

PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

January 2022

Editorial

As the new year beckons, there is a sense of apprehension of what will happen in the coming months, more of the same or a light at the end of this dark tunnel. At least we have managed to clear the garden ready for the spring; the bulbs are already pushing through, ready to add a note of cheer in the dreary days of January. The veg. garden is waiting for its topping of mulch, which the blackbird will proceed to spread far and wide looking for worms.

This year we have been visited by the buzzard, kestrel and sparrow hawk unfortunately taking out many of our finches, ignoring the pesky pigeons! The herons pays a weekly visit to our 'fake' male heron, she dances around the pond but he doesn't pay her any attention!

Just a few events, two pantomimes, and a Cellidh.

Lets look forward to a brighter and healthier year in 2022.

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Events

January

..until Jan 2nd

Wimpole Hall Festive Christmas Lights (p8)

..until Jan 9th

Aladdin, Cambridge (p8)

Jan 22nd, 23rd, and 29th

Snow White, Royston (p5)

February

Feb 5th

Winter Cellidh wih Cyriacs (p5)

HAPPY NEW
YEAR

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➔ GO TO WEBSITE

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Visit South Cambs

‘Visit South Cambs’ is a web site that launched this autumn and offers inspiration for local residents as well as tourists to the area. The website lists local pubs and restaurants, cultural and historical sites, activities and attractions, independent shops, places to stay, and relaxation, health and beauty treatment locations.

The team would like to expand the pages of the website with ‘What’s On’ pages, to detail events and activities taking place locally in the coming year – from festive events to flower festivals, entertainment to seasonal markets.

If you run a business and aren’t yet featured – get in touch. Listings are completely free.

www.visitsouthcambs.co.uk

Eat, drink (Rinse, Recycle) and be Merry

Do you really need to rinse your recycling? YES! Food and liquids are one of the main problems we find in recycling bins and can make items no good for recycling. Food and liquid get onto card and paper making it too wet or dirty to be sorted, it breaks apart and gets stuck to other items.

Last year over 1,600 tonnes of items collected from blue bins had to go to landfill due to containing incorrect material including food waste. The good recyclable items mixed in with this would have been worth over £30,000 if they had been recycled.

The problem always gets worse after Christmas so now is the time to get into good habits.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

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@steplemordenpc.org.uk Minutes can also be viewed on the Steeple Morden Village Website www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk and at the Village Post Office.

Parish Council Planning Meeting on Monday 6th December 2021

Planning Applications

Planning Ref 21/04990/HFUL

19 Church Street - Erection of 4 dwellings in public house car park (resubmission of 21/00143/FUL. **UNSUPPORTED**

Planning Ref 21/04635/HFUL

1 Church Farm Barns - single storey rear extension and insertion of roof lights.
SUPPORTED

Planning Consultations

Greater Cambridge Local Development Plan - First responses consultation until 13th December - Cllr S. Traverse-Healy & Cllr M Bird are working on a response.

Greater Cambridge Partnership - Greener Travel Consultation until 20th December 2021.

Home Start... Escape Room

What are you doing New Year' Eve? Or indeed, any other date over the festive period? Are you looking for a way to entertain family, friends or children this Christmas? Our online Escape Room might be just what you're looking for.

What's an Escape Room? The concept of escape rooms started in 2004, with a game called "Crimson Room." The idea is simple: the player is locked inside a room, and must work out how to escape, using whatever they can find around them.

The first escape rooms were digital, consisting of a computer-generated room image, and a series of puzzles that had to be worked out in order for the player to escape. In 2006, escape rooms went physical, with venues around the world opening their doors. In "live" escape rooms, the players (usually a small group) must work together to solve the puzzles and escape from the room within a time limit.

Escape Rooms (whether live or online) are a lot of fun: they appeal to a wide range of skills and interests. And ours is no exception! The scenario: you been stranded, with a group of friends, on a remote island, which is gradually sinking! You need to find the clues, solve the puzzles and escape – before the tide comes in!

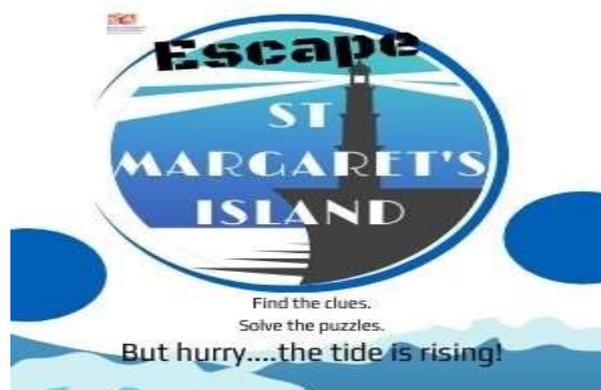
There's no time limit on the game (it usually lasts around 2 hours) and the puzzles are varied. Everything from musicals to maths, language to logic. It's also immersive and interactive, so you really feel like you're part of the game. It's an online game, so you can play it with a party sitting around a table, or virtually, with people joining in via Zoom, Teams, Skype, FaceTime or any other video chat platform.

Sign Me Up! Not sure? Check out our Escape Room advert: <https://youtu.be/qFv6hpJZt-E>

Access to the game is free, but we do ask for players to make a donation! 100% of donations will help to support Home-Start work with local families, giving them a happier Christmas and a brighter future.

Want to give it a go? Just follow this link to sign up: you'll receive an email link with the code to access the game: <https://bit.ly/HomeStartEscapeRoom>

<https://www.home-start.org.uk/>





Pantomime

Snow White

**Tickets on sale from mid-December
On CADS website**

**Adults £12 & £8
Children & OAPs**

**Performance dates 22nd & 23rd, January at 7.30pm
and 29th
January 2pm & 7.30pm
Royston**

5th February 2022 @ 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm

[Winter Ceilidh with the Cyriacs](#)



We'll have a delicious hot supper, supplied by a local caterer (more details coming soon!). And there'll also be a bar serving a selection of drinks. Everything from juice to beer – although trying the Dashing White Sergeant after a couple of pints can be quite a challenge! Cambridge-based band The Cyriacs offer a mix of English, Scottish, Irish and American tunes for dancing to. What's your favourite? We like Stripping the Willow.

They also have an experienced Caller to guide you through the dances . £15.00 per head Buntingford

Details on HomeStart, Royston Website

Mobile Warden Scheme

As the Mobile Warden Scheme has again been unable to provide a Christmas meal for our members this year, we have put together a hamper of Christmas goodies.

We are very grateful to the following businesses that have generously donated goods to go in these hampers:

- Crumps Butchers, Ashwell
- South Cambs Landscapes, Steeple Morden
- Sarah's Farm Shop, Steeple Morden
- Litlington Post Office
- Tesco at Royston

Contact: mobilewardenscheme2021@yahoo.com

Ginny Belson



May I introduce myself please. My name is Monica Starr and I am a volunteer at a charity based at Addenbrookes called Maggie's Cancer Care.

Now the world is opening up I was wondering if there was any space on your community boards in your publication, website, or social media for us to pop a tiny article alerting your local community we are now fully open for drop ins and what we offer to support those going through cancer treatment, their friends and family.

If you wish to find out more about us before considering, please click here www.maggies.org

If you wish to discuss further I am here at Maggie's Mondays and Tuesdays on 01223 249220

Arthur Rank Hospice Volunteers Required



Our Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme is back for 2022! In 2021, we collected over 2900 trees and raised over £54,000! In 2021, we collected over 2900 trees and raised over £54,000!

160 volunteers donated their time over the three days the collection took place; their help was invaluable and we could not have achieved all this without their efforts. This year, we are also looking for volunteers to help with our popular and fun annual event. If you can spare some hours or donate a van, please call the fundraising team on [01223 675888](tel:01223675888) or email christmastrees@arhc.org.uk.

For further details, [visit our Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme website page.](#)

**Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church
Steeple Morden
Diary for January
www.shingaychurches.co.uk**

2nd January (observed as Epiphany)

**8.30 am Steeple Morden - Parish
Communion (PB)**

9th January (Baptism of Christ)

**10.30am Litlington Chapel – Ecumenical
Service**

16th January (Epiphany 2)

9.45am Steeple Morden – Family Service

23rd January (Epiphany 3)

**10.00am Steeple Morden – Group
Communion for all parishes**

30th January (Epiphany 4)

**10.00am Guilden Morden – Group
Communion for all Parishes**

6th February (4 before Lent)

**8.30 am Steeple Morden – Parish Communion
(PB)**

**Guilden Morden Congregational Church
Diary for January
www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org**

2nd January 10.30am Café Style Service

**Home Group Meetings Tuesday 8.00pm
Contact Amanda for details
aigenieman@gmail.com**

**Anyone wishing to book the rooms for
social activities contact Gerry Watkins
01763 852869**

**Aladdin is at Cambridge Arts Theatre until
Sunday, January 9.**



Wimpole Hall Christmas Lights

Make Christmas 2021 extra special at Wimpole Estate. By day, get into the Christmas spirit with Percy the Park Keeper and his winter trail and enjoy festive decorations around the estate. By night, and new for 2021, join us as we light up the gardens and showcase Wimpole Estate's biggest Christmas yet. Lights, lasers and seasonal sounds will fill the air with festive fun at Wimpole, making the most wonderful time of year even more magical.





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



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Waggon & Horses		01763 853311	
Morden Players	Jenny Elder	01763 852557	jennyelder@sky.com
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Neighbourhood Watch			Cambs Police: www.cambs.police.uk
Social Car Scheme	Hazel Smith	01763 852602	hcsmith@clara.co.uk

Royston Health Walks is a social walking group. We have 2 walks every Wednesday from The Heath Café, Baldock Road, Royston, SG8 5BG

Our 10am walk over Therfield Heath is at a leisurely pace. It is an opportunity to have a chat and hopefully meet some new people. We typically cover around 1.5 miles and end up in the Café for a brew.

Our second walk at 2pm is similar to the first but the routes we take are a bit more challenging and a little longer

Everyone is very welcome to join us regardless of age, level of fitness and in principle state of health.

Email roystonhealthwalks@btinternet.com or call 01763 852769 for further information

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*Welcoming,
friendly, social
and 'fun'*

*Positively
inclusive and
non-cliquey*

*"Ambling not
rambling"*



*Children,
buggies and
dogs are all
welcome*

*The walks
are free,
no booking
required*

Join us for a walk, a chat and a brew

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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 gained 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 Football

Steeple Morden 1st - Kershaw 1A - Fixtures & Results 2021/22

11/9/21	MottMacDonald 1 st v Steeple Morden 1 st	Draw 2 - 2
18/9/21	Steeple Morden 1 st v Great Shelford Res	Lost 1 - 2
25/9/21	Steeple Morden 1 st v Melbourn FC	Lost 1 - 2
2/10/21	Foxtan Res v Steeple Morden 1 st	Lost 6 - 4
9/10/21	West Wrattling Res v Steeple Morden 1 st	Lost 3 - 1
16/10/21	Steeple Morden 1 st v Mott MacDonalld 1 st	Won 7 - 3
23/10/21	Steeple Morden 1 st v Barrington 1 st	Lost 1 - 3
30/10/21	Milton Reserves v Steeple Morden 1 st	Lost 4 - 2
6/11/21	Cottenham United v Steeple Morden 1 st	Lost 3 - 1
13/11/21	Gamblingay Unit Res v Steeple Morden 1 st	Won 2 - 4
20/11/21	Steeple Morden 1 st v Foxtan Res	Lost 2 - 3
27/11/21	Great Shelford Res v Steeple Morden 1 st	Lost 5 - 0
11/12/21	Steeple Morden 1 st v Cherry Hinton A Team	Draw 3 - 3
18/12/21	Debden 1 st v Steeple Morden 1st	
8/01/22	Steeple Morden 1 st v Cottenham United	
15/01/22	Cottenham United v Steeple Morden 1 st	
22/01/22	Steeple Morden 1 st v Milton Reserves	
12/02/22	Barrington 1 st v Steeple Morden 1 st	
05/03/22	Steeple Morden 1 st v Debden First	
02/04/22	Melbourn FC v Steeple Morden 1st	

All home games take place on Steeple Morden Recreation Ground at 15:00hrs

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

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



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 be printed in the next available edition.

The deadline for February edition is 12 noon on January 17th 2022

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

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