



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER September 2020

Editorial

The weather has taken a somewhat autumnal turn of late, after the great burst of heat, however we are very grateful for the rain, or at least the shrivelled vegetables and drooping flower beds can now come back to life.

The mobile library service has yet to resume; the Cambridgeshire Libraries are trying to find a way to 'make it safe' because of the confined space. Surely using masks and gloves would be quite adequate, with one in, one out as per the smaller shops. Our outstanding library books have been renewed until September 20th, it was hoped that the service might start again in September, which for Steeple Morden would be September 1st.

At last some 'live' events, Litterpick starts again on September 12th. On the same day the Cambridge Historic Churches are running a 'Ride and Stride', which involves walking or cycling between local churches to raise much needed funds. On September 20th Sandon are holding a 'drive through' Fete, which should prove interesting.

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Events

September 12th
Litterpick Zone 1 Odsey (p5)

September 12th
Cambridge Historic Churches
Ride and Stride (p9)

September 20th
Sandon Drive-through Fete (p9)

September 10th, 17th, 24th & 29th
Home Start at Home. Chocolate
Tasting with Hotel Chocolat.
Tickets available through
TicketSource, £18.00 (p10)

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Priority food delivery for Tesco and Iceland

Support for residents

- o [Advice for residents who are shielding](#)

We now have access to a system set up by DEFRA (Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs) to allow us to add residents to receive priority online food delivery slots from Tesco and Iceland.

Who is the service for?

The number of slots we have available are limited and need to make sure these are prioritised to people who cannot go food shopping due Covid-19 related reasons.

Access to priority slots with Tesco and Iceland are for between 2 and 40 weeks (up until 31 March 2021) depending on someone's need.

How to apply

Please complete our short online form below. A member of the sustainable communities team will get back to you with details once your application has been assessed and processed.

You will need an online account for either supermarket to place your order.

More information a

duty.communities@scambs.gov.uk

South Cambs. Facebook.

In Memory of Kath Lunness

A new bench seat has been installed in the churchyard for the benefit of parishioners. It has been donated by the Lunness family in memory of Kath Lunness and also to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Lunness family moving to Steeple Morden in August 1970. Many villagers will remember that Kath ran the Village Over 60's Club for more than 30 years. During their long involvement with the village, the family has also been involved in the WI, British Legion, and organisation of the flower and produce show, the village gymkhana, Car Heaven and the 355th Fighter Group Memorial.

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.

Virtual Parish Council Meetings were held on June 22nd and July 13th.

The Parish Council Planning Meeting held on June 22nd discussed the following planning applications:

Planning Ref 20/02201/FUL - Wyndmere Farm, Ashwell Road - erection of a commercial building, compound and hard standing area (Re-submission of S/1729/19/FL)

Recommendation Support - The Planners to ensure that all neighbours were aware, and had seen the application. The visibility would improve if the speed derestriction sign was moved. The large flat south/west facing roof would be ideal for solar panels.

TPO Application Notification - Walnut tree at Hill Farm, 74 Station Road - the Parish Council had been advised of the application to South Cambridge District Council which had been acknowledged. Cllr Drew reported she has also submitted a TPO of the same tree in August 2019. The decision whether to allow the TPO was with the SCDC Tree Officer.

The Parish Council Meeting held on July 13th.

- **District Councillor Heather Williams** - reported that she is willing to help with any planning problems parishioners may have, as she has direct access to the planning office. The storm drains around Cheyney Street and Station Road Junction are due to be cleaned, and street cleaning has also been requested, (both of which has already taken place). No news as to the parking at Ashwell Station. Liaison with the SCDC Planning Team and the Parish Council is to be convened regarding the 'Local Plan'.
- **Coronavirus Volunteer Group Update** - Cllr Ginny Belson suggested that she might shut down the website as it had achieved its purpose.
- **Review of Standing Orders** - it was suggested that a quorum of members of the parish council, including the Clerk would meet to discuss any Judicial Orders.
- **Litterpick** -Cllr Ginny Belson- Litterpick will start again in September.
- **Recreation Ground Maintenance** - Car Park Light is still in need of repair. It should be noted that volunteers empty the general rubbish bins, and a special thankyou to **Mark Taylor** who has volunteered to empty the Dog Poo bins. (Please could the person who puts dog poo in the rubbish bin near the tennis courts please, please put it in the Dog Poo Bin, they are clearly marked.)

- **Traffic - Cllr Keith Austin** - the MVAS will soon be back in operation, the solar panels have been amended and will be in place very soon.
- **Play Area** - grass has been cut and various overhanging trees have been cut back. The equipment has been cleaned and is ready to use. The Zip Wire needs to be re-tensioned before being open again. The gate and fencing will require updating in the near future. **Cllrs Nick Badger and Angela Drew** have worked hard to get the play area up and running again after lockdown. A RoSPA inspection is due soon.
- **Village Website.** Work on the new website is continuing and will be with us soon.
- **Reading Room** - the reading room will be opened soon for use, it will have to be deep cleaned and hazard assessed before parish council use.
- **Footpaths/Green Ways** - Sue Norton - commented on Cobbs Lane as being especially muddy and smelly having had road chippings spilt over it, also several trees had been cut down. It was to be referred to the Cambridge Highways.
- **County Broadband - fibre broadband** - it was decided that if a number of parishioners were interested, a public meeting could be arranged.
- **Grass Cutting** - there was some concern over grass cutting around the tennis courts - as this is a conservation area it should be left as is. Also the grass needs cutting at 'The Green'
- **Greater Cambridge Green Infrastructure Opportunity Mapping Project** - ideas are needed for greater greening around the village to promote a 'corridor of pollinators'

Planning Applications

10.1.1 Planning Ref 20/02112/HFUL 74 Station Road –Single storey front and rear extensions. **Supported, provided protection is given to Walnut Tree.**

10.1.2 Planning Ref 20/02084/HFUL - 1 The Green –Single and two storey rear extensions plus front canopy. **Approved**

10.1.3 Planning Ref 20/02638/FUL- Paddocks, Land off North Brook End –Erection of a Stable Block. **Approved**

10.1.4 Planning Ref S/3585/19/COND3 and S/3585/19/NMA1 - 47 Cheyney Street
Approval of detail reserved by conditions (Materials) and nonmaterial amendment for information only.

10.2 Planning Appeal to Secretary of State (Ref S/3624/19/FL) - 2A North Brook End – Change of use of garage/gardeners store to dwelling and external alterations to fenestration and doors **To be reviewed**

Hi All,

So the PC clerk has been in touch with the Council and they are content with us resuming our litter picks.

Now I completely understand this may not appeal to all given recent events but if you would like to don some gloves (please do wear some) and come and do a bit of a clear up it would be appreciated. I have washed all the hi viz and will wash all the handles of the pickers but I think gloves would be a good idea.

Due to the length of the grass etc at the moment I am not proposing we do anything until September. We were due to resume on 12 September and so I propose we start from there and see how we go and hope no further restrictions are necessary.

Steeple Morden Parish Litter Picks Schedule 2020

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

Zone 1:	Odsey <i>Meet by the Jester carpark</i>	Saturday 12 September
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 August/September

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>

From June 15th the church will be open for single contemplation and prayer.

30th Aug	Trinity 12	11.00 am	SW &MIB	Zoom Service only	
6th Sept	Trinity 13	11.00 am	AB	Zoom Service only	
13th Sept	Trinity 14	10.45am 11.00am	MIB AB	Morning Service Zoom Service	Exod 14: 19-end Romans 14: 1-12 Matt 18: 21-35
20th Sept	Trinity 15	9.45am 11.00am	MIB AB &CH	Family Service Zoom Service	Matt 20: 1-16
27th Sept	Trinity 16	11.00am	SW	Zoom Service only	

*** 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 September 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 August/September

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

- Sunday 6th Sept** Café church online. Follow the link for the church www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com or from our facebook page
- Sunday 13th Sept** **11.00am.** Service at Litlington led by Dexter Slatter
- Sunday 20th Sept** **10.30am** Joint service with St Mary's at the Chapel led by Tony Frost
- Sunday 27th Sept** **10.30am** Harvest Thanksgiving and Communion with Tony Frost. Offerings for the food bank will be received

Other activities using the church schoolroom and café area have not yet started. However, measures are being put in place, with the aim of being able to offer the facilities for use in October.



Royston's Rotary Club is launching a virtual balloon race to help people have fun in an eco-friendly way during lockdown.

The project is part of a national event and will take off on September 14, with an aim to keep families entertained and prevent the harm to the environment posed by real balloon races.

Rotarian Tony Briar, from Bassingbourn, said: "First you buy your virtual balloon – as few or as many as you like – from the club at £3 each. You get to choose the shape, colour and helium content.

"Then it will be launched to race for seven days against, hopefully, thousands of others from around 20 fundraising causes.

"It will respond just like a real balloon to wind, temperature and weather and you can track its progress on Google Earth. Those balloons which travel the furthest in a week will be judged the winners.

"The first prize is £500, the second an Apple iPad, and there are lots of lesser prizes. And if the Royston club manages to sell more than 500 balloons, then the one from our area that goes the furthest will get an extra £50.

The balloon race follows the cancellation of the Rotary Club's annual kite festival due to coronavirus.

Funds raised from the virtual race will go towards the Royston club's nominated charity Home-Start (Royston, Buntingford and South Cambs). Home-Start has been supporting families since 1983, working to support those with young children through challenging times.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the charity has been forced to cease all face-to-face home visiting and family support group activities, but is continuing to support families via phone and video link where possible.

Balloons will not be for sale until early July, but you can find out more at the Royston Rotary Club website at www.roystonrotary.com/balloonrace.htm and fill out a form to express an interest in taking part, with no commitment to buy.

To contact Home-Start call 01763 262262 or email admin@hrs.org.uk.



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



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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
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Guides	Ann Clarke	07756 291899	debbie-fisher@hotmail.co.uk
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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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Social Car Scheme	Hazel Smith	01763 852602	hcsmith@clara.co.uk

Please inform the editor to update with any new details.

CAMBRIDGE HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12th 2020

'Never Needed More' churches have been sorely missed by people as a place of community, celebration and remembrance these past months. However, crucially during this period, churches themselves have also lost very considerable fundraising opportunities which will have long term impacts.

This is why Ride & Stride will take place again this year on Saturday 12th September, as it is one of the few major fundraising events that can go ahead with social distancing and other measures being followed.

What happens, and how can I help?

Get your family and friends to sponsor you on a cycle ride or walk from church to church on Sept 12th. Churches in the Shingay Group ie Guilden Morden, Abington Pigotts, Litlington, Steeple Morden and Wendy and many churches further afield eg Barrington, Meldreth, Melbourne and beyond in the Ely Diocese are churches you can visit.

All the money you raise, if possible Gift Aided, goes to Cambridge Historic Churches Trust who collect the Gift Aid and then return 50% of what you raised to your nominated church.

Full information of this event and sponsorship forms can be downloaded from <https://camhct.uk/rideandstride/> or call Peter Furmston 01763 852125 or David McKee 01763 852380 who can forward you copies.

Hope to see you on the ride!



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@scams.gov.uk 01954 713 398.

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

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:

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

Steeple Morden Cricket Club had a successful season and 2019 and narrowly missed out on promotion. For the 2020 season, if and when it starts we will be in Division 4 South & East of the Cambs league. The league matches start in early May and finish at the end of August, and are all played on a Saturday. In addition we have also entered a midweek 20/20 league with 8 games which were due to be played during June and July. In addition to these were to have a few friendly fixtures played on Sunday. Our first fixture was due to be played on the 26th April, which was a friendly against Whaddon, with the league starting the next Saturday.

We are still looking for additional players of all ages and abilities as we are looking to add further friendly matches to our fixture list. If you are interested in joining our small and friendly club or if you require any further information please contact Fraser Daws, by email - fraser.daws@btinternet.com or on -1763 853008.

Games Played in 2020 so far

CCA Reduced programme Group S.

August 1st Steeple Morden 1st XI v Elsworth XI SM lost by 27 runs.

8th August – Birchanger XI v Steeple Morden, 1st XI SM won by 109 runs

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

29th August - Steeple Morden 1st XL v Elmdon CC

Friendlies

29th July - Steeple Morden v Whaddon, Steeple Morden 128-5, Whaddon 120-8, Steeple Morden won by 8 runs

5th August - Steeple Morden v Dobbles, Dobbles 120-4, Steeple Morden 126-3, Steeple Morden won by 7 wickets

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:

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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 September 1st**



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.

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

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

Contact details for the editor are at the bottom of the first page of the Newsletter

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