018/2019</b> |
|------------------|---|------------------|
| 1252.34          | Insurance                                       | 1302.43          |
| 40.00            | Hire of hall for meetings                       | 20.00            |
| 82.25            | Affiliation Fee CAPALC/CPRE/SLCC                | 381.69           |
| 4441.92          | Clerks Salary                                   | 4515.12          |
| 275.00           | Annual Audit                                    | 275.00           |
|                  | Training  | 216.10           |
|                  | Election  | 135.00           |
| 631.00           | Newsletter                                      | 667.00           |
| 114.39           | Website   | 100.00           |
| 297.54           | General Administration                          | 284.59           |
| 1708.05          | Water Rates                                     | 1743.92          |
| 2367.85          | VAT   | 1198.76          |
| 1050.00          | Section 137/SS Peter & Paul/Smarties            | 7000.00          |
| 250.00           | Car Park Lighting                               | 250.00           |
| 960.00           | Village Verge Cutting                           | 1300.00          |
| 579.06           | Reading Room (electricity)                      | 535.23           |
| 145.34           | Play area mtce and equipment                    | 1323.50          |
| 2889.60          | Village mtce/grasscutting                       | 2513.05          |
| 587.58           | Toilet cleaning & mtce/litter pick/bin emptying | 1155.60          |
|                  | Street Lighting                                 | 3667.80          |
| 86.47            | Allotments                                      | 1721.84          |
| <b>1.00</b>      | Adoption of The Green telephone kiosk           |                  |
|                  | Recreation ground general expenditure           | 51.92            |
|                  | Traffic Calming (MVAS brackets)                 | 390.00           |
| <b>2836.72</b>   | Notice Board Purchase & installation            |                  |
| <b>2850.00</b>   | Bus shelter rebuild                             |                  |

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|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| <b>526.23</b>   | Recreation Ground drain clear                    |                 |
| <b>420.00</b>   | Replacement car park lights                      |                 |
| <b>197.95</b>   | Purchase of replacement dog waste bin            |                 |
| <b>95.79</b>    | Purchase of recreation ground storage box        |                 |
| <b>950.00</b>   | Tree work  |                 |
| <b>709.61</b>   | Contribution towards diversion of footpath order |                 |
| <b>375.83</b>   | Awards for All Grant -Litter pick equipment      |                 |
| <b>26721.52</b> |  | <b>30748.55</b> |

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2018/19

|                             |  |                    |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Income                      |  | £34,964.38         |
| Less Expenditure            |  | £30,748.55         |
| <b>Balance 2017/18b/fwd</b> |  | <u>£119,245.41</u> |
|                             |  | <b>£123,461.24</b> |

#### BANK ACCOUNTS (as per statements 31/3/19)

|                           |                    |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Business Saver            | £282.33            |                    |
| Business Saver            | £29,141.77         |                    |
| Community Account         | £65,196.45         |                    |
| Cambridge & Counties Bank | £31,314.39         |                    |
|                           | <b>£125,934.94</b> |                    |
| (less uncashed cheques )  |                    |                    |
|                           | £26.72             |                    |
|                           | £902.98            |                    |
|                           | £225.80            |                    |
|                           | £1,318.20          |                    |
|                           |                    | £2,473.70          |
|                           |                    | <b>£123,461.24</b> |
| Parish Council (General)  | £61,715.81         |                    |
| Parish Council Projects   | £40,000.00         |                    |
| Conservation Projects     | £462.58            |                    |
| Section 106 Allocation    | £21,282.85         | <b>£123,461.24</b> |

## **Notes from Reports received at the Parish AGM**

### **Report from Steeple Morden Church – Gillian McKee on behalf of Parochial Church Council**

It has been another busy year in the life of your village church with record attendance for the Christmas Eve carol service, several weddings, christenings and funerals. Good use has also been made of the building by the school.

However, Sunday services are generally poorly attended, and support for the day to day running of the church is sadly lacking.

Currently the PCC who run the church has no church warden, no secretary, and the treasurer wishes to pass on his duties having done the job for too long!

We appeal to younger members of our community to become more involved and take over the running from the 'faithful few' older generation without whose hard work, the church would barely exist.

It is also sad to report that the church is unable to pay in full the 'Parish Share' to Ely, which is a charge made on all churches to pay the salary, pension and housing for Vicars.

Contrary to popular belief, your church receives absolutely no external funding. All expenses (heating, lighting, insurances etc) have to be paid from receipts from collections, donations, fees and fund raising events like the recent Spring Fair & Gift Day, Christmas Tree Festival & Cream Teas.

You can therefore imagine our anxiety when we had to find the money to pay £2500 for essential tree work following 'storm Doris'.

On a more positive note, Café in the Church, held every Friday morning during term time, is well attended, providing a relaxing venue for Mums with young children and older villagers who enjoy the company, chat and the bacon butties!

We also have a brilliant flower arranging team who redo the flowers every 2 weeks and a rota for cleaning. More helpers would be appreciated.

We are grateful to the Parish Council for their help towards mowing the churchyard. However we appeal to the village for their greater support and involvement.

### **Report form Friends of St Peter & St Paul – David McKee**

A Steeple Morden based charity which holds events to fund the Church fabric. Over the years the tower and spire have been repaired and recently with some added external funding the roof was re-leaded and the buttress' were strengthened. A forthcoming event is the Steeple Morden 1<sup>st</sup> Literary Festival being held on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### **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. The trust need to be informed if there is a need.

### **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 and Country Council. Some respite care is provided, this is charged at commercial rates. There are currently challenges with the new data protection laws. Volunteers are always welcome.

**Further reports from the AGM will follow in the July/August edition of the Newsletter**



## First Thursday Group

### 2019/2020 Programme

- 6<sup>th</sup> June AGM £15.00 Subscription due.  
Speaker Air Ambulance
- 4<sup>th</sup> July Linda Scoles – Entertains
- 1<sup>st</sup> Aug Sandra Highstead – Hatches,  
Matches & Despatches
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sept Lucy Lewis – First Woman Bomb  
Disposal Officer
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct Brian Deal JP
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Sue Gould – Demo and Do
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Lunch –venue tba

Meetings held 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month  
At Steeple Morden Village Hall from 2pm  
*All visitors welcome*  
Chairman – Mrs A Thorp 852848  
Annthorp35@icloud.com

Have you ever fancied treading the boards and trying some AmDram?



The Morden Players invite you to

## AUDITIONS

For

### “Don’t Get Your Vicars in a Twist”

A fast paced farce for six men and five women

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June & Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm

Congregational Chapel Schoolroom, Guilden Morden

For more information contact Jenny Elder 01763 852557

(Performances will take place during the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup>  
– 26<sup>th</sup> October)



## STEEPLE MORDEN VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity Number 300421

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Hall.  
Everyone is very welcome to attend.



Willow is the only national charity working with seriously ill young adults, aged 16 to 40, to provide uplifting and unforgettable Special Days when they are experiencing the darkest of times.

Willow’s Supporter Fundraising team combines community fundraising and challenge events. An example of our fundraising initiatives is a campaign we are currently relaunching in June; **Take Time for Tea**. For those living with the reality of serious illness, spending quality time and creating treasured memories with your loved ones is all that matters. This is why we have decided to ask our fundraisers to Take Time for Friends, Take Time for Family, and Take Time for Special Days whilst also raising vital money for Willow to help us provide every young adult with a serious illness with one Special Day.

**Willow – Special Days for seriously ill 16 to 40 year olds**

Gate House, Fretherne Road, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire AL8 6NS  
Tel: 01707 259 777 | Fax: 01707 259 289 | [willowfoundation.org.uk](http://willowfoundation.org.uk)





*Date for your diary!*

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

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

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

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

**For further details at this stage contact Sarah  
Harrison, 01763 853171 [novel@sarah-harrison.net](mailto:novel@sarah-harrison.net)**

**STEEPLE MORDEN LITERARY  
FESTIVAL**

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

Revel in a full and varied programme of author  
events featuring successful writers with a local  
connection

**MORNING Christine Adams** on her smash hit 'A  
Lifetime in the Building'

**AFTERNOON Poet Tom Weir** reads from and  
discusses his work

**Novelists Jenny Chapman, Sarah Harrison and  
Jim Prothero** chew the fat on fiction

**Sarah Shaw**, author of bestselling memoir 'Portland  
Place' in conversation with Sarah Harrison

Tickets £20 (U 16s £10) to include elevenses and  
ploughman's lunch with glass of wine, on sale early  
June from: Steeple Morden PO or Sarah Harrison,  
853171 [novel@sarah-harrison.net](mailto:novel@sarah-harrison.net)

Proceeds to Friends of Steeple Morden Church



**MORDEN MAGPIES**

**SPORTS AWARENESS DAY**



**9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019**

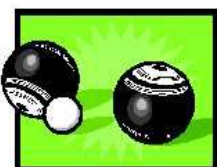
**MIDDAY – 4PM**



**STEEPLE MORDEN RECREATION GROUND**

SG8 0PD

**Car Park Fee £2.00  
BBQ and BAR**



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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 8.30 am Parish Communion  
(Prayer Book)  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30 pm House Group, 78 Hay  
Street

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 9-11.30 am Café in the Church  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 10.45 am Parish Communion  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm House Group, 78 Hay  
Street

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 9-11.30 am Café in the Church  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 9.45 am Family Service  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm House Group, 78 Hay  
Street

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 9-11.30 am Café in the Church  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 am Group Communion,  
Abingdon Pigotts  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm House Group, 78 Hay  
Street

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 9-11.30 am Café in the Church  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 10 am Group Communion,  
Guilden Morden

## Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for June

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

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** 10.30am Café style  
service. Come and join  
us for croissants and  
coffee in our relaxed  
style of worship. All  
welcome

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** 10.30–12.00am Men's  
Guild in the schoolroom

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June** 9.00-11.30am Mix and  
Match Coffee Morning

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June** 11.00am Joint Service  
at Litlington led by Judi  
Clarke

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June** 9.00-11.30am Mix and  
Match Coffee Morning

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June** 11.00am Joint service  
at St Mary's

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June** 9.00-11.30am Mix and  
Match Coffee Morning

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June** 9.00-11.30am Mix and  
Match Coffee Morning

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June** 10.30am Communion  
service

## CAFÉ IN THE CHURCH

### SM Parish Church

Serving from 9am to 11.30 on Fridays during term time.

**Is there anyone out there who could help occasionally with Café in the Church?**

**We cook bacon butties and serve cakes, coffee & tea on Friday mornings during the school term from 9am until 11.30am.**

**Please contact Anne Hassall 853490 or Gilly McKee 852380 for more details and offers of help to join the rota!**



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



| Organisation                               | Contact Name                                    | Phone Number                    | E-mail   |
|--|---|---------------------------------|--|
| SM Newsletter Editor                       | Desma Goddard                                   | 01763 852287                    | newsletter@steplemorden.org  |
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| First Responders (co-ordinator)            | Wayne Cox                                       |                                 | waynecox79@yahoo.co.uk   |
| Primary School                             | Tracey How, Headteacher                         | 01763 852474                    | office@steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk   |
| Village College                            | The Principal                                   | 01763 242344                    |  |
| SS Peter & Paul Church                     | Canon Shamus Williams (day off normally Monday) | 01763 853067                    | shamuswilliams@waitrose.com  |
| GM Cong. Church                            | Sandy Watkins                                   | 01763 852869                    | sandy@inteserv.co.uk   |
| SM Village Hall Bookings                   | Diane Knight                                    | 01763 853073                    | Viguersk@aol.com   |
| Scouts, Cubs & Beavers                     | Keith Austin                                    | 01763 852023                    | keith@bogsgap.co.uk  |
| Brownies                                   | Debbie Fisher                                   | 01763 852811                    | debbie-fisher@hotmail.co.uk  |
| Guides                                     | Ann Clarke                                      | 07756 291899                    | debbie-fisher@hotmail.co.uk  |
| Allotment Society                          | Dave Blanchard                                  | 01763 853266                    | vivdaveblanchard@yahoo.co.uk   |
| Smarties Pre-School and Out of School Club | Michele Taylor                                  | 07952 100208<br>or 01763 852888 | Pre-School:<br>smartiesgeneral@gmail.com<br>Out of School Club:<br>smartiesgeneral@gmail.com |
| Cricket Club                               | Fraser Daws                                     | 01763 853008                    | fraser.daws@btinternet.com   |
| Football Club                              | Pete Summers                                    | 07709258359                     |  |
| Morden Magpies Youth FC                    | Laurence Harrison                               | 07799 625529                    |  |
| Bowls Club (Sec)                           | David Holt                                      | 01763 852636                    | holt543@btinternet.com   |
| Tennis Club                                | Fiona Coverdale                                 | 01763 853325                    | steplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk   |
| Waggon & Horses                            | Mandy & Jose                                    | 01763 853311                    | waggonandhorses73@gmail.com  |
| Morden Players                             | Jenny Elder                                     | 01763 852557                    | jennyelder@sky.com   |
| First Thursday Club                        | Ann Thorp                                       | 01763 852848                    | annthorp35@icloud.com  |
| Luncheon Club                              | Lynn Pestell                                    | 01763 853461                    |  |
| Royal British Legion                       | Ray Leach                                       | 01763 852734                    | <u>Leach.36@hotmail.com</u>  |
| Mobile Wardens Scheme                      | Angela Drew<br>Lynn Pestell                     | 01763 853390<br>01763 853461    |  |
| WI   | Di Coleman                                      | 01763 852124                    | dicole.8pott@btinternet  |
| Neighbourhood Watch                        | Roy Newbury                                     | 01763 852241                    | Cambs Police: www.cambs.police.uk  |
| Social Car Scheme                          | Hazel Smith                                     | 01763 852602                    | hcsmith@clara.co.uk  |

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

The Morden Players  
YOUNG PLAYERS WEEKEND

July 20/21 10am - 4pm

The Pightle, Bogs Gap Lane, Steeple Morden  
Aged 9 - 17 years? Enjoy performing - or  
think you might?

Just bring enthusiasm and a picnic lunch, to  
have fun and create an improvised  
entertainment for family and friends  
£5 per person - numbers are limited so do  
book in advance

from Sarah Harrison, 01763 853171,  
novel@sarah-harrison.net



## S.M. First Thursday Club



### Coach outing to Capel Manor Gardens And Heavy Horse show



**Sunday June 2nd 2019**

Coach from Steeple Morden Hay Street  
Leaving 11.00 a.m. Returning From C.M. 4.30  
p.m.

**Cost £20 per person**

**Includes Coach fare and entrance to the  
gardens and show**

Enquires and Booking to  
Thora Dix 01763 8543348 Email  
thoradix@tiscali.co.uk

Payment by May 4<sup>th</sup> please  
**Cheques to S.M. over 60's Club**

## Literary Lunch



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

**Jude Simpson**

hosts a chat with

**Philip Birtles**

Author of "The Past, Present and Future" commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the  
Garden House Hospice in Letchworth and in memory of his late wife Martha,  
who spent time at the hospice



**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

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@hsrsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hsrsc.org.uk)

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

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



# Summer Fete

**Saturday 6th July**



**1pm to 4pm**



## Fun for all the family

**Entertainment, BBQ,  
Games, Tombola  
and much, much more...**





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

Please contact Sally Walmesley  
[clerk@steeplemorden.org](mailto:clerk@steeplemorden.org)



### **Litlington Garden Club**

#### **Join Us!**

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

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

**If you are interested**

**Telephone: Suzanne**

**On 1763 852852  
[Suzanneandtony.davies@gmail.com](mailto:Suzanneandtony.davies@gmail.com)**



We're spreading the word that there is a museum in Royston and that it's a museum for Steeple Morden as well as our other local villages.

This year, we want to reach the wonderful villages that surround Royston – we want to share our work and amazing collections. We can come to your school, WI group, Brownies, Guides, or your group can even host an exhibition at the museum!

We run crafty sessions for kids, we run creative workshops for adults, we host art exhibitions (know an artist who might want to exhibit with us?)

We hold a selection of old photos of Steeple Morden, and we're looking for more stories and objects from the area. If you have something you'd like to offer, please get in touch first so we can have a chat.

We're free to visit so you can pop in for a few minutes to see what we're about. We're open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10am – 5pm (last entry 4.45pm)

How to contact us:  
[enquiries@roystonmuseum.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@roystonmuseum.org.uk). 01763 242587. [www.roystonmuseum.org.uk](http://www.roystonmuseum.org.uk). Find us on Facebook and Twitter @RoystonMuseum. Royston & District Museum & Art Gallery, 5 Lower King Street, Royston, SG8 5AL



## 1 and ½ plots still available!

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

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

Well, now you can!

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

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

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



## Smarties Preschool

'GOOD' OFSTED INSPECTION

2018

We have places available from Age 2

To Book your Place: 01763 852888

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

Community Building, 7 Hay Street, Steeple Morden

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

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





[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

27<sup>th</sup> April SM 1<sup>st</sup> 2 - 2 Clare Town 1 st

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

16<sup>th</sup> April Over Sports Res 0 – 2 SM Res

## Steeple Morden Cricket Club – Fixtures & Results

All Matches start at 1.30pm CCA Junior League 4 West

|                           |   |                      |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> May   | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Cherry Hinton 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI        | SM Lost by 55 runs   |
| Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May  | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Cambourne 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI            | SM Won 125 -5        |
| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May  | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Bar Hill 1 <sup>st</sup> XI             | SM Lost by 4 wickets |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> May  | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Hardwick & Caldecote 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI |                      |
| Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> June  | Great Shelford 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI v Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI       |                      |
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> June  | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Camden 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI               |                      |
| Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> June | Linton Village 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI       |                      |
| Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> June | Fen Ditton 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI           |                      |
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June | Girton 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup>                  |                      |
| Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July  | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Coton 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI                |                      |
| Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> July | Elsworth 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI             |                      |
| Sat 20 July               | Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Barrington 2 <sup>nd</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@steplemorden.org](mailto:newsletter@steplemorden.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.



### 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. The next calling date is **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**



### 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

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



*It comprises: Tables, Seating for 120, Bar, Kitchen, Cooker, Fridge, Stage, Parking. There is also limited Crockery & Cutlery Projector and screen available and Induction Loop Equipment – ask our booking clerk for more details.*

For bookings and prices please contact:

**Diane Knight**

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

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

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

**[www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk)**

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