



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER October 2020

Editorial

October - a 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' (Keats). The nights are drawing in, and the leaves are beginning to turn, although the sun is warm there is definitely a nip in the air; our beautiful summer weather is fading fast.

Normally this is the time we should be looking forward to Harvest Festivals, and Harvest Suppers, where we can sing and offers thanks and 'mingle' with friends over a 'ploughman's lunch'. Not this year we will have to make do with a masked and silent Steeple Morden Harvest service, on October 11th, and no Harvest supper. There is also a 'zoom' service at the same time, where you can obviously do your own thing!

Included in this issue of the Newsletter are details of the various planning legislation that has recently been published. The Government White Paper covers a broad scenario with some good ideas, although no specific details. The Cambridge Plan does concern us specifically being a small village, and is worth a read. And, if possible put *your views* forward on what development you would like to see in the future in the village.

Desma

Events for October

Litterpick - Zone 2 and 3
September 26th

- Zone 4 & 5
October 10th

- Zone 6 & 7
October 26th

Mobile Library - Tuesday 6th
October

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Thousands of people engaged in the wide-ranging '**First Conversation**' consultation that took place earlier this year. These responses include suggestions of sites for development and for green spaces across Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, sent in by landowners, developers, communities and others. The Councils will now be developing the spatial strategy for the Plan, taking into account the comments received in the consultation about the big themes and vision for the area. Sites will only be selected if they fit with the wider aims of the Plan and are shown to be sustainable. Far more land has been suggested by landowners than will be needed for new development. The Councils' suggested spatial approach and preferred sites will be put forward for full public consultation next year.

'The whole purpose of creating a Local Plan is so that the homes that we do need can be built in a planned, balanced way, according to the policies and guidance we establish through the Local Plan process. If anything, we hope the Call for Sites process will help to illustrate the effort that the Council puts into creating a Local Plan, and help residents to understand how much consideration goes in to ensuring development is done well.'

Everyone can read all the responses and a summary report on www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning

Ken Jarman

"Jill and family would like to thank all those friends who sent cards and messages of sympathy, attended Ken Jarman's funeral and gave donations to the chosen charity.

We felt sorry to think we had to limit attendance numbers due to the Corona virus, Ken having been a life-long village person."

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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

A copy of the full minutes from the Council Meetings may be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk, Sally Walmesley, Redwood Lodge, South Street, Litlington, Royston SG8 0QR. Telephone 01763 852137 or e-mail clerk@steplemorden.org. Minutes can also be viewed on the Steeple Morden Village Website www.steplemorden.org and the Village Post Office.

A Zoom meeting of the Steeple Morden Parish Council took place on September 14th at 7.30pm

- **District Councillor Heather Williams** reported that although several planning applications were granted in the latest September 9th meeting, the Planning Office was overwhelmed with applications. The Government White Paper on Planning has been published, (*which the Parish Council though lacked detail*). Council grants to South Cambridgeshire's voluntary community groups, totalling more than £170,000 in the past year, have been described as 'vital' by recipients. The grants are designed to support local community groups and organisations to deliver a range of services to residents.
- **New Steeple Morden Website** - is progressing slowly, due to the volume of information which has to be put in, in a precise manner.
- **ACRE Housing Needs Survey** - Kieron Carr, Economic Programmes Manager Cambridge ACRE, referred to the recent outline planning consent for affordable housing which was subject to a Housing Needs Survey to determine the house types. The Parish Council was asked for their support in carrying out the survey and assistance with encouraging the completion of the survey through a covering letter. The Parish Council agreed to the Survey.
- **Odsey Scrapyard Update** - planning officers are overseeing planning applications.
- **Steeple Morden Tennis Club** - Update of court lighting to LSD's and car park sensor. Supported as long as the lighting is not intrusive.
- **School Drop Off Car Park** - The gate is now being locked after school hours. The gate needs some attention as it has 'dropped' and is dragging on the ground.
- **Car Park Light Repair** has been completed.
- **Children's Play Area** - The zip wire is to be re-tensioned, and the gate needs to be repaired. Any further repairs will be noted for next year's budget.
- **Reopening of the Reading Room** - it was agreed to supply hand sanitizers.
- **Litterpick** - took place on Saturday 12th, with 8-9 volunteers, and 10 bags of rubbish was picked up. Most of this was recycled into Mr Brocklehurst's blue bin, and the rest will be picked up by S.Cambs. The next Litterpick is on 26th September which may have to be restricted to 6 people, under the new Covid rules.

- **Traffic** - Traffic through the village continues to be a problem as noted by a 'concerned villager'. It is proposed to seek permission for 'buffer zones' on Station Road, and Litlington Road. The buffer zone is a 40 mile an hour zone outside the village boundary, the addition of 'rumble' strips may also be necessary to slow people down entering the village. The MVAS showed a marked increase in speed violations in the last month.
- **Blue Grass Festival** - permission was granted for the Festival to take place 11-13th June 2021.
- **County Broadband** - the Parish Council have met with the organisers and are aware of the online remote meeting on Wednesday 16th.

- **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning Ref 20/03622/HFUL

103 Hay Street - rear single story extension - **Approved**

Planning Ref 20/03657/FUL

64 Hay Street -Retrospective change of use of land to residential cartlodge.
Approved provided it did not impede the footpath.

Planning ref S/1444/19/NMA1 (FOR INFORMATION)

5 The Green -Non material amendment of planning permission S/1444/19/FL to extend the rear single storey extension by 1.5 metres, with all details to remain as existing

Planning Ref S/2643/18/NMA1 (FOR INFORMATION)

130 Hay Street -Non material amendment of planning permission S/2643/18/FL alteration to position of external door to side elevation. Existing bi fold door(kitchen) to be replaced with window to rear elevation. Alteration to position of velux window at first floor bathroom, double garage door to replace 2 single garage doors and internal layout changes to bedroom 2

Greater Cambridge Planning Review Focus Group Meeting -Agreed a representative will attend the Focus Group meeting 16th September 2020.

Government White Paper on Planning - *is available to view online at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-for-future.*

- The Next Parish Council Meeting is on 2nd November.

Hi all,

Well September has arrived as promised I plan to resume our litterpicking activities.

I have been doing some limited picks while out and about over the past 6 months as have others on this group and I can sadly report the problem has not gone away.

I do not plan to change the format except to say **PLEASE** bring your own gloves as I do not think using communal gloves would be considered very COVID safe.

Obviously we will need to respect social distancing rules at the meet and while out picking. I will bring a bottle of sanitiser for anyone to use afterwards but as always a thorough hand wash when you get home will be needed.



Steeple Morden Parish Litter Picks Schedule 2020

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

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 <i>Meet by the Litlington Road end of The Green</i>	Saturday 26 September
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 <i>Meet by the Station Road and Ashwell Road intersection</i>	Saturday 10 October
Zones 6 and 7:	Hay Street from Craft Way to Trap Road /North Brook End Trap Road/ Bogs Gap and Brook End <i>Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec</i>	Saturday 24 October
Zones 2-6	Whole village sweep <i>Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec</i>	Saturday 14 November
Zone 1:	Odsey <i>Meet by the Jester carpark</i>	Saturday 21 November

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

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

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

<https://www.elycathedral.org/worship-at-home>

Steeple Morden church will be open daily for single contemplation and prayer.

4 th October	Trinity 17	8.30am 11.00am	Steeple Morden - Parish Communion (Prayer Book) Zoom
11 th October	Trinity 18	11.00 am 11.00am	Steeple Morden - Harvest Family Service Zoom - Harvest Service
18 th October	Trinity 19	9.45am 11.00am	Steeple Morden – Morning Prayer Zoom
25 th October	Trinity 20	11.00am	Guilden Morden – Group Communion
1 st Nov	Trinity 21	8.30 11.00	Steeple Morden Parish Communion (Prayer Book) Zoom Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance of the Departed

*** Please note that the ZOOM virtual service continues 'on line' at 11am every Sunday**

PROSPECT

During the current period of 'lockdown', there will be no door to door delivery of the October copy of Prospect, the Parish magazine.

However, it will be available online and can be accessed by going to the Parish website

www.shingaychurches.co.uk and clicking on Prospect magazine.

There is a limited print run, and copies will be available at Steeple Morden Post Office, and also the Litlington Post Office.

Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for October

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

Sunday 4th Oct	10.30am Family service in the Chapel
Monday 5th Oct	10.30am Mens Guild Zoom Meeting
Sunday 11th Oct	11.00am. Service at Litlington
Sunday 18th Oct	11.00am Joint service at St Mary's
Sunday 25th Oct	10.30am Communion service with Tony Frost. Please bring your own bread and wine

Measures to enable the start of other activities in the Chapel and schoolroom are now in place, and we plan to open from October 5th. However, activities may only take place subject to the current government rules and guidelines, and subject to the successful completion of a joint risk assessment.



Home-Start
Royston & South Cambridgeshire

Home-Start's Hug in a Mug Campaign

What is the thing you miss most at the moment?

Before lockdown, there were all sorts of things we took for granted: popping into a shop on a whim; sitting in a café and enjoying a cup of coffee; seeing a friend and giving them a hug.

It's a touchy subject

Touch is the first of the five senses to develop: embryos start to be aware of touch at around the 8th week of pregnancy and it's the key sense in survival - young animals and humans instinctively pull away from discomfort and move towards things that feel good. Touch also affects the mental and physical development in children: research shows that a lack of physical contact from birth will have a severely detrimental effect on a child's development which carries on into adulthood.

Touch is also a powerful communication tool: it's the easiest way to say to someone that we care about them. As author Mimi Novic says, "Laughter with those that understand us is music for the soul. A hug at the right moment and a kind shoulder to lean on, is the sprinkle of magic that keeps us walking towards hope." Receiving and giving hugs helps to relieve stress, reduces blood pressure and releases the happiness hormones oxytocin, dopamine and serotonin: in short, hugs are good for you. In fact, hugs are one of the key tools our volunteers use when helping a family facing crisis. We also use tea.

"While there is tea, there is hope."

In Britain, offering a cup of tea during times of stress or distress is second nature.

Of course, with the current COVID-19 lockdown, sharing hugs and cups of tea (or coffee) are an increasingly rare commodity. Which is why Home-Start have created our "hug in a mug" campaign. You might not be able to hug friends during these stressful times, but you can donate the cost of a cuppa to help us provide virtual hugs to families in crisis. And, while we're also missing real hugs right now, we are providing the next best thing: a cup of tea, and hope.

If you'd like to support our Hug in a Mug campaign you can text HOMESTARTHUG to 70085 to donate £3 (or HOMESTARTHUGNOINFO if you'd rather not be on our mailing list).

And you can take a look at our Hug in a Mug campaign video, which is live on our website:
www.hsrsc.org.uk

Find the help that suits you

If you are shielding and need support the Countywide Hub – offers support from volunteers with food parcels, medicine and keeping you connected. communitycv@cambridgeshire.gov.uk (0345 045 5219).

For residents not on the shielding list but who nevertheless need some support with errands or keeping in touch your local parish council or District Councillor will be able to connect you with the community groups that are co-ordinating support in your village.

Duty.comunitie@scambs.gov.uk 01954 713 398.

For further information contact www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus

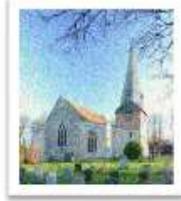


Contact Names, Numbers and E-Mail Addresses for Organisations and Groups in the Village



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First Responders (co-ordinator)	Wayne Cox		waynecox79@yahoo.co.uk
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Village College	The Principal Ms Vickey Poulter	01763 242344	office@bassingbournvc.net
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	Nettie Travers-Healey	01763 853843	nettieth@outlook.com
Smarties Pre-School and Out of School Club	Michele Taylor	07952 100208 or 01763 852888	Pre-School: smartiesgeneral@gmail.com Out of School Club: smartiesgeneral@gmail.com
Cricket Club	Fraser Daws	01763 853008	fraser.daws@btinternet.com
Football Club	Pete Summers	07709258359	
Morden Magpies Youth FC	Laurence Harrison	07799 625529	
Bowls Club (Sec)	David Holt	01763 852636	holt543@btinternet.com
Tennis Club	Fiona Coverdale	01763 853325	steplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk
Waggon & Horses	Mandy & Jose	01763 853311	waggonandhorses73@gmail.com
Morden Players	Jenny Elder	01763 852557	jennyelder@sky.com
First Thursday Club	Ann Thorp	01763 852848	annthorp35@icloud.com
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Mobile Wardens Scheme	Angela Drew Lynn Pestell	01763 853390 01763 853461	
WI	Joyce Stackhouse	01763 852087	joyce.stackhouse@icloud.com
Neighbourhood Watch	Roy Newbury	01763 852241	Cambs Police: www.cambs.police.uk
Social Car Scheme	Hazel Smith	01763 852602	hcsmith@clara.co.uk

Please inform the editor to update with any new details.



Steeple Morden Village Christmas Advent Windows December 2020

On behalf of the Church of St Peter and St Paul, this Christmas we want to generate some festive cheer by turning Steeple Morden into a real-life Advent Calendar!

From nativity scenes to winter wonderlands, this is a chance to unleash your artistic creativity as we illuminate our village windows, one day at a time.

To make this happen, we are looking for around 24 volunteers to offer to decorate their windows, with individual homes allocated a specific day between the 1st December through to Christmas Eve. At 6.00pm each evening, a new window will be 'opened' and all villagers are warmly encouraged to gather outside to watch together (there might even be hot mince pies and mulled wine available on some nights...)

So, if you live in a home with a window easily seen from the street and would like to take part, please contact James & Katie Styles with your name and address, along with any preference you have about dates at: katiestylesmail@gmail.com by 23rd October.

Depending on the response, a list of windows and their reveal dates, along with a map, will then be published via the parish newsletter, Steeple Morden Facebook group and village notice boards.

For inspiration, ideas and updates, do keep an eye on the village Facebook group in the weeks ahead!



Stagecoach Buses

Changes to Local Bus Services

Stagecoach are making these changes with the aim of providing sufficient capacity across their network, ready for the return of schools and colleges and in anticipation for increasing numbers returning to work.

Timetables have been changed concerning the bus service between Royston and Cambridge

Full details of the changes can be found on their website and by following this link <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/east/august-30th-service-changes>

For further information and copies of the timetable please contact Stagecoach directly on 01223 433250 and Cambridge.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com for the Cambridge depot or 01480

More trees for Steeple – update and results of questionnaire

Responses

We have had 25 responses so far with offers to host new trees, plant and/or care for newly planted trees, or ideas for where to add trees to the village as follows:

- Number of people offering to plant one or two trees in their garden: 6
- Number of people offering to plant more than two trees on their land: 4 (Trish Covington, Keith Austin, Sacha Wheatley and in Churchyard. This might total estimated 50 trees.
- Suggestions for trees to be tagged for growing on in hedgerows: 2 (allotment roadside hedge and on footpath to Moco wood)
- Number of volunteers to plant trees: 18+
- Number of volunteers to care for young trees: 14+
- Number of ideas for sites for tree planting around the village and environs: Too many to list! These will be shown on a separate map in due course, but include
 - Substantial (or ‘sentinel’ trees) at the main entrances to the village.
 - Roadside trees on the five roads leading out of village, and also along Brook End and Bogs Gap Lane.
 - On areas of grass in and around Jubilee Way and Russell Close to the bus stop on Hay St.
 - A small village orchard to be planted between the football pitch and the hedge at the top of the conservation area.

Possible numbers and sources of trees

Just taking areas where individuals have offered land to plant so far and so could definitely proceed without further work to identify and get permission from landowners, we may need in the region of 50/60 trees. Plus around 10/12 fruit trees if the orchard is approved. Also, we’d suggest that it is important to include some of the sites suggested within the village to make the project highly visible, give volunteers an important role to play, and keep parishioners motivated and involved going forward into 2021. This may total another 20 or so reasonable sized trees.

Depending on the locations it will be appropriate to plant trees of different sizes and species (and so cost) depending on suitability, impact, ease of planting and likelihood of ongoing care and so survival. A new local nursery at Bygrave (Herts Native Trees) sells good quality native trees of guaranteed UK provenance. They have the advantage of being able to deliver exactly when the trees are needed.

Cllr Sacha Wheatley



Starting in September, we’ll be hosting a series of chocolate tastings with world-famous brand Hotel Chocolat. Each ticket costs £18 and gives you a whole box of delectable Hotel Chocolat chocolates to try, along with a personal tasting guide provided by one of the company’s expert chocolatiers. If you’d like to book a ticket, go to the TicketSource events page to register: **(Tickets still available 29th Sept)**

Plenty more to tickle your taste buds

That’s not all! We have a Tropic Skin Care pamper party in the pipeline, a tea tasting event, a coffee tasting event and a cocktail evening.

Who minds being stuck at home, when there’s so much goodness to enjoy? And if you’re helping Home-Start while you’re at it? Well, that just makes it all the sweeter.

Home-Start can be contacted via our website: www.hsrsc.org.uk or by email: admin@hsrsc.org.uk

Thank you for your support.



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

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

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

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 Cricket Club

Games Played in 2020 so far

CCA Reduced programme Group S.

August 1st Steeple Morden 1st XI 172 v Elsworth XI 199

8th August – Birchanger XI 161 v Steeple Morden, 1st XI 270

22nd August - Gt Shelford XI 153 v Steeple Morden 1st XI 156

29th August - Steeple Morden 1st XI 156 v Elmdon CC 135

5th September – Steeple Morden 1st XI 74 v Gt Shelford XI 73

Steeple Morden Football Fixtures for Season 2020 – 21

Kershaw Junior 1A

Steeple Morden First

		Results
12/09/20	Steeple Morden First v Milton Reserves	Drew 2 - 2
19/09/20	Clare Town FC First v Milton Reserves	Lost 4 - 1
26/09/20	Steeple Morden First v Cambourne Rovers First	
03/10/20	Barrington 1 st v Steeple Morden First	
10/10/20	Steeple Morden First v Meldreth First	
17/10/20	West Wrating Reserves v Steeple Morden First	
24/10/20	Debden First v Steeple Morden First	
31/10/20	Steeple Morden First v Harston First	

Kershaw Junior 2A

Steeple Morden Reserves

12/09/20	Guilden Morden First v Steeple Morden Reserves	Lost 12 - 2
19/09/20	Steeple Morden Reserves v Litlington Athletic First	Lost 0 - 4
26/09/20	Haverhill Rovers FC Reserves v Steeple Morden Reserves	
03/10/20	Steeple Morden Reserves v Linton Granta A	
10/10/20	Buckden First v Steeple Morden Reserves	
17/10/20	Steeple Morden Reserves v Great Paxton 1sts	
24/10/20	Steeple Morden Reserves v Puddlebrook 68 FC	
31/10/20	Whittlesford United Reserves v Steeple Morden Reserves	

STEEPLE MORDEN VILLAGE HALL

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



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

For bookings and prices please contact:

Diane Knight

33 Cheyney Street, Steeple Morden, SG8 0LR

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

email: Viguersk@aol.com

www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY

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



It stops at Russell Close between **10.20 am and 11.05 am**. The next calling date is **Tuesday October 6th**



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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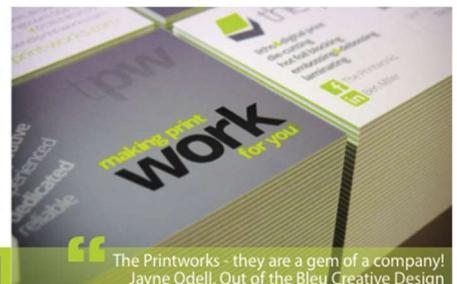
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