



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER **October 2015**

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Village Diary for October

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

Thurs 1st Oct	Over 60's (p6)
Sat 3rd Oct	Traidcraft 10-1pm G. Morden Food Fayre
Sun 4th Oct	Church Harvest Festival (p7)
Mon 5th Oct	WRBL Meeting (p8)
Sat 10th Oct	Traidcraft 10.30-12 noon SM Church
Sat 10th Oct	Homestart Quiz Night (p12)
Fri 16th Oct	STC Fish & Chip Quiz (p4)
Sat 17th Oct	SM Tennis Club Quiz (p8)
Sun 18th Oct	Songs of Praise (p9)
Thurs 29th/Fri 30th/ Sat 31st Oct	Morden Players 'Allo 'Allo (p8)

Forthcoming Events:

<i>Sun 1st Nov</i>	<i>Poppy Appeal Lunch (p11)</i>
<i>Fri 6th Nov</i>	<i>Over 60's outing to Brick Lane Theatre</i>
<i>Sat 7th Nov</i>	<i>Church - Christmas cards on sale (p2)</i>
<i>Sat 7th Nov</i>	<i>SM School Fireworks (p12)</i>
<i>Fri 13th Nov</i>	<i>BBC Children in Need Disco (p11)</i>
<i>Thurs 19th Nov</i>	<i>STC Lunch (p6)</i>
<i>Sat 21st Nov</i>	<i>Model Railway Exhibition (p14)</i>
<i>27th - 29th Nov</i>	<i>Church Christmas Tree Festival (p7)</i>
<i>Sun 13th Dec</i>	<i>Anglesey Abbey Winter Lights Trip (p8)</i>

From the Editors.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to the Steeple Morden Harvest Fair Committee for organising such a great day, enjoyed by the whole community. They even organised the weather!

We must also congratulate Debbie Fisher for being awarded the Jubilee Trophy - for outstanding contribution to the village. Well done (and well deserved) Debbie.

It's this time of year when we can all enjoy the true beauty of the rural area we live in. The sun is warm on our face and we experience the most amazing sunrises and sunsets. Couple this with the deep orange tingeing on the leaves and the vista all around us is absolutely stunning.

Typical of this time of year, we see an increase in village events and October 2015 doesn't disappoint.

From a couple of quizzes, Harvest Festival in the Church and the Morden Players shows at the end of the month we can look forward to an exciting October.

November is also looking like a fun-filled month too. And Christmas isn't too far away (sorry!).

Please read the item on page 13, an early plea for Parish Councillors for 2016.

David, Desma, & Karen.

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

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

Fri 2nd	9-12 Café Church
Sun 4th	11.00 Harvest Festival 12.30 Harvest Lunch
Fri 9th	9-12 Café Church
Sat 10th	10.30-12 Coffee morning Traidcraft Stall
Sun 11th	10.45 Parish Communion
Fri 16th	9-12 Café Church
Sat 17th	5.30pm Etheldreda Medal Awards, Ely Cathedral
Sun 18th	9.45 Parish Communion 3pm Songs of Praise, Steeple Morden
Fri 23rd	9-12 Café Church
Sun 25th	10am Group Holy Communion, Abington Pigotts
Wed 28th	11.15 Home Group, 22 Craft Way

The Home Group, led by Patrick Hannon, is held on the last Wednesday of the month at 22 Craft Way for Bible study and discussion. Everyone is welcome.

Café Church is held on Friday mornings in term-time, 9-12pm. Everyone from 0 to 100 or over is welcome, to meet friends old and new and relax for a chat while enjoying a variety of hot drinks, bacon baps, cake There is a structured time for children at 10.30am, with a Bible story, song and craft.

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

Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for October

Check out our website:

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

Thurs 1st Oct	10.30am Tots and Teas
Friday 2nd Oct	12.00pm Soup and Socialise. Does exactly what it says on the tin – plus a quiz!
Saturday 3rd Oct	7.30pm for 8.00pm Folk Night
Sunday 4th Oct	10.30am Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style form of worship. All welcome.
Wed 7th Oct	11.00am Coffee Morning
Thurs 8th Oct	10.30am Tots n Teas
Sat 10th Oct	Guilden Morden Village Show
Sunday 11th Oct	10.30am Gospel and Harvest Service led by the Four Candles followed by a harvest lunch after the service. All welcome
Wed 14th Oct	11.00am Coffee Morning
Thurs 15th Oct	10.30am Tots n Teas
Sunday 18th Oct	10.00am United Service at St Mary's
Wed 21st Oct	11.00am Coffee Morning
Thurs 22nd Oct	10.30am Tots n Teas
Sunday 25th Oct	10.30am Communion Service in the Chapel with Fionnaigh Reid. All welcome
Wed 28th Oct	11.00am Coffee Morning
Thurs 29th Oct	10.30am Tots n Teas

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

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS on sale in

Steeple Morden Church - Saturday, 7th November
10am to 12 noon

with mini market including cakes, preserves,
candles, Traidcraft stall, with Christmas stock.
Come in for a browse - coffee and chat also
available.

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. Minutes can also be viewed on the Steeple Morden Village Website www.steeplemoden.org and the Village Post Office. Discussion on agenda items at the September meeting included the following:

- Karen Brown raised an issue on behalf of a local resident as to the unsightly condition of a house on Cheyney Street – the PC agreed to write to the owners of the property.
- Proposals were considered by the PC from SMFC which were approved subject to certain conditions.
- A505 – 106 monies from OMYA have been received by Herts. CC. Cllrs David Brown and Sacha Wheatley are meeting with Ashwell PC in October to try to get support for the proposed safety audit. The PC are also to write to Herts. CC (under the Freedom of Information Act) to see what plans they have for the funds.
- Cllr John Brocklehurst informed the PC that the parishioners who have experience of running car parks are to speak directly with Jeremy Fordham in respect of the Odsey Car Park. This item will now be removed from the agenda.
- The PC are waiting for the Tree Officer in respect of North Brook End Trees – in order to expedite the process, it was agreed to raise a formal complaint about the gaps.
- The PC is to raise the issue as to the condition of the footpath by 90 Hay Street with the relevant authority.
- County Councillor Adrian Dent gave his report. He is still dealing with the situation at Bassingbourn Barracks, has circulated information about street lighting and reported that the footpaths maintenance contract has been awarded to a new company which has caused delays. He also said that the latest on Super fast Broadband delivery for Steeple Morden is September to December.
- District Councillor Cicely Murfitt gave her report. The South Cambs. Magazine should have been delivered to all. A workshop to discuss changed in boundaries has taken place which has caused her some worries about the reduction in District Councillors and the possibility that new District Councillors may not live in the wards they cover,
- The Bowls Club requested a contribution from the PC towards the cameras they had installed as part of the CCTV – the request was declined as the PC is unable to provide financial assistance to the sporting clubs.
- Recreation Ground – there has been some complaints about weeds and overflowing bins – both these items have are now being dealt with. For the future the Chairman is in discussions with volunteers to have a maintenance team headed up by Cllr Angela Drew.
- A grant has been applied for to the War Memorials Trust for cleaning and re-etching of the Odsey Memorial. In addition donations have been pledged by the Fordham family. The grant application outcome is expected to be received in December after which the PC will decide how to proceed.
- Discussions took place regarding the outside/public disabled toilet and recent vandalism and misuse. One option was to lock it and give a key to various parties. Reluctantly, it was decided that this was the best solution.
- The PC proposed to install 3 new benches and 1 picnic bench as part of their Special Projects initiative. They should be installed in the next few weeks. RE: the Skate Park – Cllr Wheatley is to catch up with the project owner.
- The PC considered a request for a loan of £5,000 from the Village Hall so that the refurbishment could progress. It was agreed, as the hall is used by the whole village and the VH Committee have done well with fundraising so far, to donate (rather than loan) the requested £5K to the project.
- Various correspondences were considered. Request for Bluegrass Festival 17th-19th June 2016. Steeple Morden Primary School Bonfire Event – 7th November 2015. Request for 30mph stickers from a Station Road resident – some were located and will be distributed. 10K Steeple Chase.
- The Chairman is publishing a full page “request for Councillors” for next May’s Election in the October Newsletter. The PC agreed for the October Newsletter to be a full print.



**THE POPULAR FISH AND CHIP QUIZ
IS ON FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2015
IN STEEPLE MORDEN VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.30 pm**

£10.00 per person including the Fish and Chip Supper
Vegetarian option available
Bring your own drinks and glasses

Please contact Pat Holroyd 853742 to reserve your table
Teams of 8 preferred

A date for your diary – The Autumn Lunch will be
Held in Steeple Morden Village Hall on Thursday 19th November
2015

Superfast Broadband has Arrived!

As part of the Connecting Cambridgeshire initiative, Superfast Broadband is now available in many parts of Steeple Morden providing published download speeds of up to 76MB. If you would like to know more about the services and packages available, please contact your Internet Service Provider.

If you would like to know more about Connecting Cambridgeshire, please see:

<http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/>

Green bin collection changes this winter



Don't forget, green bin collections change to monthly during winter when far less garden waste is put out for collection.

Monthly collections will start at the end of November and will return to fortnightly in March for the rest of the year.

Collection dates can be found on page 24 of the autumn South Cambs Magazine or online at www.scambs.gov.uk/bins-by-parish

For more information visit

www.scambs.gov.uk/content/changes-green-bin-collections-over-winter

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

The purpose of the list is to give initial points of contact for people and their families who are new to the village or who want to join some leisure activity. If you run an organisation or group that you think should be represented in the list please contact the Editor.



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
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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.freerve.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 Frank Cameron	07738 304329 07595 636976	
Morden Magpies Youth FC	Laurence Harrison	07799 625529	
Bowls Club	Daniel R Sheehan	01763 853101	dansheehan@tiscali.co.uk
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) and more general useful numbers can be found on the inside back page of The Listing.

Steeple Morden Over 60's Club



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**St Peter & St Paul, Steeple
Morden Harvest Festival**

**Sunday, 4th October
at 11.00 am.**

Gifts of non-perishable goods will be taken to the Letchworth Food Bank. In particular they need:
Instant potato, UHT fruit juice, jam, long life milk, granulated sugar, sponge puddings, rice, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, instant coffee.

If you are unable to come on that day, you may leave any donations in the church. Thank you.

The service will be followed by a hot
Harvest Lunch in the Church
at 12.30.

All welcome

Tickets:

12 years and older £5.00,

5-11 years £2.50

Under 5 years .50p

from

Anne 853490, Annie 853829
Steeple Morden Post Office

Every Thursday

2:00-2:30pm @ Bassingbourn Book Café

Sign up and get great rewards when you share stories, books and rhymes in the library. It's free and easy to join, and open to all babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

Stay to enjoy tea, coffee, homemade cakes and biscuits.
Toys and puzzles along with great selection of books. Book Café stays open until 4.30pm

*Bassingbourn Book Café, The Limes, High Street,
Bassingbourn SG8 5LD - for more information call the
Children Centre, 01763 256817*

www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk



**Walking with Comberton
Ramblers**

Walking is an excellent form of exercise as well as making new friends. We are very

fortunate in that Cambridgeshire is an ideal area for walking - it has relatively few hills.

Regular walking can:

Strengthen your heart,
your bones and your muscles
Walking can reduce the risk of:
Coronary heart disease
Strokes
Diabetes
High blood pressure
Bow el cancer
Alzheimer's disease
Osteoporosis
Arthritis
Anxiety
Stress

Walking improves your:

Mood and helps combat depression
Walking can improve your:
Confidence
Stamina
Energy
Weight control
Life expectancy

We walk alternative Sunday mornings – between 5 – 6.5 miles. New walkers are welcome to join us with up to 2 free walks, and if you enjoy our walks we request that you become a member.

Our Autumn 2015 walk programme starts on the 6th September 2015. For further details please contact Stella the Secretary.
stella.ramblers@hotmail.com

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Peter & St Paul

Steeple Morden

27th-29th November 2015

We are hosting a Christmas Tree Festival again this year, when the theme will be Christmas Carols.

Would you like to choose a carol and decorate a tree? We look forward to individuals, groups of friends, groups or societies taking part – for details please ring Anne Hassall on 01763 853490.

The Morden Players

Proudly present

'Allo 'Allo

By Jeremy Lloyd and David Croft

A stage play based on the TV comedy series
(adult humour)

Steeple Morden Village Hall
Thursday 29th, Friday 30th, Saturday 31st
October 2015

Doors Open 7:30pm Curtain up at 8pm

Tickets available at Steeple Morden Post Office
£7

Steeple Morden Village Hall Coach trip to Anglesey Abbey Winter Lights Sunday 13th December 2015

Coach leaving S.M. Hay Street 3.00 p.m. Return from Anglesey Abbey
7.30 p.m.

Cost £35 includes exclusive early entry and starting with a **hot pot
meal with Tea and coffee** included. Vegetarian option but please order
when booking.

Bookings **by October 9th if possible** to **Thora Dix** at 01763 853348 or E
mail thoradix@tiscali.co.uk

£20 deposit required when booking please

Steeple Morden Royal British Legion Women's Section

**Meeting Monday October 5th 2015
7.30 p.m.**

**Craft Evening by
W.I. Craft Group**

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

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



Quiz Night

**Saturday 17th October 2015
at**

**Steeple Morden Village Hall
7.30 p.m.**

**£10.00 to include fish supper
(Maximum of 8 to a team)**

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Tickets available from
Elaine Wittington -852540 Katherine Kennedy -852105
Katherine Briers -852159 Gaye Christy -852605
Debbie Hall -853982 Fiona Coverdale -852105
Avril Gilbert -853173
All proceeds in aid of Steeple Morden Tennis Club

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 – first come, first served basis.

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



Workers' Educational Association

GUILDEN MORDEN WEA

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

Course Title: 'BACK IN THE USSR'

Marina Burrell promises to deliver a fascinating course on Russians and the Russian Culture in the USSR. She will give us insights and aspects of life in the USSR during and after the Cold War. These will include family life, education, work, health service, art, travel, pop-culture, ethnic minorities and an introduction to the Russian language.

Our January 2016 course will see the welcome return of Stephen Corley who will share with us his vast knowledge of the Post-War World and the events which shaped our modern world.

A very warm welcome awaits all new and existing members.

For more information contact:
Elaine Whittington, Tel: 01763 852540
Email: elainewhittington@talktalk.net

Songs of Praise

**Sunday, 18th October at 3pm
St Peter & St Paul's, Steeple 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 one of your Churchwardens.



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

Steeple Morden Village Hall is looking for new Committee Members

Would you like to be part of a team?

Can you spare the odd hour once in a while?

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

We meet every 6-8 weeks for a one hour meeting and there will be, perhaps, an hour or 2 maximum of actions for you until the next meeting.

Please contact Karen Brown on 01763 853793 or mrskarenbrown@btinternet.com for more information or to register your interest.

Good Afternoon South Cambs Resident,

I hope that this email finds you well and that you are enjoying our fine (if mixed) Summer so far.

As the subject line of this email states- I need your help. There are many types of crime that affect us here in South Cambs but none as shocking as human trafficking and slavery. Many of us would quite justifiably think that slavery had long been consigned to the history books but as recent media reporting has shown, it not only exists but is a growing force.

It would be easy to think of this as something that is happening abroad or confined to our cities. I'm afraid that I have to tell you that slavery and exploitation are happening right here, under our noses. As commander of local policing this is something that sits very heavily on my conscience and I am determined to do everything in my power to drive it out, but I need your help to do this.

The greatest challenge we face when tackling slavery is that it doesn't look like it used to do. Modern day slavers don't need chains and manacles- their methods are far more insidious and this can allow it to pass almost un-noticed: possibly even in your street. To tackle this menace we therefore need to raise awareness about how modern slavery manifests itself - how to spot the tell tale signs and how to safely report concerns and suspicions to the police.

With this in mind and with the help of our partners in South Cambs District Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner we are holding an anti-slavery day on **Saturday 17th October 2015 between 10am- 1pm** in the council chamber at SCDC. The summit will include award winning films from our partner charity 'Unchosen', presentations from guest speakers and a panel of experts who will be able to answer any questions that you have about modern day slavery. My goal is to have every village in South Cambs represented by a delegate and I would like to invite **you** to represent your community.

The role of the delegate will be two-fold. Firstly to attend our summit and learn all about modern day slavery. Secondly to spread the word in your local community by writing a piece for your local village newsletter or magazine after the summit about what you've seen and learnt.

If you would be interested in representing your village and helping your local officers defeat slavery please contact me directly by responding to this email and I will be able to answer any of your questions and provide more details.

With thanks in advance for your support,



Support and friendship
for families

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

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

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

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

This is when Home-Start volunteers can help!

An 8 session training course for new volunteers
will run on 16th, 22nd, 23rd & 30th September and
6th, 7th, 14th & 21st October, 2015

The course will run from 9.30am – 2.30pm



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

Tel: 01763 262262 or e-mail admin@hsrsc.org.uk
www.hsrsc.org.uk

Registered Charity No 1105385

Poppy Appeal

Come & join us for
Lunch/tea
At
Steeple Morden Bowls Club
On
Sunday 1st November
12noon til 3.30pm

Poppies etc on sale

For more information contact : Tricia Covington
852982



Cambridgeshire
County Council

**Over 700 Cambridgeshire households have saved money
on their energy bills – you could save money too!**

The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch launches for the
fifth time this autumn; register for free between
1 September and 12 October 2015

to find out whether you could save money on your energy bills.

There are many reasons to register this autumn...

- Previous auctions have seen average savings in Cambridgeshire of £157 - £274 per annum offered per household.
- Registration is completely free, with no obligations.
- Registration DOES NOT commit you to switching supplier.
- Collective Switching enables energy providers to offer you a unique tariff, outside of their four core tariffs, which can be better value than all existing options.

Registration is easy!

Registration will open on 1st September and you will
need to register by midnight on 12th October 2015.

You can register online: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch.

Alternatively, you can contact us for help at:
energy.switch@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 01223 703074.



Support and friendship
for families

**Saturday 10th October
7.00 for 7.30pm
Quiz Night with
supper to be held at
Meldreth Village Hall**

This will be a fun quiz – teams of 6 are required but if you can't get a full team please do still join us and we can include you in another team.

Tickets will be £10 each to include your supper (fish, chicken, sausage or veggie burger and chips) there will be a licensed bar and a raffle will be held at this event.

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 of 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 01763 853089 so that he can make the necessary arrangements.

**The sun shone, there were
lots of visitors and it looked
like a fun day.**

**More information to follow
in next Newsletter or visit:**

www.steeplemordenharvestfair.com

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

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

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

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

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

So, if *you* want to make a real difference to your community why not call David Brown on 01763 853793 or email davidjohnbrown@btinternet.com for an informal chat.

more about the opportunities available and what's involved.

Remember, Your Community Needs You!

Not so sunny Norfolk

I have now settled in to my new bungalow in Hopton. All the alterations are done apart from some metal gates I am having at the side of the bungalow. At the moment I have wooden ones and the walls holding them the brickwork is cracked. They will be done in September.

Bob's one wish was to get Tracey into proper bricks and mortar and we have done that she has a lovely 3 bedroom town house in Gorleston which is only 4 miles from Hopton. It was built in 2008 so is quite modern. Before she had a Park Home on a site and the site fees were horrendous. With the sale of my Craft Way house we were able to get both properties, pay the fees and I had money over for alterations.

My next door neighbour is very helpful and reminds me of how Bob used to be.

I have joined 2 luncheon clubs run by age UK great Yarmouth, 2 Mothers Union groups and 2 WI groups. I can't seem to find a local WRBL group. I also play bridge a lot and have joined several clubs for that. Belton have an over 50's club every Tuesday we play Bingo and scrabble. I think I am busier than I was in Steeple Morden. I also dog sit for Tracey and Steve. They now have another Springer Spaniel called George as well as Woody.

Tracey has got a job at the Veterinary Hospital in Acle. Steve has got to get his back sorted before he can get one. There is also a Quiz night and a bingo night at a pub in our village so I go there if I haven't got a partner for bridge. If anyone is in Norfolk and would like to pop in they are very welcome.

My email address is: anne.r.a.mcshane@btinternet.com

I can give you my address if you want to come
Best Wishes Anne McShane



The Royston & District Model Railway Club will be holding its 29th Annual Exhibition at **Bassingbourn Village College on Saturday the 21st November 2015.**

The exhibition will be open from 10:30 am until 5 pm. We hope to have 20 to 25 layouts present with the remainder of the stands being Traders, Demonstrators & Society -based.

Tea, Coffee and light refreshments will be available.

Miniature train rides by members of the Royston & District Model

Engineering Society on their outside track (Weather permitting!).

Admission £5.00 per Adult and accompanied children are free.

We intend to run a bus service between Royston Bus & Train Stations and Bassingbourn Village College on the day.

Please visit our

website www.roystondmrc.co.uk for further/updated information.

Goodbye Steeple and thank you

By the time you read this I should be safely esconced in Baldock and starting a new life.

I have loved being part of this village for the past 21 years and it has seen me through the tragic event of the death of my beloved son and all my health problems. It made such an enormous difference being in a village where people care for one another.

My great love was the Morden Players which I could no longer carry on with after the loss of my voice but glad I went out with a triumph as Lady Bracknell!

The charity that I set up 17 years ago to support adults managing a mental health problem is still very much alive in Hatfield. Please see new website as created by Karen Brown (www.connectclubcharity.org.uk). So if you have any furniture or white goods or electrical items please contact the shop or I will be pleased to take your call on 07951308757 or olwyn.buchta@virgin.net.

Please ensure that Darren and Elizabeth and their children at 8 Bogs Gap Lane are taken care of and involved in the spirit of Steeple.

So its au revoir from me and Baldock here I come!

Best wishes - Olwyn Buchta

MORDEN MAGPIES JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB - www.mordenmagpies.co.uk

A family-friendly club seeking players for U6, U7, U8 U9 & U10 age groups.

Boys and girls of any ability welcome.

Morden Magpies football club has a long history in local junior football. The club restarted in September 2012 and gain Charter status in 2014. We are keen to hear from young boys, girls and parents who would like to join us. This is a family club that enjoys the support of the senior Steeple Morden Football Club. Above all we want young players to have fun, enjoy and learn about the game and be part of a team. If you would like your son or daughter to join the club or would like to find out more please contact any of the following FA-qualified coaches:

Under 6 - Kevin Donnelly - 07860 607416. kevin@donnelly.tv

Under 7 - Martin Holt – 07740215874. martin.holt@arjconstruction.co.uk

Under 8 - Laurence Harrison – 07799625529. Laurence.harrison@digitalradiouk.com

Under 9 - Andrew Holt – 07850801899. Andrew.Holt@arjconstruction.co.uk

Under 10 - Pete Summers – 07709258359. peter.summers@virgin.net

NMC Div 2A Recent Results

	<u>Home Team</u>		<u>Away Team</u>
5 th Sept	Eynesbury	1 - 5	SM 1 st Team
12 th Sept	Papworth	2 - 5	SM 1 st Team
19 th Sept	Soham Utd. Res	1 - 3	SM 1 st Team

NMC Div 5A Reserves Recent Results

	<u>Home Team</u>		<u>Away Team</u>
5 th Sept	SM Reserves	1 - 4	Suffolk Punch
12 th Sept	Harston 2015	2 - 1	SM Reserves

Steeple Morden Recreation Area gets CCTV

Due to the recent spate of vandalism and incidents of anti-social behaviour around the recreation area, the Parish Council have implemented a TV surveillance solution to provide protection and peace-of-mind for all our Parishioners.

The cameras cover the access road to the Recreation Ground, the area adjacent to the public toilet, the Village Hall entrance, the car park and the Bowls Club. If you wish to report an incident in any of these areas, recorded CCTV may help to identify any culprits (an Can be used in evidence by the police).

For further information please contact David Brown, Chairman of the Parish Council on 01763 853793, david@steeplemorden.org or the Parish Council Clerk clerk@steeplemorden.org

It is important to make quick contact (within hours) as the recording rolls around and may only cover the period of the incident for a couple of days.

The Village Wheelchair

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



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MOBILE LIBRARY
The Mobile Library stops in the village on the first Wednesday of every month.

It stops at Russell Close between 10.10am and 10.55am.

**The calling date for October is:
Wednesday October 7th**

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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The deadline for the November edition is 12 noon on Saturday October 17th 2015

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

STEEPLE MORDEN VILLAGE HALL

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

It comprises: Tables, Seating for 120, Bar, Kitchen, Cooker, Fridge, Crockery, Stage, Parking.

*****NEW** We now have a projector and screen available for hire – ask our booking clerk for more details.***

For bookings and prices please contact:

Diane Knight

33 Cheyney Street, Steeple Morden, SG8 0LR

Tel 01763 853073 (please don't phone between the hours of 6 - 7 p.m.) email: Viguersk@aol.com

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