

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER May 2021

Editorial

At last the April sunshine has encouraged the cherry trees on Hay Street, to blossom. The cherry tree in the garden is still holding out, waiting for the morning frosts to go away.

The Kestral and possibly a mate have been seen inspecting the nesting box, which was put in place last month. Lets hope they approve their refurbished 'all mod cons' nesting box, and move in.

Later this month, May 15th and May 22 – 23rd, there are two virtual walks which several people from the villages are taking part, much of the two routes will be on B-roads, so motorists PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE. Hopefully the walkers will all be wearing brightly coloured clothing so they will be highly visible.

Two plots have become available at the Steeple Morden allotments. They have water on-site, free supply of wood chips and manure (apaca poo) and it is a thriving site with friendly people. Contact: nettie@outlook.com.

Steeple Morden Church are holding a Spring Fair on April 24th, selling toys, plants, cakes, with take-away teas and coffee. Donations are requested for refuges – clothing, toys, toileteries.

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Events

May 6th Local Elections (p 8)

May 17th

Gatherings of over 30 people indoors will remain illegal, although rule of 6 or 2 households can meet indoors. Most businesses can re-open. Hotels, hostels and B&B and indoor hospitality can re-open. Some sporting events can seat 4,000 – 10,000 Depending on capacity. Up to 30 people can attend weddings, receptions and wakes as well as funerals.

May 15^h Virtual MoonWalk (p 8)

May 22-23rd

Star Shine Walk, Arthur Rank Hospice. (p11)



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New Future for the 127 Bus

The long-running Cambridgeshire County Council-subsidized 127 bus, serving Melbourn, Meldreth, Whaddon, Kneesworth, Bassingbourn, Litlington, the Mordens and Royston, starts anew on April 6th as the **number 17**, running on a commercial basis by operator A2B.

The launch of the 17 service follows close working between local councillors with Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire council bus officers, exploring ways of strengthening key rural bus services for a wider area. A new feature of the 17 will be a stop at the Royston Gateway shopping centre on journeys in and out of Royston.

The bus is fully accessible, can accommodate folding bikes, and runs on a Euro 5 emissions standard.

The timetable has been simplified to every two hours at repeating times for ease of remembering and regular familiarisation. Due to lack of use, the 0805 journey will not operate on Saturday mornings and the 1815 journey will be discontinued. No fares have changed and all concession cards are valid exactly as before. There will be some fare changes at a later date to encourage usage including a new range of weekly monthly and all-day tickets for adults and children. New timetables are on the bus and

at www.a2bbusandcoach.com. (See page 5)

Stage Coach Bus Timetable Changes

With the planned return of non-essential retail, we will be making alterations to some of our Cambridge services and timetables. All routes that are not listed below will continue to operate to their current timetables.

Park & Ride: Return of service

- To coincide with the re-opening of all non-essential retail, all five Cambridge Park & Ride services will return and will operate to the January 3rd timetables.

- Frequency: Buses will operate every 10 minutes Monday-Sunday daytimes and every 20 minutes after 18:00.

Route 915: Route Extension

- We will be extending the 915 route in Royston to serve the new Royston Gateway Retail Park, just off of the A505.

- Frequency: Buses will operate every 60 minutes.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Full PC meets on the second Monday 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@steeplemordenpc.org.uk Minutes can also be viewed on the Steeple Morden Village Website www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk and at the Village Post Office.

Notes taken from a Zoom Committee Meeting on 12th April

- **County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley** - reported that planning discussions were continuing concerning the two routes of the Oxford/Cambridge rail link. The favoured Northern route was proving to be very expensive as it would have to cross 'fen land' and would require a great deal of ground work. The Southern route has again come under the spotlight although cheaper it would cause a great deal of disruption to our area. It is hoped that the Northern route will be adopted. There will be no further public discussions. Thakeham have still not submitted any planning schedules for their new town, and therefore any planning permissions will not be granted in the near future. A petition was put to the Government about the plan for SE Cambridgeshire and the response was that the area was not suitable for such a plan
- **District Councillor Heather Williams** - expressed her concerns about the Oxford/Cambridge rail link. S. Cambs are holding planning meetings to discuss the building of more sustainable housing in the area.
- **Banking review for Steeple Morden Council** - it was decided to look at various options for on-line banking.
- **Recreation Ground Maintenance** - Repairs to the outside toilet door are complete, a new lock has been fitted. It will remain locked until April, it will be discussed at the AGM as to when it can be re-opened.
- **Tree Maintenance** - the Leylandi surrounding the play area are unfortunately dying, the Parish Council have asked for a report from Blue Tree the tree surgeons. It will be replaced with a native species hedge interspersed with trees for shade.
- **Grasscutting** - the conservation area was not cut and is now going to be left until later this year. Signs have been being put in the conservation area to preserve the orchids. Grasscutting should start again soon, the contractor is to be approached.
- **Guilden Morden Parish Council - Suggestion for a joint Neighbourhood Plan** - the Parish Council are quite happy with the Local Plan for Steeple Morden. It was thought the Neighbourhood Plan would take up a great deal of time, and includes a great deal of paperwork just to obtain grants for building or enhancements to the villages. **Cllr Shaun Traverse-Healy** is to liaise with the chairman of the Guilden Morden Parish Council, a report to be issued shortly.

- **Village Hall CCTV Cameras** – to be upgraded. Several quotes for new equipment to be obtained.
- **August 28th** has been booked to celebrate the end of lockdown, covid restrictions permitting.
- **Angela Drew is standing down from the Parish Council with immediate effect.** Her duties of Recreation Maintenance are to be taken over by Nick Badger, Townlands Trusteeship by Celia Upchurch, and the Mobile Warden – to be arranged.
- **The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on April 26th.** The Agenda is on the parish website. www.steeplemordenpc.org.co.uk
- **The next parish meeting will be held on Monday April 26th at 7.00pm**
- **The next parish council meeting and AGM will held on May 6th , 7.00pm**

Planning/Tree Work Applications

Planning Ref 21/00068/FUL

Horse and Groom, Baldock Road – Demolition of existing building and the erection of a B8 self-storage unit with ancillary office. **OBJECTION** – due to adding additional traffic on A505

Planning Ref 21/00672/FUL

The Old Exchange. 3 Cheyney Street – Installation of PV Solar Panels on the south facing roof of garage which sits behind the house. **APPROVED**

Planning Ref 21/00810/FUL

16 Bogs Gap Lane – Erection of a two storey detached dwelling to the side of the current semi-detached dwelling using current site access as shared driveway. Parking and sub-division of rear garden to front. **APPROVED**

Planning Ref 21/00796/FUL

26 Hay Street – Removal of brick boundary wall to the front and car port and construction of detached garage to front. **APPROVED**

Planning Ref 21/01220/PE106A (For Information)

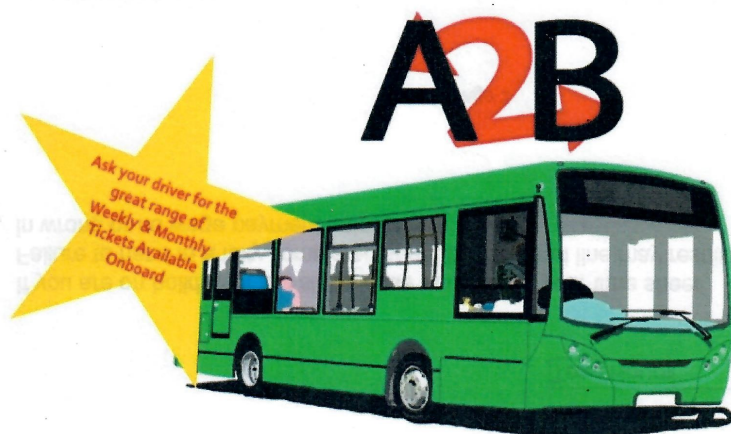
North Brook End Farm, North Brook End – Prior approval for the erection of 1 wooden agricultural building for milking sheep.

Planning Ref S/3339/18NMA1 (For Information)

Odsey Service Station – Non material amendment of planning permission S/3339/18/FL (proposed secure storage building) re-siting of building

Planning Ref 20/04358/CONDA (for Information)

8 Station Road – submission of details required by condition 3 (scheme for the siting and design of the screened storage of refuse), 8 (Details of the number, location and design of the cycle parking facilities) and 11 (Management plan) of planning permission 20/04358/FUL



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NO SERVICE ON SUNDAYS OR BANK HOLIDAYS					
Service 17~ Monday - Saturday					
Guillem Morden, Congregational Church	N/S				
Guillem Morden, Fox Hill Rd/Fox Corner	08:05	09:49	11:49	14:14	16:14
Steeple Morden, nr Craft Way	08:06	09:50	11:50	14:15	16:15
Litlington, nr Silver Street	08:09	09:56	11:56	14:21	16:21
Bassingbourn, North End Turning Circle	08:14	10:01	12:01	14:26	16:26
Bassingbourn, opp South End	08:19	10:06	12:06	14:31	16:31
Bassingbourn, Cardiff Place/Barracks	08:21	10:08	12:08	14:33	16:33
Whaddon, Bridge Street	08:28	10:13	12:15	14:40	16:40
Meldreth, Manor Road	08:31	10:15			
Melbourn, Church	-----	10:20	-----	-----	-----
Kneesworth, nr The Red Lion	08:34	-----	12:17	14:42	16:42
Royston, Tesco Superstore	08:39	10:35	12:21	14:47	16:47
Royston, Gateway Retail Park	08:42	10:38	12:25	14:50	16:50
Royston, Railway Station (RYS)	08:45	10:42	12:28	14:53	16:53
Royston, adj The Green	08:46	10:43	12:29	14:54	16:54
Royston, Princes Mews/Baldock Street	08:50	10:47	12:33	14:58	16:58
Royston, Bus Station	08:52	10:49	12:35	15:00	17:00
Service 17~ Monday - Saturday					
Royston, Bus Station	09:10	11:10	13:10	15:10	17:10
Royston, Princes Mews/Baldock Street	09:12	11:12	13:12	15:12	17:12
Royston, Railway Station (RYS)	09:14	11:14	13:14	15:14	17:14
Royston, Gateway Retail Park	09:16	11:16	13:16	15:16	17:16
Royston, Tesco Superstore	09:21	11:21	13:21	15:21	17:21
Kneesworth, nr The Red Lion	09:23	11:23	-----	15:23	17:23
Melbourn, Church	-----	-----	13:26	-----	-----
Meldreth, Manor Road	-----	-----	13:31	-----	-----
Whaddon, Bridge Street	-----	-----	13:33	-----	-----
Bassingbourn, Cardiff Place/Barracks	09:25R	11:25R	13:34	15:25R	17:25R
Bassingbourn, opp South End	09:32	11:32	13:36	15:32	17:32
Bassingbourn, North End Turning Circle	09:34	11:34	13:38	15:34	17:34
Litlington, nr Silver Street	09:38	11:38	13:42	15:38	17:38
Steeple Morden, nr Craft Way	09:42	11:42	13:46	15:42	17:42
Guillem Morden, Fox Hill Rd/Fox Corner	09:45	11:45	13:49	15:45	17:35
Guillem Morden, Congregational Church	09:46	11:46	13:50	15:46	17:46
Codes: R: Request Only N/S: This Journey will not Operate on Saturdays For Ticket & Timetable Information Visit a2bbusandcoach.com					

City Linking, Smart Thinking

TIME CAPSULE – March 2020 to December 2021

St Peter & St Paul Church is planning a Time Capsule covering March 2020 to December 2021 which will be concealed in the church for future generations. We are hoping that individuals, families and clubs across the village will take part in memorialising what has been an extraordinary, and hopefully unique, time. Please think about how you can contribute – if you would like to talk about it please ring Gilly (852380) or Anne (853490).

'Help at Hand' app will help Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's patients access practical support available in local community

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity's patients are benefitting from a new community information app which will help them to access everything from exercise classes to wellbeing support groups, telephone helplines to mental health services and much more! It is the first time a Hospice has adopted the 'Help at Hand' app, which functions like a digital directory offering social prescribing. It can be accessed via mobile phone, device or computer and provides a safe, quick and efficient way to signpost Hospice users – patients, family and friends - to the community organisations and groups they need most. The interface is simple to use, with clickable links allowing users to quickly contact organisations by telephone or email, and web addresses which open to provide further details. If someone has favourite services, these can be saved and shared. arhc.org.uk/helpathand.

Palliative Care Hub will provide free out of hours phone service on NHS 111, option 3

A vital new phone service is being launched to support patients with life-limiting illnesses. The Palliative Care Hub, which is commissioned by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and operated by Arthur Rank Hospice Charity in partnership with HUC, launches at 5.30pm on 6 April. **To contact the team please call NHS 111 and select option 3. If you would like to find out more about the service in general, please call 01223 675777.**

Living Well: a new name for weekly rehabilitative support programme!

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity is rebranding its supportive and rehabilitative eight-week programme to the Living Well service, following consultation with patients, relatives, healthcare colleagues and volunteers.

The service, previously known as Day Therapy, is provided from the Arthur Rank Hospice, in Cambridge and the Alan Hudson Day Treatment Centre, in Wisbech. It provides specialist advice, practical and social support to an average of 173¹ patients per month, who are living with a life-limiting condition.



**Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church,
Steeple Morden
Diary for May**
www.shingaychurches.co.uk

May 2nd (Easter 5)

8.30 am Communion (PB)

May 16th

**10.30 am Joint service at St Mary's
and in the Chapel, and via
zoom**

May 30th

**10.30 am Joint Communion service
with Litlington in the
Chapel, and via Zoom.**

**(Check your copy of Prospect for any
additions to the above)**

For all Zoom services – email

**shamuswilliams@waitrose.com for a
link to services.**

**The church is open daily for private
prayer.**

EASTER EGGS – THANK YOU!

Once again we have received heartfelt thanks for the sixty-four Easter Eggs that were so generously donated this Easter. Mothers' Union delivered fifty-four to Cambridgeshire refuges and we delivered ten to Home Start. At least one refuge was planning an Easter Egg hunt, which will have caused great delight for the children. Thank you so much.
Anne Hassall

**Guilden Morden Congregational Church
Diary for May**

Now that restrictions are easing we can start to be a bit more positive about the future, so the following is a diary of events and services we would like to plan for May. In addition to live services we are also continuing to provide online services via Zoom. Please refer to our website (link above) or our facebook page for more up to date information. For those wishing to join a "service" zoom meeting the code is 933 0302 5193 passcode 2c1h3G. We are also thrilled to be planning to re-start our Mix and Match sessions for babies and toddlers and their parents. Wherever possible meetings will be held outside to minimise risk, and please note that prior booking is necessary. Please check our website for any updated information on this exciting step forward.

Sunday 2nd May	10.30am Family service live in Chapel, and by Zoom, led by Sandy
Wed 5th May	9.15am – 10.30. Mix and Match. Outdoors. Indoors only if wet. 15 adults only
Sunday 9th May	11.00am Service at Litlington. Sorry no Zoom
Monday 10th May	10.30am Men's Guild via Zoom
Wed 12th May	9.15am – 10.30. Mix and Match. Outdoors. Indoors only if wet. 15 adults only
Sunday 16th May	10.30am Joint service with St Mary's in the Chapel and via Zoom, led by Tony Frost 14.30 – 15.30pm Sunday School in the Chapel and via Zoom, led by Sandy Watkins
Wed 19th May	9.15am – 10.30. Mix and Match. Outdoors. Indoors only if wet. 15 adults only
Sunday 23rd May	10.30am Service in the Chapel and via Zoom, led by Tony Frost.
Wed 26th May	9.15am – 10.30. Mix and Match. Outdoors. Indoors only if wet. 15 adults only
Sunday 30th May	10.30am Joint Communion Service with Litlington in the Chapel and via Zoom, led by Tony Frost. Please bring your own bread and wine.

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 20.00pm ,
Contact Amanda for details

Measures to enable the start of other activities in the Chapel and schoolroom are now in place, and the buildings will be available for general use once the strict regulations have been relaxed sufficiently for further activities to be allowed.

6th May Elections

Elections taking place in our area on 6 May –

- Police & Crime Commissioner
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Mayor
- County Council
- Some District Councilors
- Neighbourhood plan referendums

To keep everybody safe follow the one way system, there will be a limit to the number of people inside the polling station, meaning you may have to queue outside. Use hand sanitiser as you enter and wear a face covering. Bring and use your own pen to vote.



The Virtual MoonWalk London

Saturday, 15 May 2021, 01:00

The start times for the challenge will be during the day on the 15th May. We will be encouraging everyone to do a daytime MoonWalk!

Entries are open until the 12th May. For any entries made after the 28th of April we will not be able to guarantee you will receive your pack before the 15th of May.



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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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Morden Magpies Youth FC	Shelley Bainborough	07778181334	dudshell@hotmail.com
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Mobile Wardens Scheme	Angela Drew Lynn Pestell	01763 853390 01763 853461	
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Neighbourhood Watch			Cambs Police: www.cambs.police.uk
Social Car Scheme	Hazel Smith	01763 852602	hcsmith@clara.co.uk

Star Shine Walk 2021



Be part of a weekend to remember with Star Shine Walk!

We invite you to walk in memory of someone special on the weekend of 22 and 23 May. The thirteenth annual Star Shine Walk, sponsored by [The Cambridgeshire Care Home](https://www.cambridgeshirecarehome.co.uk/), will raise much needed funds for hospice care across Cambridgeshire.

This is the second outing for Star Shine Walk as a 'virtual' event! We challenge you to complete a 5, 10 or 20 mile distance of your choice, at a time and place to suit you! You can walk, skip, wheel, trundle, scoot, walk the dog or even dance your way around your self-made route. **Early bird registration at the discounted price of £15 / £13 is available until 11.59pm on Friday 26 March.**

Contact our Events & Challenges Team today, email fundraising@arhc.org.uk or call [01223 675888](tel:01223675888)



Nessie

NESSie is a not for profit, child first, family focused organisation, supporting families and school staff to ensure positive emotional health in children and young people.

Originally set up in North Herts in 2015 in response to increasing mental health needs in schools. NESSie now has a large team including councillors, art, music, drama and play therapists, autism specialists and 0-5 parent/child therapists. NESSie has developed to become a country-wide organisation, providing online or face-to-face therapy for children and young people, support and resources for families, and training and tools for education professionals.

Visit: www.nessieined.com or email our founder Rachel Lambie directly on rlambie@nessieined.com



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.

Contact: Shelley Bainborough 07778181334 dudshell@hotmail.com

Steeple Morden Cricket Club



Steeple Morden Cricket Club are looking forward to the new season with our first match on the 25th April which is a home friendly against Whaddon. Our league season starts the next Saturday with a home game against Girton. We will again be in Division 4W of the Cambridge League. This season we have 14 league matches and 4 friendlies, plus a few midweek 20/20 games.

We are always looking for new players of any ability or any who is interested in scoring, umpiring or helping with the ground. We have a newly refurbished practice net which is available for use for the whole village not just members of the cricket club. If you are interested in joining or helping out please contact Fraser Daws 01763853008 or fraser.daws@btinternet.com.

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.hertsnativetrees.co.uk

Mobile Library

It stops at Russell Close between 10.20 am and 11.05 am. The next calling date is Tuesday May 4th 2021



It stops at Russell Close between 10.20am and 11.05am.



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 June edition is 12 noon on May 17th 2021.

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