PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

March 2022

Editorial

At last a Newsletter full of exciting events which are planned to take place during Spring and into the Summer months.

In March and April, the 'last' Charity Breakfast, lets make it a biggy, then perhaps it may continue. Followed by two Spring Fairs and the Artisan Fair, also the very popular Guilden Street Market.

In May, Home Start have organized a 'Strictly for Charity' event where several local celebrities are taking part – including Sarah Harrison, more details of how you can take part and 'show off your moves' in the next issue.

In June celebrations are already being organized for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, so far we have a Flower Festival – for everybody – in Steeple Morden Church, and a Late Lunch, with music and laughter. Further details will be in the next edition of the Newsletter. And welcome back Open Gardens a very popular event, hopefully the weather plays ball this year!

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Events

March

Sat 5th March – Adult Clothes Swap, Scout Hut SM. (p2)
Sun 6th March – Charity Breakfast, SM (p5)
Sat 19th March – Litterpick – Zones 2 & 3. (p4)
Sat 26th March – Smarties – Spring Fayre (p9)

April

Sat 16th April – Guilden Morden Market (p9)
Sat 23rd April – Spring Fair – SM Church (p10)

May

Sat 14th May – Strictly for Charity, Royston (p10)
Sun 29th May – Artisan Fair, SM (p10)

June

Fri 3, 4th & 5th June – Flower Festival – Church SM (Queen's Jubilee) (details to follow).
Sun 5th June – Celebrate Queen's Jubilee with late lunch, laughter and music. (details to follow)
Sun 19th June – Steeple Morden – Open Gardens (p3)

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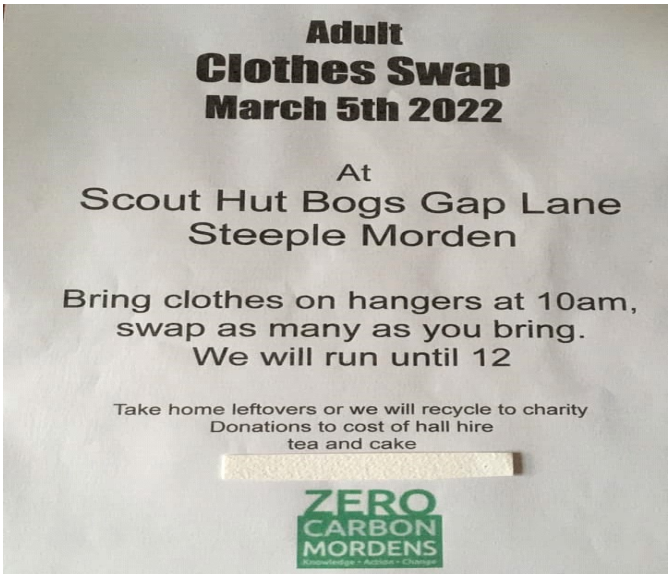
Household Support Fund

Reminder! **This fund aims to help those struggling to pay for food, energy or other essential items this winter.** Cambridgeshire County Council has been allocated £3.58 million as part of the Government's Household Support Fund to help people who need financial support.
The Household Support Fund itself is a new one-off grant, which is live until 31 March 2022. This usually provides £49 (for a family) or £29 (for an individual) to cover food or household energy costs, but more funding may be available for people who can demonstrate a higher need – for instance for higher costs of filling an oil tank or buying a new cooker. To be eligible for the Household Support Fund residents will need to earn less than £17,940 or receive any of the following: Income Support; Income-based Job Seekers Allowance; Income-related Employment and Support Allowance; Pension Credit; Universal Credit; Working Tax Credit. Details of how to access the scheme are available here: https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/.../household-support-fund



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

Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February at 7.00pm held in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground.

Planning Applications

Planning Ref 21/0551/HFUL

24 Hay Street – Single Storey rear extension, replacement roof structure to provide first floor accommodation and erection of detached garage.

SUPPORTED

Planning Ref 22/00112/PRIOR (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

Land at North Brook E nd – New farm building for milking sheep, equipment storage, office and feed.

Planning Ref 21/01485/FUL

North Brook End – conversion and adaptation of existing building to a self build dwelling.

Appeal status – awaiting decision

Next Parish Council Meeting March 14th at 7.00pm

Steeple Morden Open Gardens 2022

Would you like to open your garden to the public?

Steeple Morden Village Hall is hoping to host its 2nd Open Garden event

on Sunday 19th June,

so we are looking for villagers who would be willing to take part.
Big or small, pristine or "au naturel" visitors are always interested to see the layout and plants other people have.

For more information or to put your garden on the list, please contact:
Keith Austin on 01763 852023 or keith@bogsgap.co.uk
by 1st May 2022
The event aims to raise some funds for the continued upkeep and improvement of your Village Hall
Registered Charity Number 300421

Steeple Morden Parish Litter Picks Schedule 2022
All events start at 2pm and last just 60 "magic" minutes

Zone 1:	**Odsey** ***Meet by Zaheer's carpark***	**Saturday 5 March**
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** ***Meet by the Litlington Road end of The Green***	**Saturday 19 March**
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** ***Meet by the Station Road and Ashwell Road intersection***	**Saturday 9 April**
Zones 6 and 7:	**Hay Street from Craft Way to Trap Road /North Brook End Trap Road/ Bogs Gap and Brook End** ***Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec***	**Saturday 16 April**
Zones 2-6	**Whole village sweep** ***Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec***	**Saturday 30 April**
Zone 1:	**Odsey** ***Meet by Zaheer's carpark***	**Saturday 14 May**
Zone 1:	**Odsey** ***Meet by Zaheer's carpark***	**Saturday 10 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** ***Meet by the Litlington Road end of The Green***	**Saturday 24 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** ***Meet by the Station Road and Ashwell Road intersection***	**Saturday 8 October**
Zones 6 and 7:	**Hay Street from Craft Way to Trap Road /North Brook End Trap Road/ Bogs Gap and Brook End** ***Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec***	**Saturday 22 October**
Zones 2-6	**Whole village sweep** ***Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec***	**Saturday 12 November**
Zone 1:	**Odsey** ***Meet by Zaheer's carpark***	**Saturday 26 November**

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

STEEPLE MORDEN CHARITY BREAKFAST

6TH March 2022 8am – 11am

Steeple Morden Village Hall

For the **18th** and **LAST** time

Come and join us for a morning of conversation, community spirit, chat, fundraising and the best breakfast for miles

Firefighters Charity

Tickets £7 per person

(Children 6 and under eat free)

available from

Steeple Morden Post Office

Litlington Stores

Or pay on the door

Royal British Legion

Broadband and Benefits

Are you a household that is in receipt of Universal Credit? Do you know someone who is? Did you know you could qualify for a 'social tariff' on your broadband cost? Special discounted packages are available to an estimated 4.2 million households in receipt of Universal Credit. Only 55,000 homes have taken advantage of these discounted rates so far – just 1.2% of those eligible. That means that millions of benefits recipients are missing out on an average annual broadband saving of £144 each.

Currently six broadband providers – BT, Community Fibre, G.Network, Hyperoptic, KCOM and Virgin Media O2 – offer at least one of these specially discounted deals. These packages are priced at between £10-£20 a month for broadband speeds ranging from 10Mbit/s to 67Mbit/s. People rely on their broadband for staying in touch, working and learning from home. But for those who are really struggling with rising bills, every penny counts. If you would like further information please contact your provider. NB You do not get a slower service on a social tariff.

Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church
Steeple Morden
Diary for March

www.shingaychurches.co.uk

2nd March (Ash Wednesday)
6.00pm Holy Communion

6th March
8.30am Parish Communion (PB)

13th March
10.45am Parish Communion

20th March
9.45am Parish Communion

27th March (Mothering Sunday)
10am Group Family Service at Guilden Morden

3rd April
8.30 Holy Communion (PB)

10th April (Palm Sunday)
10.45 Parish Communion

CAFE CHURCH RE-OPENING

Café Church will re-open on Friday, 4th March, in Steeple Morden Church. We will be open weekly in term-time from 9am to 11am to serve refreshments and have a chat, with toys for the children. We look forward to seeing you there.
Gilly & Anne

EASTER EGGS

We are hoping to be able to send Easter Eggs again this year to children in Cambridgeshire Refuges.
If you are able to contribute this would be greatly appreciated - we are looking for just ordinary chocolate eggs, which would be passed on by Mothers' Union. The Refuges can accept 50 and any surplus eggs will be received with enthusiasm by HomeStart.

Please contact Gilly McKee (852380) or Anne Hassall (853490). We look forward to hearing from you!

Guilden Morden Congregational Church
Diary for March

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org

Wed 2nd Mar	**9.00 – 11.00am** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Friday 4th Mar	**14.00pm** World Wide Day of Prayer Service
Sunday 6th Mar	**10.30am** Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome
Monday 7th Mar	**10.30am** Men's Guild in the Schoolroom
Weds 9th Mar	**9.00 - 11.00am** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 13th Mar	**11.00am** Joint service at Litlington Congregational Church
Wed 16th Mar	**9.00 – 11.00am** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 20th Mar	**10.30am** Joint service with St Mary's in the Chapel
Wed 23rd Mar	**9.00 – 11.00am** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 27th Mar	**10.30am** Communion Service in the Chapel

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 20.00pm , Contact Amanda for details ajgenieman@gmail.com

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

World Day Of Prayer

Guilden Morden Congregational Church

4th March 2pm

The Community Lifeline Service

The Community Lifeline Service allows people, young and old to stay in their homes longer and live independently. It is run by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

How it works
In case of an emergency, you can press the lifeline button. This can be worn around your neck or on your wrist. When pressed, the button sends a signal to a small base unit that is connected to your telephone. This dials the contact centre who, after a few moments, will speak to you through the loudspeaker on the unit. You can then speak out loud and ask for the help you need.

Everyone using the lifeline service needs a local emergency contact – a friend, neighbour or family member - who lives locally and has a key (or access via a key safe) to your home. In the case of an emergency you can ask the contact centre for one of your emergency contacts or the emergency services.

How much it costs
The Community Lifeline Service costs £4.47 per week. This is payable every three months in advance by a £58.11 direct debit. (Whilst direct debit is the preferred payment method, it is possible to pay online or by payment card at the Post Office).

The installation charge is £30. Additional buttons are available for £50.

For tenants living on a South Cambridgeshire District Council Sheltered Scheme the cost is £3 per week charged separately to the rent account.

How to apply
If you are interested in speaking with someone regarding the Lifeline Service, you can contact us by telephone on 01954 713470, email lifelines@scambs.gov.uk or online at www.scambs.gov.uk/lifelines

If you live on a Sheltered Scheme, please contact your Sheltered Estate Officer or email alarm.calls@scambs.gov.uk.

After applying, one of our local experienced staff will contact you to arrange a convenient time for installation.

One Half Plot Available

Do you fancy growing your own fresh food, herbs or flowers? **We have one half plot available to rent** for 2022 at the Steeple Morden Allotment Society site. Fresh air, lovely views and nice people await you! Please email me on nettieth@outlook.com

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@steeplemordenpc.org.uk
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Primary School	Tracey How, Headteacher	01763 852474	office@steeplemorden.cambs.sch.uk
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	Victoria Hollamby	07764 474973	steeplemordenguides@gmail.com
Allotment Society	Nettie Traverse-Healey	01763 853843	nettieth@outlook.com
Smarties Pre-School and Out of School Club	Michele Taylor	07952 100208 01763 852888	smartiesgeneral@gmail.com
Cricket Club	Fraser Daws	01763 853008	fraser.daws@btinternet.com
Football Club	Pete Summers	07709258359	
Morden Magpies Youth FC	Shelley Bainborough	07778181334	dudshell@hotmail.com
Bowls Club (Sec)	David Holt	01763 852636	holt543@btinternet.com
Tennis Club	Fiona Coverdale	01763 853325	steeplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk
Waggon & Horses		01763 853311	
Morden Players	Jenny Elder	01763 852557	jennyelder@sky.com
First Thursday Club	Ann Thorp	01763 852848	annthorp35@icloud.com
Royal British Legion	Patricia Covington	01763 852982	alb@mypostoffice.co.uk
Mobile Wardens Scheme	Geoff Harper Tracy Adams	01763 853845 07841025107	mobilewardenscheme2021@yahoo.com
WI	Joyce Stackhouse	01763 852087	joyce.stackhouse@icloud.com
Neighbourhood Watch			Cambs Police: www.cambs.police.uk
Social Car Scheme	Hazel Smith	01763 852602	hcsmith@clara.co.uk

Guilden Morden Village Market

Great news! The Guilden Morden Village Market will be back on Saturday 16th April, EASTER WEEKEND. New later time of 10am to 1pm. Get in touch if you would like a stall.

Dates:
16th April (EASTER WEEKEND)
14th May
11th June

GUILDEN MORDEN VILLAGE MARKET AT THE THREE TUNS

Home Start

Strictly for Charity

We're steppin' out with our latest fundraising event – Strictly For Charity!We've been inspired by the hit TV show, Strictly Come Dancing, to bring all the glitz and glamour (not to mention sequins, spangles and fake tan!) to Royston, in aid of Home-Start.

Crowning the Dancing Queen (or King) It's going to be a fab-u-lous night! The twelve couples will perform their routines and our judges will give them some feedback. Then the audience will vote for their favourite couple, and the winners will receive their very own glitter ball trophy – and perform their routine again.

Get on the guest list You'll be able to buy a drink at the bar and have fun in our Strictly-themed photo booth; we're providing everyone with a delicious supper platter, and we'll have entertainment from the Cambridge Lindy Troupe. To finish the night off, everyone is invited to come on the dance floor and show off some moves.

Support Sarah Harrison : https//visufund.com/sarahs-strictly-page More info to follow.

ARTISAN FAIR 2022

Sunday 29th May
10am to 3pm

Steeple Morden Village Hall
Admission is free
Refreshments available
Teas Coffee Cakes

The best local artists, craftspeople and producers will be showcasing their work so this is an ideal opportunity to buy unique gifts, homewares, handmade items and homemade treats

Enquiries : smvhartisan@btinternet.com
If you wish to book a Stall.
limited availability

SPRING FAIR

& GIFT DAY

SATURDAY 23 APRIL

STEEPLE MORDEN CHURCH

10am to 1pm

Stalls & Refreshments

we shall also be collecting Gift Envelopes

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

11/12/21	Steeple Morden 1st v Cherry Hinton A Team	Draw 3 - 3
18/12/21	Debden 1st v Steeple Morden 1st	Lost 2 - 6
8/01/22	Steeple Morden 1st v Cottenham United	Lost 0 - 3
15/01/22	Cottenham United v Steeple Morden 1st	Lost 8 – 1
05/02/22	Steeple Morden 1st v Debden 1st	Lost 1 - 7
22/01/22	Steeple Morden 1st v Milton Reserves	Won 3 - 1
29/01/22	Melbourn FC v Steeple Morden 1st	Lost 4 - 0
12/02/22	Barrington 1st v Steeple Morden 1st	Draw 2 - 2
26/03/22	Debden First v Steeple Morden 1st	

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

Steeple Morden Bowls Club.
(Situated behind the Village Hall)

We are SMBC and this year in April, with the lifting of restrictions, we will open up our bowls club for the new season.
During the lock down we have had quite a few problems, apart from Covid, we have had a serious infection of the green and we have spent a considerable amount of time as well as expense to cure this and we can report all of the effort has paid off and the green is now looking immaculate ready for the new season.
Thanks to receiving some financial help we have got through the last 2 years and we are now looking forward to opening the whole of the bowls club, so watch this space for organised money raising events.
What we are looking for now are new members, our membership at present is 40plus and they come from all of the surrounding villages.
We enter 3 of the county leagues and for those that just want a game of bowls we have a club night and friendlies during the week and at weekends, apart from various club events.
So if you want to try us out just turn up at the bowls club or contact us at the numbers below.
We have woods of all sizes and suitable for all ages we have a qualified coach all you need is a flat sole pair of shoes and it will not cost you anything whilst trying it out, so why not give it a go!
Please contact D Holt 852636 (Secretary) M Mckee 852855 (Qualified Coach)

STEEPLE MORDEN VILLAGE HALL

Steeple Morden Village Hall is available for hiring for Parties, Weddding 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 1st March 2022**

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 April edition is 12 noon on March 17th 2022

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

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