



## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

**March 2016**

**From the Editors.**

Welcome to the March Edition and very happy Easter to you all.

The daffodils are in bloom & there's a distinct chill in the air, the sun is bright and the days are starting to be longer. Winter is progressing into Spring and we can start planning more daytime activities and looking forward to seeing a few more people out & about.

There are a few events this month including a quiz night at the Bow Club and a Lent Lunch hosted by the Morden's Save the Children along with the usual WRBL and Over 60 meeting.

The feedback from those who have used the Village Hall since its refurbishment has been overwhelming and we are lucky to have such an improved facility - an update on the project can be found on page 10.

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

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](http://www.shingaychurches.co.uk)

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** 9-12 Café Church
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** 9.45am Family Service - Mothering Sunday  
6pm Group Evensong at Wendy
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup>** 9-12 Café Church
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** 10.30-12 Coffee morning with Traidcraft Stall
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>** 9.45am Parish Communion followed by Annual Parochial Council Meeting  
6pm Group Evensong at Steeple Morden
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** 9-12 Café Church
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday - 9.45 Parish Communion  
6pm Group Evensong at Tadlow
- Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Holy Communion at Litlington - Maundy Thursday
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup>** Good Friday - 10 am Walk from Chapel to Church, Guilden Morden  
2pm Devotional Service at Abington Pigotts
- Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>** Easter Sunday - 9.45 Parish Communion
- Wed. 30<sup>th</sup>** 11.15am Home Group, 22 Craft Way

Café Church is held every Friday in term-time from 9am to 12 noon. It is open to everyone from 0 to 100+ and is a time to meet friends old and new, have a good chat and enjoy a variety of hot drinks, bacon baps, cake ....

All are welcome.

### *Songs of Praise*

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

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

## Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for March

Check out our website:

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

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 9. 0am** Miss and Match Coffee Morning

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 12.00pm** Soup and Sociable. Does everyone have their soup on the tin plates quiz!

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar / . 0pm for 8.00pm** Football Night

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 10. 0am** Mothers' Day Coffee service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style for a few orship. A welcome

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 10. 0-12.00** Mens' Guild in the school room

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Mar 9. 0am** Miss and Match Coffee Morning

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 10. 0am** Service in the Chapel led by Adrian Jones.  
Church meeting after service in the School Room

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 9. 0am** Miss and Match Coffee Morning

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 11.00am** P. S. and Joint service at St Mary's

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 9. 0am** Miss and Match Coffee Morning

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 10.00am** Good Friday. Starting at the Chapel and going to St Mary's for a Good Friday service together.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar 10.30** Easter Day Communion Service in the Chapel led by Fionnagh Reid. A welcome

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

## St George's Day Fair

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - 10.00 – 13.00. Steeple Morden Church  
Various stalls and refreshments.

More details in April

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

A copy of the full minutes from the Council Meetings may be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk, Sally Walmesley, Redwood Lodge, South Street, Litlington, Royston SG8 0QR. Telephone 01763 852137 or e-mail [sally.walmesley@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.walmesley@btinternet.com). Minutes can also be viewed on the Steeple Morden Village Website [www.steeplemoden.org](http://www.steeplemoden.org) and the Village Post Office. Discussion on agenda items at the February meeting included the following:

- County Cllr Adrian Dent sent his report via e-mail
- District Cllr Cicely Murfitt gave her report.
  - Potential for a new park & ride near Trumpington or Granchester Roundabout
  - The proposed solar installations at Flecks Lane, Tadlow and Wrestlingworth have been withdrawn but this does not mean they are completely cancelled if the subsidies increase
  - Reminder about the EU Referendum
  - Possible £5 increase in Council Tax. South Cambridgeshire is in the lowest 15 in the Country.
  - Electoral Boundary Review now to go before the Committee
  - Starlings in Jubilee Way. The tree is proposed to be felled in March after the birds have left
- MHI Application 2016/2017 - Cllr Chris Whittington reported that the meeting he attended was favourable and the decision will be announced in March
- The Speedwatch Group met with the police on 8<sup>th</sup> February and the equipment was handed over. The initial activity will commence immediately after which further discussions will take place to work out what further Speedwatch activity is needed.
- The Litlington and Mordens Mobile Warden Scheme have received a grant from Townlands.
- The Allotment Rent invoice has been issued to the Allotment Committee.
- Recreation Ground/Conservation Area - report by Cllr Angela Drew:
  - Groups is working well
  - David Holt has offered to fill the potholes in the car park, the MOT will cost about £60 - the PC agreed this spend
  - David Holt needs a key for the drop off car park
- The PC has won a grant application (£1,270) from the War Memorials Trust for the refurbishment of the Odsey War Memorial and with the £1,000 from Community Chest, the work can now proceed.
- The outside disabled toilet is to have a combination lock fitted to prevent vandalism and mis-use.
- There are no plans for a Cowslip Day in 2016. It was agreed to ask the Harvest Fair Committee if the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday can be recognised at the Harvest Fair.
- Correspondence:
  - Parking at the Jester. Cars parking at the front are encroaching on the footpath causing pedestrians to walk on the road. The Clerk to write to the Jester.
  - Parking on Hay Street. This issue has been raised by a local resident with the main problems at school drop off/pick up times. The Clerk to write to the Headmaster.
  - SCDC Parish Council Election Timetable. The Clerk will receive packs shortly. The application deadline is 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016. More details on page 9.
  - Motorbikes on the Stret. The motorbikes are there legally so there is nothing that can be done.
- The Chairman is unable to attend the next 2 meetings after which the new Council will form. He thanked his colleagues for their support over his term as Chairman

## ***Public Access Defibrillator***

**The manufacturers of the Defibrillator would like to demonstrate their equipment so that there is someone available who is capable and knowledgeable in the case an emergency.**

**As many people as possible should learn how to use it, especially First Aiders' in the Football, Cricket, Tennis, and Bowls Clubs, and a representative from all the other village organisations.**

**Contact M Crankshaw on 017 85 089 so that he can make the necessary arrangements.**

There will soon be Parish Council and District Council elections and a possible referendum on Europe. You will not be able to vote if your name is not on the Electoral Roll/Register.

Poll cards will be sent out at the end of March. If you don't receive a card when your neighbours do, you may not be registered. Details of the elections and how to register are in the next South Cambs. Magazine which you should receive between 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 13<sup>th</sup> March

## **Grants for youth groups**

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

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

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

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

Any questions, please contact CCF

Thanks

Jane Darlington  
Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (charity number 1103314)

[www.cambscf.org.uk](http://www.cambscf.org.uk)  
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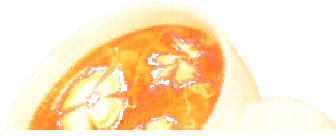
## Contact Names, Numbers and E-Mail Addresses for Organisations and Groups in the Village



Organisation	Contact Name	Phone Number	E-mail
SM Newsletter Editors	David & Karen Brown	01763 853793	newsletter@steeplemorden.org
SM Newsletter Editor	Desma Goddard	01763 852287	newsletter@steeplemorden.org
Primary School	Richard Lloyd	01763 852474	office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk
Village College	The Principal	01763 242344	
SS Peter & Paul Church	Genesta Harris	01763 852305	No e-mail
GM Cong. Church	David Harding	01763 852074	david@harding1240.freemove.co.uk
SM Village Hall Bookings	Diane Knight	01763 853073	Viguersk@aol.com
Scouts, Cubs & Beavers	Keith Austin	01763 852023	keith.austin@tesco.net
Brownies	Debbie Fisher	01763 852811	debbie-fisher@hotmail.co.uk
Guides	Ann Clarke	07756 291899	elainewhittington@talktalk.net
Allotment Society	Paul Drew	07798 525872	paul@communicator.ltd.uk
Smarties Pre-School and Out of School Club	Kate Reynolds	07952 100208 or 01763 852888	Pre-School: preschool@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk Out of School Club: outofschool@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk
Cricket Club	Fraser Daws	01763 853008	fraser.daws@btinternet.com
Football Club	Mark Thorp	07738 304329	
Morden Magpies Youth FC	Laurence Harrison	07799 625529	
Bowls Club	Alison Murray (Secretary)	01462 742293	alisonmurray@gmail.com
Tennis Club	Fiona Coverdale	01763 853325	steeplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk
Waggon & Horses	Josie	01763 853311	
Morden Players	Hazel Smith	01763 852602	hcsmith@clara.co.uk
Over 60s Club	Ann Thorp	01763 852848	annthorp35@yahoo.com
Luncheon Club	Debbie Fisher	01763 852811	debbie-fisher@hotmail.co.uk
Royal British Legion	Ray Leach	01763 852734	raymondleach@btinternet.com
RBL (Women's Section)	Tricia Covington	01763 852982	
Mobile Wardens Scheme	Angela Drew	01763 852635	
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

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

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## Good News: Flecks Lane Solar PV Cancelled!

There is some very encouraging news on the solar developments affecting The Mordens, Tadlow and Wrestlingworth that were the subject of last year's consultations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annie Coe (on behalf of FLAG)  
8 February 2016

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

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

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



A HAPPY NEW  
YEAR TO EVERYONE

**LENT LUNCH**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2016 AT THE**  
**CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM, GULDEN MORDEN**  
2.30 for 00 o'clock

Options for a choice of delicious home-made soups,  
red and cheese, coffee or tea

Tickets £1.50  
From P. Lech 01753 852374  
or 01753 853007  
Gulden Morden Groceries & SM Post Office

Easter Cards, Bring & Buy and Raffle



### MORDEN YOUNG WRITERS GROUP

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

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

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

Contact Sarah Harrison 01763 53171  
[novel@sarah-harrison.net](mailto:novel@sarah-harrison.net)



### A focus on local businesses

In support of promoting local businesses, the Newsletter is inviting local businesses to submit a short advertorial about the products and services they offer to be included in a future Newsletter.

The advertorial is to be written by you and can include a couple of photos. The articles need to be no more than half an A4 page including photos. Send it to

[newletter@steeplemorden.org](mailto:newletter@steeplemorden.org)

– first come, first served basis.

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

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

Meeting Monday March/ th 2014  
/ . 0 p.m.

Speaker Diane Coleman  
Old Bag Evening.

Bring any old bag that you can tell a memory  
of.

Meet in SM Village Hall  
Visitors welcome. Fee for non members £1.50

Please contact Chairperson, Coington (01763 852982) or Secretary Pats Smith (01763 852557) for  
further info.

### Gina Ferrari/ Apricot & Fig

A Steeple Morden resident of twenty six years, Gina Ferrari is probably best known locally for her colourful textile art and machine embroidery. But at the end of last year this successful textile artist and machine embroidery tutor turned her creative flair to developing her love of home baking.

For many years her baking skills have been in demand among family and friends for whom she has baked numerous cakes and desserts but she has now taken the plunge to do this professionally with the launch of her business Apricot & Fig. She bakes celebration cakes, layer cakes, tray bakes, cupcakes, desserts and savouries with the emphasis on good quality and seasonal ingredients. Recent innovations have seen the launch of a "Cupcake Friday" and she has plans for afternoon teas as well as a "pop up" supper club.

To keep up to date with all the latest from Apricot and Fig as well as special offers and taster days contact Gina to be put on her email mailing list. Or feel free to get in touch with your cake requirements for any occasion. Apricot & Fig – for cakes and desserts that taste as good as they look!

Tel: 01763 852971

[www.facebook.com/ApricotandFig](https://www.facebook.com/ApricotandFig)

[textiles@ginaferrari.co.uk](mailto:textiles@ginaferrari.co.uk)



### STEEPLE MORDEN BOWLS CLUB

**Steeple Morden village bowls club is looking for new members.**

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

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

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

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

Please contact Daniel Sheehan on 01763 853101 or Alan Hudson on 01763 852538, email [alan@oneservice.co.uk](mailto:alan@oneservice.co.uk).

Look forward to seeing you.



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

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

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

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

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

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

Remember, Your Community Needs You!

## Steeple Morden Parish Council Election

Michelle  
Parish Council  
Available  
(Sally Waln  
South Street  
OQR. Teleph  
mail [sally.wal](mailto:sally.waln@btinternet.com)

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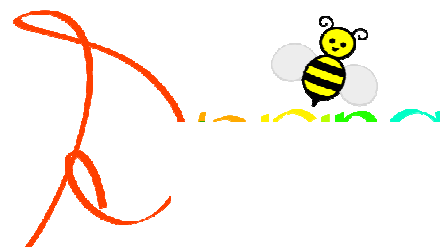
## PILATES

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

Exercise is suitable for all ages and fitness  
levels

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

For further details contact Larisa on 07791078782 or  
[Larisa.pilates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Larisa.pilates@yahoo.co.uk)



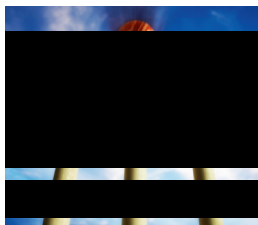
**S.M.R.B.L. Women's Section**  
**Coach trip to**  
**Springfields**  
**Outlet Shopping and Gardens**  
**(near Spalding)**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016**

Leaving S.M. at 9.30am  
Return from Springfields 12.00pm  
Cost £5 per person

More details and bookings to  
Larisa on 07791078782 or  
Email [larisa.pilates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:larisa.pilates@yahoo.co.uk)

Steeple Morden Cricket Club will again be playing in Division 4 South of the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association league for 2016. Our first match is on the 7th May at home against Cambourne.



We are looking for new players again this year due to the retirement of several senior players in the last few years.

The minimum age for league matches is 14 but luckily there is no upper age limit. Ability ideal but not essential.

We are also looking for tea ladies and anyone who could assist our groundsman.

To kick off the season we have four indoor net sessions booked at Bassingbourn Sports Centre on the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th April from 8.00 - 9.00 pm, any new and all current players welcome.

For more information contact Fraser Daws on 01763853008 or [fraser.daws@btinternet.com](mailto:fraser.daws@btinternet.com)

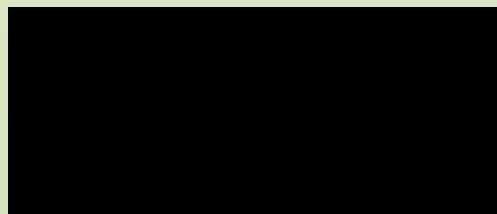
## Steeple Morden Village Hall – refurbishment update

After 7 years in the planning and over 2 years of intense fundraising, over £60,000 has been raised to carry out major work which has now almost complete.

The work commenced on 9<sup>th</sup> November. The toilets are almost complete. The new doors will be installed in early January.

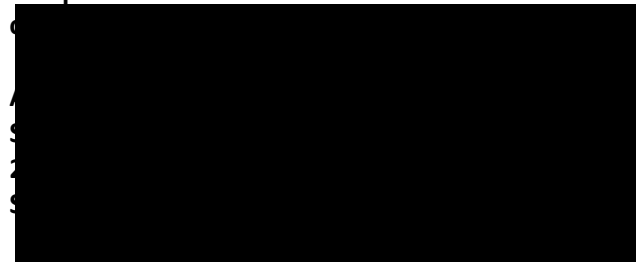
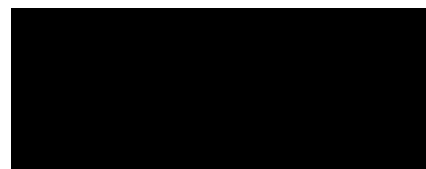
The project has replaced the existing men's and ladies toilets, added a disabled toilet with baby changing facility and altered the entrance to have electronic doors and an access ramp. This will deliver a much needed enhancements to the hall making it more accessible to the wider community and keeping this very important facility in Steeple Morden alive.

Our regular users will return to the hall in early January and as an added bonus a small team of volunteers have also decorated the main hall whilst it has been closed. We look forward to welcoming you all back and hope to have an opening ceremony in January.



## Calling all local artists, designers and creative businesses

We are looking for exhibitors to display and sell their work and products for



Fundraiser for the hall for continuous improvements.

If you are interested, please contact Karen Brown (01763 853793, [mrskarenbrown@btinternet.com](mailto:mrskarenbrown@btinternet.com)) or Helen Covington ([helen.covington@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helen.covington@yahoo.co.uk)) by Friday 11th March to book your place.

Registered Charity Number 300421

## MORDEN MAGPIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - [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. We are keen to hear from young boys, girls and parents who would like to join us. This is a family club that enjoys the support of the senior Steeple Morden Football Club. Above all we want young players to have fun, enjoy and learn about the game and be part of a team. If you would like your son or daughter to join the club or would like to find out more please contact any of the following FA-qualified coaches:

Under 6 - Kevin Donnelley - 07860 607416. [kevin@donnelly.tv](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.summers@virgin.net](mailto:peter.summers@virgin.net)

### NMC Div 2A Recent Results

	<u>Home Team</u>		<u>Away Team</u>
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Cambourne	1 - 1	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> Team
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sawston Utd R	2 - 4	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> Team
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> Team	4 - 4	Thaxted Rangers

### NMC Div 5A Reserves Recent Results

	<u>Home Team</u>		<u>Away Team</u>
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SM Reserves	2 - 3	Thaxted Rang R
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	SM Reserves	3 - 1	Haslingfield
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Wickhambrook	3 - 0	SM Reserves

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## The Village Wheelchair

There is a manual wheelchair available for use by anyone in the village. For more information and availability please contact Trish at the Village Office.

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**MOBILE**  
The Mobile Library  
stops in the village  
on the first and third  
Wednesdays of every  
month.

It stops at Russell Close between  
10.55am and 12.00pm.

The calling date for March is  
Wednesday March 31st.

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

The deadline for the April edition  
is 12 noon on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

*Contact details for the editors are at  
the top of the first page.*