

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER October 2022

## Editorial

*'Now Autumn's fire burns slowly along  
the woods, And day by day the dead  
leaves fall and melt, And night by night  
the monitory blast wails in the key-hole,  
telling how it pass'd, O'er empty fields, or  
upland solitudes, Or grim, wide wave,  
add now the power is felt of melancholy,  
tenderer in it's moods, Than any joy  
indulgent summer dealt.'*

*William Allingham.*

I think this verse sums up the current feeling, a shining light has suddenly vanished, gone....after so many years. Your Majesty, Thank You.

The Diary is once again full of a variety of events some more strenuous than others, a couple of quizzes, a book fair, and children's clothes swap.

The Morden Players Spooky Nights looks to be fun, hopefully the children will not scare us elderlies too much!

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## Events

### SEPTEMBER

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – Literary Lunch with Jude Simpson (p7)

### OCTOBER

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Oct - Go-Tri Duathlon (p6)

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – Quiz Night (p7)

Sat 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Ashwell Book Fair (p4)

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Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Childrens Clothes Swap (p4)

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – WI – Talk by Ian Cummings – My Bake Off Journey(p5)

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Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Spooky Steeple (p4)

### NOVEMBER

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Music for Peace (p9)

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – SM Village Hall AGM (p5)

Fri 18<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Christmas Tree Festival (p3)

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Nov- Bass Belle, 10 miler 2022 (p10)

Editor

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[GO TO WEBSITE](http://www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk)

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## NO TO CONGESTION CHARGES

. Almost 3,000 verified residents across South Cambridgeshire have now signed this petition, which will go directly to the GCP board before their meeting to move ahead with these plans. That is a sign that the people have spoken, and the planned charge needs to be scrapped

### But this campaign is far from over!

The GCP are completely out of touch with how ordinary people live their lives. Mums and dads taking their kids to school and then heading straight to work, carers visiting family members, tradesmen with heavy tools, NHS staff, and hospital patients will all be caught by this charge. Even city residents will face the full charge simply for leaving their driveway or moving their car down the street. It is absurd.

So let's send a simple message to the GCP: stop it now stop this ridiculous charge. I urge you to keep signing, writing, posting, and finding all the ways you can to get our message across to the GCP.

I will continue to fight this charge - thank you for joining me!

*Anthony Broune*

## 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](mailto:clerk@steeplemordenpc.org.uk) Minutes can also be viewed on the Steeple Morden Village Website [www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk](http://www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk) and at the Village Post Office.

**A Meeting of the Planning Committee was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
The minutes of that meeting can be found on the Steeple Morden  
Website, [www.steeplemordenpc.org](http://www.steeplemordenpc.org)**

**Notes taken at the Parish Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September, held in  
the Cricket Pavilion**

**The Parish Committee Meeting was postponed due to the death of  
Queen Elizabeth 11**

## Your Local History

If you are interested in the fascinating history of our two villages, would you like to join a new **Local History Group for The Mordens?**

The Guilden Morden Group has been meeting for nearly 10 years and has held exhibitions and published books and other publications during that time.

Following discussions with Andrew Pye, Steeple Morden's local historian, we feel the time has come to expand the Group, if there is sufficient interest to do so.

We would propose meeting monthly, alternately in Steeple Morden and Guilden Morden.

To register your interest please contact Geoff Harper on 01763 853845 or by email to [geoffkharper@gmail.com](mailto:geoffkharper@gmail.com)

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November

St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden

**Have you started planning your tree? We're hoping for a bumper number of  
trees this year**

**so please make sure you plans are progressing.**

**Details and registration forms are available so if you haven't received them  
already please contact Anne (853490), Annie (852905)**

**or Gilly (852380) if you have any queries.**



### The Morden Players

If there are any new people in the village who would like to get involved in this bit of spooky fun do get in touch! Also- keep an eye out if you have children aged 8 and over and fancy a ghostly walk around the village on Halloween meeting a host of scary characters!



### Children's Clothes Swap

2:30-4 pm

Saturday 8 October

Steeple Morden Church

Please bring unwanted but wearable children's clothes and shoes to swap, and take away some new items

Please pre-sort clothes into size/ age

FREE

Any queries? Contact Rosemary mad\_cellist@hotmail.com

07729 856128 or via Facebook



### The Ashwell Book Fair is coming!

Save the dates!

Entry fee £1, Children under 16 free

Books for all ages and interests; Cookbooks, Gardening, History, Best Sellers, Holiday reads, Mysteries, Thrillers, Children's, Teens, Lifestyle and more.

- Saturday, Oct. 1st from 10am-5pm
- Sunday, Oct. 2nd from 1:30-4:30pm

(Delicious tea and cakes are also available)

St Mary's Church, Ashwell

- Questions? Please contact Karen Rogers via email: [karenr@wsrllp.com](mailto:karenr@wsrllp.com)



**Quiz with  
Fish & Chip Supper**  
*Vegetarian or Gluten free options  
available*

**Steeple Morden Village Hall**  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 7 for 7:30pm**

**Tickets £15.00 each**

**Please reserve in advance**

From Jill Hillman 01763 853400 or Sue  
Willey 01763 853975

**BYO Drinks and Glasses**

Tables of 8 preferred

Early reservation of tables advised

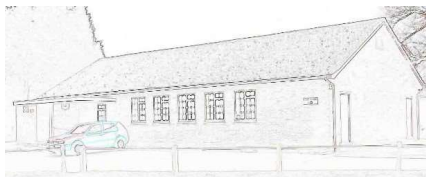
*Prizes Raffle Christmas Cards*



**Guilden Morden Village Market**  
New later time of 10am to 1pm. Get in touch  
if you would like a stall.

**Future Dates:**

**8<sup>th</sup> October & 12<sup>th</sup> November**



## **STEEPLE MORDEN VILLAGE HALL**

Registered Charity Number 300421

The Annual General Meeting of  
the Village Hall Committee will  
be held on

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at  
7.00 pm

in the Village Hall.

Everyone is very welcome to  
attend.

## **The Mordens WI**

We are a small, friendly group of ladies  
meeting on the third Thursday of the month in  
Guilden Morden Village Hall at 7.30 pm.  
We have a wide variety of activities to choose  
from and interesting speakers throughout the  
year.

In **October** talk by Ian Cummings – From  
Tiber to the Trent – My Bake Off Journey.

If you would like to join us, or to know more  
about the Mordens WI, please contact Joyce on  
01763 852087. Transport can be arranged.





## **Join local Go Tri Duathlon on Saturday 1st October**

Join local Go Tri Duathlon on Saturday 1st October, 10am (adults) 1pm (junior) All welcome, but places are limited. Perfect for those new to multi-sport events or for the more experienced who just want to test their fitness. The route will be on well-maintained tarmac rural roads.

The route will be on well-maintained tarmac rural roads consisting of a 2.5km run, 14 km bike followed by a second 2.5km run. There will be marshals and signage at key locations. The bike route is suitable for road bikes, hybrids and mountain bikes.

A fully off-road kids (8-14 yrs) duathlon will also be available. This will take place at Steeple Morden Recreation Ground and will consist of a 300 m run - 1 k bike - 150 m run.

**BOOK YOUR PLACE:** [https://www.gotri.org/events/go-tri-scrcc-duathlon\\_13841](https://www.gotri.org/events/go-tri-scrcc-duathlon_13841)

## **Have you visited the Post Box Library?**

**You should it have a great selection of books, non-fiction, fiction, children's books and cds. It is situated on the Green.**





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# Literary Lunch

Sarah Harrison

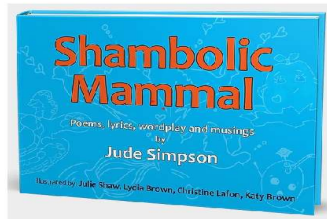
*in conversation with*

## Jude Simpson

Singer, songwriter, comedian and poet!

Thursday, 29th September at  
The Old Bull Inn, Royston, SG8 9AW

Tickets £15  
per person  
(including  
lunch)



Buffet lunch from 12.15 pm  
Chat and Q&A from 1.00 pm

Telephone 01763 262262 to book your tickets  
or visit [www.hsrsc.org.uk/events](http://www.hsrsc.org.uk/events)

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Saturday, 1st October

arrive by 6:45 pm for a 7:30pm start

at

Meldreth Village Hall

Teams of up to 6 people welcome  
(and don't forget to give your team a quirky name!)

Can't get a team together but still want to join in the fun?  
Contact us and we will include you in a team!

Tickets £13.50 per person (includes fish & chips supper)

Reserve your tickets by 15th September!

Contact Tracy on 01763 262262 or email  
[events@hsrsc.org.uk](mailto:events@hsrsc.org.uk) to book your tickets today!



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Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire,  
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**Saint Peter & Saint Paul  
Church Steeple Morden  
Dairy for October**

[www.shingaychurches.co.uk](http://www.shingaychurches.co.uk)

**Sunday 2nd Oct 8.30am** Parish  
Communion (PB)  
**Tues 4th Oct 10.00am** Group Morning  
Prayer  
at Litlington  
**Fri 7th Oct 9.00am** Cafe Church  
**Sunday 9th Oct 11.00am** Harvest Parish  
Communion  
and Bring & Share lunch  
**Tues 11th Oct 10.00am** Group Morning  
Prayer  
at Litlington  
**Fri 14th Oct 9.00am** Cafe Church  
**Sunday 16th Oct 9.45am** Family Service  
**Tues 18th Oct 10.00am** Group Morning  
Prayer  
at Litlington  
**Fri 21st Oct 9.00am** Cafe Church  
**Sunday 23rd 10.00am** Group Communion,  
Abington  
Pigotts  
**Tues 25th Oct 10.00am** Group Morning  
Prayer  
at Litlington  
**Sunday 30th Oct 10.00am** Group  
Communion at Guilden  
Morden, with Archdeacon Alex Hughes  
**6.00pm** Service of Remembrance for  
the Departed. Tea at 5.00pm

**STEEPLE MORDEN HARVEST  
FESTIVAL and LUNCH  
Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October**

Our Harvest Service will be at 11am on 9<sup>th</sup> October and will be followed by lunch at 12.15. This will be a bring-and-share again, with the option of contributing £4 if you prefer. This is always a happy occasion, with an excellent lunch – we look forward to seeing you. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to come so that, if you are bringing food, we can discuss what you would like to bring. Please bring two plates, knife, fork and spoon, a glass and something to drink. Dry goods for donation to Jimmy's can be brought to the service; if you are unable to be there on Sunday, please leave your gifts in the church on Saturday. Many thanks! Anne

**Guilden Morden Congregational Church  
Diary for October**

[www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org](http://www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org)

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct**      **10.30am** Harvest café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct**      **10.30am** Men's Guild in the Schoolroom

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct**          **9.00 – 11.00am** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct**      **11.00am** Joint service at Litlington

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Oct**        **9.00 - 11.00am** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct**    **10.30am** Joint service with St Mary's at the Chapel

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct**    **14.00pm** COGS meeting

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Oct**        **9.00 – 11.00am** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct**    **10.30am** Anniversary Service with blessing of the time capsule, followed by lunch

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Oct**        **9.00 – 11.00am** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct**    **10.30am** Communion service

Other group meetings:  
Bridge Club  
Mondays at 19.30pm  
Local History Group  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> at 15.00pm  
Film Club  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> at 19.00pm

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 20.00pm ,  
Contact Amanda for details [ajenieman@gmail.com](mailto:ajenieman@gmail.com)

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



## Steeple Morden Parish Litter Picks Schedule 2022

<b>Zones 4 and 5:</b>	<b>Station Road from allotments to Ashwell Road to include Ashwell Road and Windmill Close etc</b> <b>Station Road and Hay Street to Craft Way to include Craft Way</b> <i>Meet by the Station Road and Ashwell Road intersection</i>	<b>Saturday 8 October</b>
<b>Zones 6 and 7:</b>	<b>Hay Street from Craft Way to Trap Road /North Brook</b> <b>End Trap Road/ Bogs Gap and Brook End</b> <i>Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec</i>	<b>Saturday 22 October</b>
<b>Zones 2-6</b>	<b>Whole village sweep</b> <i>Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec</i>	<b>Saturday 12 November</b>
<b>Zone 1:</b>	<b>Odsey</b> <i>Meet by Zaheer's carpark</i>	<b>Saturday 26 November</b>

Please email [SMLitterpick@yahoo.com](mailto:SMLitterpick@yahoo.com) with your full name and which of the events you can attend.

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION MORDENS BRANCH

**A.G.M**

**Wednesday 26th October 2022**

**7.30pm**

**Guilden Morden Village Hall**

**Contact: Tricia Covington 07821582948**

### ***‘MUSIC FOR PEACE’***

***A CONCERT OF CHORAL MUSIC FROM THE SLAVIC WORLD***

***PERFORMED BY  
THE NEW CAMBRIDGE SINGERS***

***ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH STEEPLE MORDEN***

***SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 7.00PM***

***LICENSED BAR, INTERVAL CANAPES, RETIRING COLLECTION  
FOR ‘DEC’ UKRAINE APPEAL***

***Tickets adults £12 students/under 18 £6.00 will be available from  
Steeple Morden PO***

***For more information contact D McKee (01763) 852380***

***Organised by The Friends of S S Peter & Paul charity no: 292004***



## Steeple Morden Football Club

### Fixtures

3/9/22	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> v Foxton Reserves
10/9/22	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> v Milton Reserves
17/9/22	Mott MacDonald v SM 1 <sup>st</sup>
24/9/22	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> v Hardwick FC Reserves
01/10/22	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> v Litlington Athletic
08/10/22	Puddlebrook 68FC v SM 1 <sup>st</sup>
15/10/22	Longstanton v SM 1 <sup>st</sup>
22/10/22	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> v Cottenham FC
29/10/22	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> v Mott MacDonald
05/11/22	Harwick FC Reerves v SM 1st

### Results

Lost 1 – 6



### Bass Belle 10 Miler 2022

Eighth showing of this popular early winter 10 miler which takes in the picturesque South Cambridgeshire villages of Bassingbourn, Litlington and Abington Piggots. This is a fast, flat rural run which consists of 8.5miles on road and 1.5miles off road along a grass track. New bespoke medal for all finishers as well as a bottle of water and some chocolate. Team prizes, category prizes and cash prizes up for grabs. Again the event is supporting the Brainstrust charity.

#### Date and time

Sun, November 27, 2022  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM GMT

#### Location

Bassingbourn Village College  
South End  
Bassingbourn  
SG8 5NJ

£21 – 26.50



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## 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**

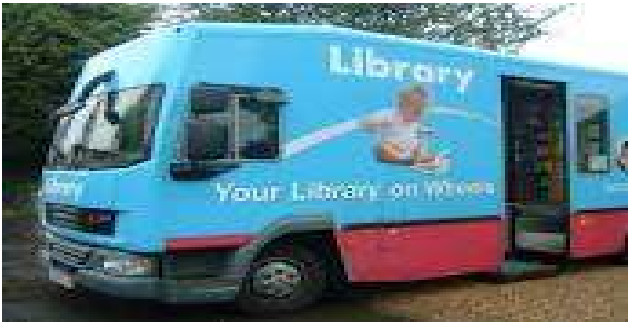
**Tel 01763 853073** (please don't phone between the hours of 6 - 7 p.m.)

**email: [viguersk@aol.com](mailto:viguersk@aol.com)**

**[www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk)**

### Mobile Library

Stops in VILLAGE HALL between 10.15-11.00am  
The next calling date is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



### 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.

Don't forget you can view this issue and back issues of the Newsletter online; you can also subscribe to receive notification of when the newsletter is available on

[www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk](http://www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk)

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

The deadline for November edition is 12 noon on October 17th 2022

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