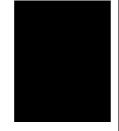


PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

September 2015

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

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

Friday 4th 9-12 Café Church

Sunday 6th 8.30 Parish Communion

2.30-5pm Cream Teas,

Hill House, Cheyney Street

Friday 11th 9–12 Café Church

Saturday 12th 10.30-12 Coffee morning and

Traidcraft Stall

10-6pm Ride, Drive & Stride in aid of Cambridge Churches

Sunday 13th 10.45 Mattins (Prayer Book)

Friday 18th 9–12 Café Church
Sunday 20th 9.45 Family Service
Friday 25th 9–12 Café Church

7 for 7.30pm American-themed

Evening in Village Hall

Sunday, 27th 10am Group Holy Communion,

Steeple Morden

Wed. 30th 11.15 Home Group, 22 Craft Way

The Home Group, led by Patrick Hannon, will now be held on the last Wednesday of the month.

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

Café Church

Café Church is a new venture started in Autumn 2014, and is proving very popular. A good opportunity to meet with friends in a cheerful atmosphere, while enjoying tea, coffee, cake, bacon baps All ages (0 to 100+), male and female, are welcome. Short storytime, song and craft for children at 10.30.

Steeple Morden Home Group

Home Group meets fortnightly on a Wednesday (11.15am - 12.15pm) at Genesta Harris' house, at 22 Craft Way, Steeple Morden, for some Bible Study and discussion, and is led by Patrick Hannon. We are quite happy to see someone who may be visiting!

Check out our website: www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

Wed 2nd Sept 11.00am Coffee Morning

Thurs 3rd Sept 10.30am Tots and Teas

Friday 4th Sept 12.00pm Soup and Socialise. Does exactly what it says on the tin – plus a quiz!

Saturday 5th Sept 7.30pm for 8.00pm Folk Night

<u>Sunday 6th Sept</u> 10.30am Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style form of worship. All welcome.

Wed 9th Sept 11.00am Coffee Morning

Thurs 10th Sept 10.30am Tots n Teas

Sunday 13th Sept 10.30am Sunday Service in the Chapel

followed by a Church Meeting

Wed 16th Sept 11.00am Coffee Morning

Thurs 17th Sept 10.30am Tots n Teas

Sunday 20th Sept 10.30am United Service in the Chapel

Wed 23rd Sept 11.00am Coffee Morning

Thurs 24th Sept 10.30am Tots n Teas

Sunday 27th Sept 10.30am Communion Service in the Chapel

Wed 30th Sept 11.00am Coffee Morning

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

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 OQR. 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 July meeting included the following:

- No further update on the A505 Junction. The Parish Council continue to work with Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire County Councils to understand the whereabouts of the OMYA Section 106 money that it hoped could be used to part fund the intended Independent Safety Audit.
- Further movement on the Odsey Car Park, although it was suggested that the owner may be interested in discussing whether the site could be run by a local car parking company.
- The SCC has been contacted to deal with the overhanging branches of the North Brook Road Trees.
- SuperFast Broadband is up and running in parts of the village with rollout continuing throughout the summer.
- District Cllr Cicerly Murfitt gave her report which included: Housing Developments, proposals for an additional 19,000 houses to be built in S. Cambs. No further developments on the Solar Installation, as no planning applications had been received by SCC.
- Finances were approved and signed.
- The SM Parish Council intends to open a new Current Account which offers the possibilities for internet banking and a new Deposit Account that offers a higher rate of interest.
- The Internal Audit for 2014/15 has been prepared.
- Public Spaces Order it has been decided to put further signs around the Recreation Grounds,
 replacing the ones which have been damaged.
- The chain linked fencing in the ROSPA Play Area is to be replaced and repaired.
- Morden Magpies have requested the use of a shipping container for storage of their equipment.
 It was agreed that the container could be sited in the left-hand corner of the car park.
- Reading Room roof repairs and general maintenance quotes were approved and work is to go ahead.
- Odsey War Memorial could receive a grant towards its restoration, if sufficient detail of its historical precedence could be obtained.
- The Skate Park Project now has a website www.steeplemordenskatepark.co.uk
- CCTV installation is to go ahead.
- The Village Hall 'Building Project' which announced it was £12,000 short in funding has received various funds from the village, and are applying for a further loan from the Parish Council to cover the shortfall.
- Nominations for the Jubilee Trophy were discussed and the 2015 recipient was decided.
- Various footpaths around the village have been cleared of overhanging branches.

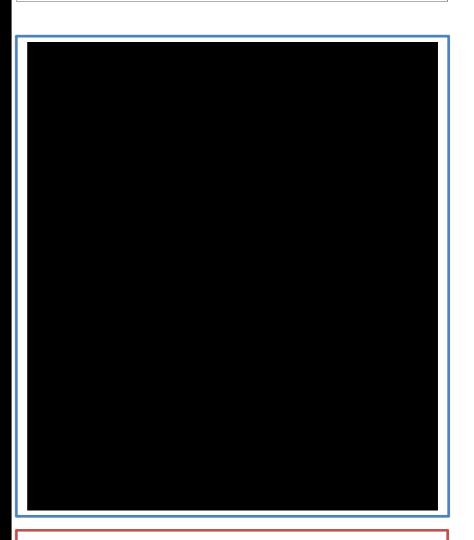
CREAM TEAS in aid of Church Funds

Sunday 6 September - 2.30 - 5pm

At Hill House, 24 Cheyney Street, Steeple Morden

(home of David & Gilly McKee)

Tickets Adults £5 Children under 12 £2 from Gilly McKee 852380 Rose Dickinson 852138 or The Post Office



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/



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.





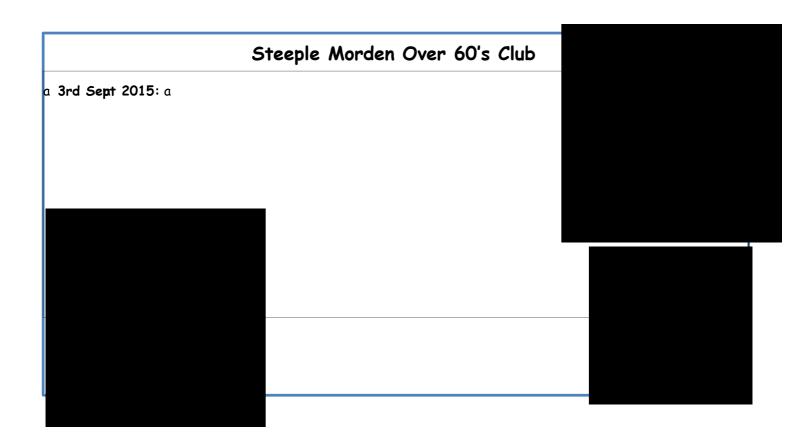


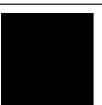




Organisation	Contact Name	Phone	E-mail
		Number	
SM Newsletter Editors	David & Karen Brown	01763 853793	newsletter@steeplemorden.org
SM Newsletter Editor	Desma Goddard	01763 852287	newsletter@steeplemorden.org
Primary School	Richard Lloyd	01763 852474	office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk
Village College	The Principal	01763 242344	
SS Peter & Paul Church	Genesta Harris	01763 852305	No e-mail
GM Cong. Church	Fionnaigh Reid	07867 666574	fionnaighhal@hotmail.com
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	Kate Reynolds	07952 100208	Pre-School:
Out of School Club	·	or 01763	preschool@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk
		852888	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	
	Frank Cameron	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 Newsletter – we need help please

Due to changes in circumstances the Newsletter needs volunteers to help with the Newsletter production. If you are able to help, please contact Karen Brown. 01763 853793. mrskarenbrown@btinternet.com
We are looking for people who:

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

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

Could You Help to Look After Steeple Morden Recreation Ground?

We all love our Recreation Ground.

Whether it's for sport, children's playtime, dog walking or just sitting under a tree with a good book watching the world go by, our Recreation Ground is important to all of us.

And to keep it that way, the Parish Council are looking to form a small team of Parishioners who can help with the daily running of our favourite village open space. You don't need to commit a lot of time and



you don't necessarily need any specific skills, the kind of activities that we are looking to cover could include things like:

- Periodically checking on the condition of the playground equipment and other Recreation Ground fixtures, reporting any concerns
- Liaising with the sports clubs and contractors whenever work is necessary
- Maintaining the Recreation Ground diary
- Minor maintenance activities

So, if the Recreation Ground is important to you and you have a couple of hours to spare each month why not call David Brown on 01763 853793 or email davidjohnbrown@btinternet.com to understand a little more about how you could help.



BRITISH LEGION WOMENS SECTION

Meeting Monday 7th September 7.30 p.m.

Speakers Karen & David Brown

Travels in India & Nepal.

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 17thOctober 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

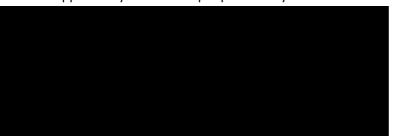
Tickets available from
Elaine Wittington –852540 Katherine Kennedy –852105
Katherine Briers –852159 Gaye Christy –852605
Debbie Hall –853982 Fiona Coverdale –852105
Avril Gilbert -853173

All proceeds in aid of Steeple Morden Tennis Club

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!





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

Marina Burrell promises to deliver a fascinating course on Russians 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



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 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.

MORDEN VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity Number 30042

aised to keep the Village Hall up to the required her £12K is required to begin the alterations.

e can all, as a community, benefit from these improvements: a disabled toilet, refurbishment of the existing toilets, a disabled access ramp and electric doors to the Village

Please post either cash or cheque (made payable to Steeple Morden Village Hall) to

Karen Brown, 15 Hay Street
Steeple Morden, SG8 0PD.

IT'S OUR VILLAGE HALL
IT'S OUR COMMUNITY Steeple Morden, SG8 0PD. For further information. call or e-mail Karen on 01763 853793 or

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

mrskarenbrown@btinternet.com

(remember to write your name and address on the

Steeple Morden Village Hall is looking for new Committee Members

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.

Goodbye Steeple Morden

By the time you read this I should be safely ensconced 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 up17 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.o rg.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.

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

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

If you wish to apply, please contact Jeremy Clayton on: 01763 852203 or jeremly@ewpepper.co.uk The Townslands Charity are keen to consider small grants for those requiring financial assistance with purchasing tools/equipment, etc. For their apprentice scheme. The scheme must be Government Approved or can be a similar vocational course, such as City & Guilds. Please contact Jeremy Clayton on: 01763 852203 or jeremly@ewpepper.co.uk for further details

Public Access Defibrillator

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 01763 853089 so that he can make the necessary arrangements.

Harvest Fair Reminder

Please put **Saturday the 19th September** between 12 noon and 4pm in your diaries for this year's Village Harvest Fair. This year will be the new committees second year of running the Fair and with last years hugely successful day we know we have a lot to live up to. Last year the feedback was fabulous with the village having a brilliant family day, with something for everyone. As a result of the fantastic comments about the Glen Miller Band (Opus 17) I am



pleased to announce they will be returning. We are also going to be having an activities tent this year for the younger audience and we will have more adrenalin focused activities and rides for those slightly older villagers.

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

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

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

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

LATEST NEWS Police Dog to perform in the arena - The Fire Brigade are coming back this year Jon Boutcher - Harvest Fair Chairman

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

A family-friendly club seeking players for U6, U7, U8 U9 & U10 age groups. Boys and girls of any ability welcome.

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

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

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

Under 8 - Laurence Harrison - 07799625529. <u>Laurence.harrison@digitalradiouk.com</u>

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

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

Results

All Matches 5 th Sept	s tart at 1.30pm Dullingham <i>CC</i> - 1st XI	Home

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 September is:

Wednesday September 2nd

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.

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

The deadline for the October edition is 12 noon on Saturday September 19th

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

STEEPLE MORDEN VILLAGE HALL

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

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

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

For bookings and prices please contact: **Diane Knight**

33 Cheyney Street, Steeple Morden, SG8 0LR
Tel 01763 853073 (please don't phone between the hours of 6 - 7 p.m.) email: Viguersk@aol.com

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