



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

September 2018

Editorial

Hello!

Welcome to the September edition of your village newsletter. After our long hot summer there is definitely a hint of autumn in the air now but still much to look forward to in the coming months if the busy village diary is anything to go by. As always I am amazed at the wide range of activities on offer in our villages but of course none of this could happen without the numerous volunteers behind the scenes. Perhaps you feel you could contribute to the running of village life? There are many ways you can do this and in this edition you will find several requests for help – would you be willing to run the lunch club (page 5), or possibly the Traidcraft stall (page 5)? Smarties pre-school are looking for committee members (page 8) and The Morden's 1st Responders are also looking for new members (page 11). If you are unable to give time to any of these requests then perhaps you could spare an hour to help Litter Pick (page 8)?

Please note that Café Church returns to the church from September, every Friday morning during term time.

You may have also noticed that The Morden Players will be putting on a Pantomime early next year. Open auditions for Beauty and the Beast take place in September (page 13) – maybe this is your chance to tread the boards?

Have a good September!
Gina

Village Diary for September

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

Smarties are taking bookings for Preschool and Breakfast & After School club.

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| Sun 2 nd Sept | Cream Teas (p2) |
| Thurs 6 th Sept | Over 60s – Brian Deal, pharmacist (p11) |
| Sat 8 th Sept | Litter pick, Odsey (p8) |
| Thur 20 th Sept | Auditions for Beauty & the Beast (p13) |
| Fri 21 st Sept | Save the Children Coffee Morning (p12) |
| Sat 22 nd Sept | Baby & children's sale (p6) |
| Sat 22 nd Sept | Phoenix & Friends, Stevenage (p7) |
| Sun 23 rd Sept | Auditions for Beauty & the Beast (p13) |
| Sun 23 rd Sept | Steeple Chase (p14) |
| Sun 30 th Sept | Songs of Praise (p2) |

Forthcoming events

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| Sun 7 th Oct | Harvest Lunch (p2) |
| Sat 13 th Oct | Christmas Card sale (p6) |
| Tues 16 th Oct | Smarties AGM |
| Sat 27 th Oct | Putting on the Ritz, live music evening (p13) |
| Sat 3 rd Nov | School fireworks (p12) |
| Fri 23 rd Nov | Christmas tree festival until Sun 25 th (p12) |
| Sat 24 th Nov | SM Tennis club, Race Night (p5) |
| Sat 15 th Dec | Village social club, carols at Westminster Hall (p6) |
- Deposits required for this by the end of August**

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May 2018**

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Songs of Praise

**Sunday, 30th September 2018 at 3pm
St Peter & St Paul's Church, 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
Anne on 853490 or Gilly on 852380.

CREAM TEAS

in aid of Church Funds



**Sunday 2 September
2.30pm – 5pm
at**

Hill House, 24 Cheyney St, Steeple Morden
(home of David & Gilly McKee)

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

**. BRING & SHARE HARVEST
LUNCH**

**SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER
IN THE CHURCH
12.15**

**FOLLOWING HARVEST
FAMILY SERVICE
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME
PLEASE
PHONE ANNE HASSALL 853490**

House Group

A House Group meets every Monday at 7.30pm
for a time of Bible study, reflection,
discussion, prayer and fellowship.

We meet at 78 Hay Street, Steeple Morden.

We are now starting on our winter schedule,
so beginning 3rd September we will be back to
meeting every Monday.

A warm welcome is extended to all who would
like to come along

for a single visit or more often.

For further information please call Cynthia on
853217.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Full PC meets on the second Monday in the in the Cricket Pavilion (Village Hall in winter) at 7.30pm. The meeting is listed every month in the Village Post Office window, on the Notice Board at the Recreation Ground, and in Odsey near the station.

A copy of the full minutes from the Council Meetings may be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk, Sally Walmesley, Redwood Lodge, South Street, Litlington, Royston SG8 0QR. Telephone 01763 852137 or e-mail sally.walmesley@btinternet.com. Minutes can also be viewed on the Steeple Morden Village Website www.steeplemorden.org and the Village Post Office. Discussion on agenda items from the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 9th July included the following:

Comments and observations from parishioners

- A Football club rep reported that, the committee would like to reintroduce a second pitch. The FC was looking at purchasing a sit on mower so that they would be able to cut the pitch on a weekly basis. The FC would arrange for a report from a Grounds man on how frequently the pitches should be used.
- Concern was raised over the removal of trees, one of which was a memorial tree. Cllr Williams reported that she had spoken to the DC Officers who confirmed that the trees were not in the conservation area, nor have a Tree Preservation Order, so a consultation was not needed. The Clerk would send a letter to SCDC, regarding the memorial tree, and ask that in future the PC be advised of plans

Report from District Cllr Heather Williams:

- The planning application for development of The Jester site had been refused at appeal.
- SCDC was keen to introduce Village Design Statements. Councillors were reminded that the compilation of the next Local Development was due to begin in 2019.
- There had been some blue bin contamination and residents were being urged to 'wash and squash'.
- Changes to Universal Credit would be all e-mail based so support might be needed by some residents.
- There had been an increase in burglaries in the village and Cllr Williams had spoken to the Police and Crime Commissioner to see what could be done.

Report from County Cllr Sebastian Kindersley:

- The latest proposal for the A505 improvements was for two roundabouts with some closure of gaps.
- There were discussions with Network Rail who offered to make changes to the hedgerow to allow for more car parking spaces. A local Landowner was being encouraged to resurrect a planning application for a car park.
- Cllr Kindersley advised that he was speaking to CCC for advice on how parking on Station Rd could be prevented. It was suggested a bus service to and from the station could be implemented. It was agreed that the outcome of the proposed additional car park needed to be known first before investigating other options.
- Parish Councils would soon be invited to presentations about the East West rail link

Matters arising & carried forward

- Cllr Belson confirmed that additional dog waste bins had been installed.
- A draft Privacy Policy had been circulated to Councillors
- The grass cutting contractor had confirmed that the Cheyney St bank was included for the grass verge cuts.

Recreation Ground and Maintenance

- There was an on-going issue with the double gates which kept being broken. A sign would be put up
- The latest RoSPA report highlighted tasks that needed to be carried out.- Picnic Bench (Medium Risk) relocate and secure, Jungle Jim Climber (Medium Risk) decayed timber needs replacing
- The FC had asked for the brush scrub to be cut back. Members of the club to be asked to cut back this time.
- A request had been received for PC support regarding a proposal to alter the course of the footpath across the Diggings garden and paddock. The proposed new route would go over Running Ditch to emerge on North Brook End at the north west corner of a field south of the paddock. Councillors agreed with the proposal.
- There had still been no action regarding the cutting back of the confers on Craft Way
- It was reported that the pavement from the telephone kiosk along Hay Street was in a poor state of repair. The Clerk to report on the County Council website.

Local Highway improvement scheme

- An Engineer now had details of locations for mobile traffic signs. An order would be placed for the equipment.
- Other suggested traffic calming measures were discussed, including a 40mph buffer zone and gateway features, but it was agreed that these could be investigated once more data had been collated that there was a speed issue.

School Safety

- Cllr Jeffs expressed her concern over the safety of children on the roads around the school. It was noted that the most dangerous place to cross was outside the Church. Cllr Belson advised that the school issued constant reminders about parking outside the school to the parents. It was agreed that the Clerk would make contact with the CC road safety officer to ask for his opinion on how the safety issue could be addressed

Planning Applications updates

- Odsey Scrap yard –This had been covered under the County and District Councillors reports.
- 2.2.1 Planning Ref S/2146/18/FL Barn to the left of 29 Northbrook End Farm, North Brook End –Five Bedroom detached house with parking, detached carport (Mr Steven Barrett). It was noted that an application for the same location had been submitted previously. It was agreed that the same response would be made. It was also noted that this location was outside of the village framework.

Other Items for information

- A request was made for the 2019 Blue Grass Festival to be held from the 14-16th June 2019 which was agreed
- VH Committee is investigating a new boiler and asked if the PC would contribute to the cost. It was agreed that the VH be asked to obtain some prices for the boiler and then apply to the PC for a specific amount

Discussion on agenda items from the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 11th August included the following:**Comments and observations from parishioners**

- There was a request that the PC look at the problem of speeding cars entering the south end of village along Station Road. There have already been several accidents and it presents a large risk, especially with addition of new vehicular and pedestrian access onto the road. There was a request for the extension of the speed limit on that stretch of road. The PC will write to the CC Highways dept. to seek approval to put this on a future agenda.
- Another request was made for electronic signs that flag up the speed of vehicles and it was confirmed mobile signs had been ordered. There was also a request for chicanes but this was considered to be beyond the budget of the PC, however it was agreed that road safety and speeding vehicles needed to be continually assessed and discussed.
- There was an objection to the proposal of a new dwelling plus garage at the corner of Hay Street and Bogs Gap Lane on the grounds of environmental issues, road safety and the intrusive nature of the proposal on a neighbouring property. The PC agreed to consider this when discussing the planning application.
- There was an objection to proposals made by the scrap yard at Odsey on the grounds that they are already operating outside their remit. The PC agreed to take these objections into account when discussing the planning application. There was an objection to the new double yellow lines on the road into the station car park and the PC to enquire if they are enforceable as it is not an adopted highway.

Report from District Cllr Heather Williams:

- Cllr Williams has been successful in a request for a breast feeding area to be established at the Council offices.
- John Koch, the team west leader is willing to talk to the ward about five year planning.
- The recent water stoppage highlighted the need for emergency plans to be kept up to date.
- A fence has been illegal erected on a property in Church Farm Lane. Enforcement officers have been informed

Report from County Cllr Sebastian Kindersley:

- No progress to report on the A505 due to it being holiday season.
- There will be a joint presentation to Guilden Morden & Steeple Morden by the Cam/Beds Rail Group.
- The planning application by the scrapyards was likely to be approved by the CC so advice was to work with this by asking for certain conditions to be met.

Finances

- The financial statement was received and approved
- The village hall committee were in the process of receiving quotes for a replacement boiler.

Recreation Ground and Maintenance

- The update on footpath 10 is still pending.
- Some trees needed surveying on the recreation ground.
- The trees overhanging the footpath on Craft Way still need to be cut back by the owner of the adjacent property. Another letter would be sent.
- The pavement outside 16 Hay Street would be repaired.

Data Protection.

- The new GDPR guidelines had been adopted. Councillors to be extra vigilant not to share email addresses

School Safety

- The School Safety Officer report had indicated that Steeple Morden was a low risk school so funds were not likely to be available for safety measure. There had been no dialogue with the school yet but the PTA would be contacted to see if they would be willing to contribute and support some sort of crossing if required.

Planning Applications updates

- Planning ref S/269018/FL 115 Hay Street - single storey front extension. No objection
- Planning ref S/2643/18/FL 130 Hay Street – Demolition of existing barn and outbuilding to create new dwelling and double garage with workshop above. Objection on grounds that it is not in keeping with the surrounding area. Environmental issues and access are also a concern
- Planning ref S/0090/18/CW Ashwell & Morden's Goods Yard – Use of unused land as a staff car park and storage area for salvage vehicles. Technical Objection unless certain conditions are met to improve the site

Website

- This needs updating. The clerk does not have access to make changes. Permission will be sought to change this

Other Items for information

- There is a problem with rabbits at the allotment.

Steeple Morden Tennis Club

**Race Night
with a Difference**



**You may have been to the races
You may have been to a race night**

BUT

Now come and be the 'jockey' and race the horse for yourself!

Saturday 24th November 2018

at

Steeple Morden Village Hall

7.30 p.m.

Tickets £12.50 to include delicious homemade soup & pudding supper

Licensed Bar

tickets available from

Avril Gilbert - 853173/Kate Alsop - 01462 743561/Peter Garner - 853133

Fiona Coverdale - 853325/Debbie Hall - 853982/Debbie Shepherd - 852742

All proceeds in aid of Steeple Morden Tennis Club



**Would someone with a couple of hours
to spare on Tuesday lunchtime like to
help run the Steeple Morden lunch
club?**

**No cooking is required as our lunches
are supplied by the lovely staff at the
primary school kitchen.**

**A good chat, some waitressing and
washing up plus a small bit of admin is
all that is required. Easy!**

**Having managed it for 24 years it is
time I handed it over**

Contact Debbie Fisher on 01763 852811

WOULD YOU RUN THE TRAIDCRAFT STALL?

Traidcraft is a Christian organisation, dedicated to buying from independent farmers and craftspeople at a fair price. As well as paying a fair price, Traidcraft also pay a premium which goes directly to villagers themselves to use where needed most e.g. to build schools or hospitals, to improve water supplies and sanitation.

I have decided, with regret, that I must give up running our group Traidcraft stall and will be finishing at the end of the year. I have done it for nine years and have thoroughly enjoyed it. It is fascinating working out, or guessing, what people will buy, watching 'sell by' dates can be a challenge and socially it has been great fun, chatting to so many people from our villages and beyond.

If you would be interested in taking this over, do please give me a ring and we can discuss what is involved. It would be a pity to see the stall close, so I look forward to your call.

Anne Hassall 01763 853490

The Villages Social Club



Christmas Carols at Westminster Central Hall Saturday 15th Dec. 2018

Plus tour of London Lights by coach

Cost £58 per person

To include Concert Ticket plus coach

Leave S.M. 1.15 p.m. Arrive Westminster 3.00p.m. Concert 4.30 (doors open 4.00p.m.)

Return to coach at 7.00 p.m. approx. followed by tour of lights.

Arrive back in S.M. 9.30 p.m. approx.

Tickets for the concert have to be paid by the end of August so a **deposit of £40 will be required please.** With Balance paid by 30th November

Bookings and enquiries: David and Margaret McKee Tel 852855 Email: mckee35sg@outlook.com



Baby and Children's Sale

Steeple Morden Parish Church
Saturday 22 September
10.30-12

Clothes - Toys - Books - Accessories –
Refreshments



To book a stall, donate, or for further
details please contact Rosemary
852521 mad_cellist@hotmail.com

CAFE CHURCH IS HOME!

The Church is very grateful to the Bowls Club for giving shelter to Cafe Church over the last months, but now that the scaffolding is down and the builders have gone we can return to where we started.

Cafe Church will resume on
Friday, 7th September.

We will be serving between 9.30 and
11.30am

So do join us for coffee, tea, bacon baps,
cake and lots of chat.

Everyone is welcome 0 to 100 or more.

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS SALE

Steeple Morden Church

**Saturday, 13th OCTOBER
10am to 12.30pm**

With mini market - cakes, preserves and
Traidcraft stall
Come in for a browse, coffee and chat.



Our local Healthwatch in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are launching their 'It Starts With You' campaign to encourage more people to share their experiences of using local health and care service.

The campaign will run from July to September 2018 and will tell the stories of local people who are helping to improve the services we all use. Have you got a story to share? Tell us about your experiences and ideas to help services understand what works, what doesn't and what you want from care in the future.

No matter how big or small the issue, tell us about it. If it matters to you then it's very likely it matters to someone else.

Sharing your opinions with Healthwatch is quick and easy and could make a big difference. Tell us what you think and help make care better for you, your family and community.

Volunteer as a Community Listener and help us find out what people who live locally think about their health and care services. You will get training, support and out of pocket expenses.

Call our free Information Service if you have a question about local health or care services and need some help with what to do next.

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Healthwatch Peterborough work together as one organisation. You can contact us on:

Call us on **0330 355 1285** or text 0752 0635 176
www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

Rose Dickinson r. i. p.

As many of you know, Rose succumbed to her illness and passed away in early June.

So many of you sent cards and flowers that I have been unable to keep up with various thank you messages. So, to all of you that sent cards, flowers, email and good wishes thank you so very much.

Much of the village contributed to making the church look so superb for the service celebrating Rose's life – thank you.

Philip Dickinson

Training courses starting in Autumn 2018



Can you spare a *little* time to make a *huge* difference to a family who needs support?

Home-Start offers a valuable and unique service for families by training volunteers to support parents with young children at home

- We support families who are in need of practical and emotional support to help them gain confidence and move forwards
- We are currently seeking volunteers who can offer support to families in their local area
- Do you have parenting experience and a spare 2-3 hours a week?
- This fulfilling role requires energy, commitment and reliability

In exchange for your time we can offer you training and support and an opportunity to meet like-minded people

To talk about joining a course or for more information on volunteering please contact us:

01480 700242

office@homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk

Home-Start Cambridgeshire Registered Charity No: 1106007



Steeple Morden Parish Litter Picks Schedule 2018

All events start at 2pm and last just 60 “magic” minutes

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

Please email SMLitterpick@yahoo.com with your full name and which of the events you can attend.



Smarties Preschool & Out of School Club

Interested in using your skills & enthusiasm to support your local community?

Committee Members needed for 2018 - 2019

As a Committee Member you:

- *help shape the fundraising calendar, developing and taking part in fun, exciting fundraising event*
- *use your skills to support the setting in providing an essential element of our community*
- *Be involved in supporting the committed, driven staff in taking Smarties forward and developing the child care provision.*

The committee positions are voluntary roles with evening committee meetings at the Community Building (Smarties) every 6 weeks. You don't need to have a child attending Smarties to stand on our Committee.

AGM: 16th October 7:30pm

If you'd like more information, please contact us as below:

Telephone: 01763 852888 Community Building, 7 Hay Street, Steeple Morden, SG8 0PD
Email: preschool@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk www.smartiespreschool.co.uk

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

The Church is one of six in the Shingay Group and details of services in all the churches are published monthly in Prospect.

Our website is www.shingaychurches.co.uk

Sunday 2nd	8.30 am Parish Communion (Prayer Book) 2.30-5 pm Cream Teas in aid of Friends of the Church, Hill House, Cheyney Street
Monday 3rd	7.30 pm House Group, 78 Hay Street, all welcome
Friday 7th	9.30-11.30 (note new times) Café Church coffee morning and children's activities (in the church)
Saturday 8th	10.30-12 am Coffee Morning in aid of sponsored child with Traidcraft Fairtrade goods
Sunday 9th	10.45 am Matins
Monday 10th	7.30 pm House Group, 78 Hay Street
Friday 14th	9.30-11.30 Café Church with Traidcraft
Sunday 16th	9.45 am Family Service
Monday 17th	7.30 pm House Group, 78 Hay Street
Friday 21st	9.30-11.30 Café Church
Saturday 22nd	10.30-12 am Baby and Children's clothes, toys and books sale
Sunday 23rd	10 am Group Service, Wendy with Traidcraft
Monday 24th	7.30 pm House Group, 78 Hay Street
Friday 28th	9.30-11.30 Café Church
Sunday 30th	10 am Group Service, Litlington with Traidcraft 3 pm Songs of Praise, Steeple Morden

Future Dates

Sunday 7 October, 11 am Harvest Family Service followed by Harvest Lunch (bring and share)
Saturday 13 October Charity Christmas card Sale

Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for September

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

Sunday 2nd Sept	3.00pm <i>Songs of Praise</i> . This is a regional event where children are welcome, and is followed by tea. Come and sing your hearts out, singing is good for the soul! 🎵
Monday 3rd Sept	10.30-12.00am Men's Guild in the school room
Wed 5th Sept	9.00-11.30am Mix and Match Coffee Morning
Sunday 9th Sept	11.00am Joint service at Litlington, led by Angus McCormick
Wed 12th Sept	9.00-11.30am Mix and Match Coffee Morning
Sunday 16th Sept	10.00am Joint service at St. Mary's
Wed 19th Sept	9.00-11.30am Mix and Match Coffee Morning
Sunday 23rd Sept	TBC
Wed 26th Sept	9.00-11.30am Mix and Match Coffee Morning
Sunday 30th Sept	11.00am Joint Harvest Festival service at Litlington



Fairtrade

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

Traidcraft goods are available on:

8th September - Coffee Morning, Steeple Morden Church 10.30-12 noon

14th September - Cafe Church, Steeple Morden Church 9.30-11.30

23rd September - after the Group Communion at Wendy

30th September - after the Group Communion at Litlington



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@steeplemorden.org
SM Newsletter Editor	Gina Ferrari	01763 852971	newsletter@steeplemorden.org
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First Responders (co-ord)	Wayne Cox	01763 853206 07795 823376	waynecox79@yahoo.co.uk
Primary School	Tracey How, Headteacher	01763 852474	office@steeplemorden.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 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	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	steeplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk
Waggon & Horses	Mandy & Jose	01763 853311	waggonandhorses73@gmail.com
Morden Players	Jenny Elder	01763 852557	jennyelder@sky.com
Over 60s Club	Ann Thorp	01763 852848	annthorp35@icloud.com
Luncheon Club	Debbie Fisher	01763 852811	debbie-fisher@hotmail.co.uk
Royal British Legion	Ray Leach	01763 852734	<u>Leach.36@hotmail.com</u>
Mobile Wardens Scheme	Angela Drew Lynn Pestell	01763 853390 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!

Meetings & Venue for Over '60's 2018/19

6 th September	Brian Deal, pharmacist
4 th October	Roman Maczkiewicz, Home Start
1 st November	Philip Waites, Retired Head Gardener, Wimpole
6 th December	Christmas Lunch, venue tba
7 th February	Richard Williams, Woodland Trust
7 th March	Sonal Abram, cookery demonstration
4 th April	Sandra Barker, basket making demonstration
2 nd May	Birthday lunch, venue tba

Meetings held 1st Thursday of every month
At Steeple Morden Village Hall from 2 pm

All visitors welcome

Chairman: Mrs A Thorp 852848
Annthorp35@icloud.com



Hertfordshire Health Walks



Royston Health Walks

Every Wednesday, 1.30pm

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

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

The walks are a leisurely pace, take about 40 minutes and are free to attend!

Join us for refreshments in the café afterwards. Everyone is welcome,
including children and dogs.

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

For more information email healthwalks.cms@hertfordshire.gov.uk or call
01992 588433 or visit the website.

The "Mordens Community First Response Group"

We are looking for new members

If you have a few hours spare a week, work from home from time to time, are home-based or just fancy doing something new that *is massively rewarding*, then please get in touch.

The Mordens CFR Group is a small group of **local volunteers** who **are trained by the ambulance service** to attend 999 ambulance related calls within an approximate 5 mile radius of the Mordens. Since going live in July last year, we have attended over 120 calls, and in the vast majority of cases, have been the first to arrive on scene.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact myself, Nick Badger on (01763) 852191, 07860 537114 or mail nickmbadger@yahoo.co.uk or the group's co-ordinator Wayne Cox on (01763) 853206, 07795 823376 or by mail waynecox79@yahoo.co.uk

COMBERTON : RAMBLERS CLUB

The Comberton Ramblers Club walk on
alternative Sundays.

Our Autumn 2018 Walk Programme starts on

2nd September - St Ives, Cambs.

16th September - Cavendish, Suffolk.

All walks start at 10.15 a.m.

Walks are from 5 - 7 miles, usually ending
near a public house.

We are a friendly / informative group and
enjoy exploring the varied countryside in this
area.

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.

For further details on how to join our sociable
rambling group please contact Stella - The
Secretary

Email : stella.ramblers@hotmail.com
www.combertonramblers.org.uk
Tel : 01954 210049



You are invited to join us for a
COFFEE MORNING

ON FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2018

**11.00am – 1.00pm
AT THE HOME OF DIANE AND ROBERT
HOWARD
SWAN HOUSE, SWAN LANE, GULDEN
MORDEN**

**Christmas Cards, General Cards, Raffle and
Bring and Buy**

Please come along and support us.

**A date for your diary
Friday 12th October
Fish and Chips Quiz
Steeple Morden Village Hall**

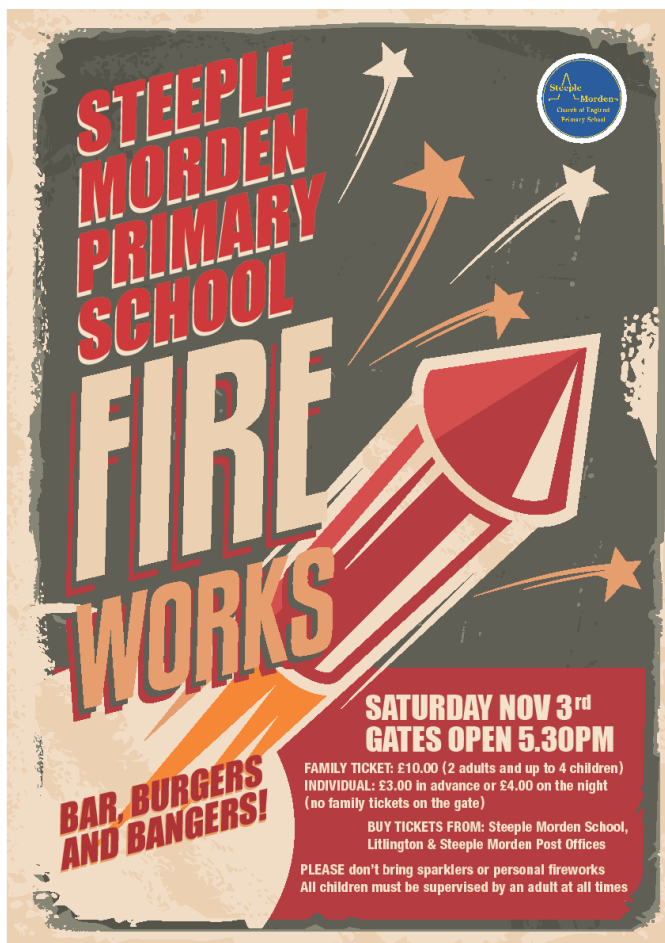
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



**23rd -25th November 2018
St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden**

**Have you thought about decorating a tree
for the Christmas Tree Festival in church?
We are hoping for a record number of
trees and they will be a wonderful
backdrop for the Christmas Tree service
on Sunday, 25th November.**

**Please put your thinking caps on and start
planning. There is no theme this year, so
the choice is yours! Registration forms
will be available soon or ring Anne
(853490) or Gilly (852380), or email
annehassall@btinternet.com**



Mindfulness Course for Parents

The Letchworth Centre for Healthy Living is delighted to be offering an 8 week Mindfulness (MBCT) Course for parents/adults on Thursday mornings 10.00-11.30 commencing 27th September
Parish Rooms, Swan Street, Ashwell

Mindfulness can help you to;

- Reduce overthinking
- Be less reactive
- Learn to be more present on a day to day basis
- Handle troublesome thoughts and feelings with care
- Become more compassionate and kinder to yourself and others



To book your place or for more information please contact

Hannah Pitkethly—Hannah@lethworthcentre.org

Thanks to a grant received from Steve Jarvis, local County and District Councillor we are able to offer this course at a heavily subsidised rate of £80 for the 8 week course.

**if you would struggle to pay this amount please speak to us and we will see if we are able to help*

The Morden Players
present



Beauty and the Beast

A Pantomime

Open Auditions

**Thursday 20th September 7.30pm &
Sunday 23rd September 2.30pm**

The Pightle, Steeple Morden

Only children aged 9 or older may participate.
Parents will be required to share chaperoning
duties at rehearsals **and performances**

**Performance dates: 21st, 22nd, 23rd February
2019**

The Morden Players present

Putting on the Ritz

Dress up and put on your Dancing Shoes and head
back to the 20s, 30s and 40s for
an evening of live music and singing to dance to with

THE GERSHWIN GANG

**Steeple Morden Village Hall
Saturday 27th October**

Doors open 7.30 pm for complementary cocktail and
canapés

Live music 8 pm until late
Licensed bar

Tickets £15 from Steeple Morden Post Office or
Committee members

100 Years of Memories Exhibition

What a treat lay in store for all those who visited this superb exhibition held in the church last month. Credit to all clubs, societies, organisations and individuals in the village who had looked out photographs, information and objects of interest going back to their very beginnings and which made for a fascinating reminder of just how much goes on in our community.

Following the sad and untimely loss of Rose Dickinson, who conceived the idea, Tricia Covington with a small group of helpers set about to see it all to fruition.

The cascade of some 400 knitted or crocheted poppies and glorious flower arrangements which greeted you on arrival, together with cleverly designed display boards constructed by Keith Austin and Albert Covington, provided ample space for all the photographs and memorabilia. Of special interest were scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings collected by Betty Lockwood over many years.

Associated events included a well-attended and moving ceremony at the airfield commemorating the arrival of the 355th USAAF Fighter Group 75 years ago, followed by a most enjoyable Hog Roast held on the Rec' organised by David & Lorinda Crow.

Also an evening presentation in church of "The Beauty and the Sorrow" reflections on the First World War in words, music and song devised and presented by Sarah Harrison, Keith Rowland, Ros Holbrow, Jim Witchell and Danielle Young, reminded us of what our country had been through 100 years ago.

Grateful thanks to everyone who gave their time in whatever capacity, not least to the many stewards who served refreshments and answered questions. The church was literally buzzing from opening to closing time every day.

The exhibition and associated events enjoyed by so many including visitors and families from afar benefitted the church and the RBL Poppy Appeal, each receiving £550 after all the expenses.

Thank you to everyone who supported us in any way!



Smarties Preschool

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT SINCE JANUARY 2018

NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018

We have places available from Age 2

To Book your Place: 01763 852888

preschool@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

Community Building, 7 Hay Street, Steeple Morden

www.smartiespreschool.co.uk

We also run a Breakfast, Afterschool & Holiday
Club too!

(Age 3+)



COME AND SEE OUR FANTASTIC FOREST
SCHOOL & OUTDOOR PLAY AREA

Charity Commission Number: 1031476 Ofsted Registration:
EY434661



10K & 3K FUN RUN-SUNDAY 23RD SEPT

Come and try out a 10k run. Along a lovely, off-road, circular route.
Over fields, via footpaths and farm paths, around the village of Steeple Morden.
There's also a 3k Fun Run/Walk. 10k Starts at 10am - £10. 3k Starts at 10.15am - £3.
Start from Steeple Morden Recreation Ground.

Register on the day from 8.30am

Enter online at www.steeple10k.co.uk or pick up an entry form at school.

For more information email mmiller@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk



Smarties Breakfast & Afterschool Club

For children aged 3-14



7.45am-8.50am

3.10pm-6.00pm

Bookings:

01763 852888 or outofschool@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk

Community Building, 7 Hay Street, Steeple Morden

www.smartiespreschool.co.uk

Please feel free to contact us to come and look around.

WE ALSO HAVE A FANTASTIC OUTDOOR PLAY AREA
& USE OF THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Available to children from all local areas, open 48 weeks of the year

Charity Commission Number:

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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 Donnelley - 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@summerselectricaltd.co.uk

Steeple Morden Football Club

Steeple Morden 1st MP & G 1A Fixtures

1st Sept SM 1st v Milton Res
8th Sept SM 1st v Duxford Utd 1st
15th Sept Exning Utd 1st v SM 1st
22nd Sept. Whittlesford Utd 1st v SM 1st

Steeple Morden Reserves MP & G 2A Fixtures

15th Sept SM Res v Over Sports Res
29th Sept Litlington Athletics 1st v SM Res

Steeple Morden Cricket Club

Steeple Morden Cricket Club will be playing in Junior Division 4 (West) of the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association league for the 2018 season. We are again looking for new players, the minimum age for the league is 13, all abilities are welcome. If you would like to join the club or if you would like any further information please contact Fraser Daws on 01763853008, fraser.daws@btinternet.com or see our facebook page.

Results

Sat 4th Aug Cambridge NCI XI 155-8 v Steeple Morden 1st XI 258-2 Won
Sat 11th Aug Steeple Morden 1st XI 106 all out v Cam Kerala 2nd XI 107 all out Lost

Forthcoming matches: Matches start at 13.30

Sat 25th Aug Steeple Morden 1st XI v Girton 2nd XI

A focus on local business

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

The advert is to be written by you and can include a couple of photos. The articles need to be no more than half an A4 page including photos or graphics. Send to newsletter@steeplemorden.org

This is your opportunity to tell local people about your local business.



The Village Wheelchair



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

CUTLERY AND CROCKERY HIRE



We have upwards of 80 sets of dinner plates, dessert bowls, cups and saucers with accompanying knife, fork spoon and teaspoons. We charge 5p per item for hire.

Details and more information can be obtained from Diane on 01763 852580. All charges go to our fund raising for Save the Children.



MOBILE LIBRARY

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

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

The next calling date is
Tuesday 4th September

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



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

For bookings and prices please contact:

Diane Knight

33 Cheyney Street, Steeple Morden, SG8 0LR

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

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