



# PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER December 2022

## Editorial

November seems to have shot past, with many local events, including a meeting of the Local History Group, with Steeple Morden now joining the Guilden Morden Group. The first meeting at Steeple Morden was well attended, another meeting has been arranged for December 6<sup>th</sup> at Guilden Morden Congregational School Room, 3.00pm.

On page 2 of the Newsletter please take note of Anthony Browne's article about the congestion charges proposed for Cambridge. In the Parish Notes is a link to the GCP's consultation form.

You will find a list of Christmas Markets and Workshops in the surrounding villages on pages 6 & 7. The local ones have been listed in the Events section, along with other events.

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## Events

### NOVEMBER

#### List of Christmas Markets & Workshops around the Area (p7)

Sat 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anna Pye – Christmas Open Studio (p7)

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

### DECEMBER

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> – Coffee Morning & Afternoon Tea, (p5)

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Anna Pye – Christmas Open Studio (p5)

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Litlington Christmas Market (p6)

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – St Mary's Christmas Market GM (p7)

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Phoenix Chorus (p10)

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Local History Group Meeting, GM (p5)

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Guilden Market (p5)

### JANUARY

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jan – Quiz Night & Supper. SM Tennis Club

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Post Office Closure. (p5)

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## Congestion Charges

More than 3,000 residents across South Cambridgeshire have now signed my petition against congestion charging, and over 12,000 people have signed the change.org petition too. I have surveyed over 2,100 constituents and over 100 businesses - the people have spoken, and they overwhelmingly oppose the planned congestion charge. It needs to be scrapped.

But the GCP still isn't listening. They are currently promoting their plan, barely mentioning it is contingent on a £5 a day, +£1000 per year tax on ordinary people - mums and dads taking their kids to school, carers visiting family members, tradesmen with heavy tools, NHS staff, and hospital patients.

If you also oppose the GCPs plan, it is vital that you let them know by completing their online consultation survey.

Although the GCPs consultation asks many vague and loaded questions, Question 9 gives you an opportunity to clearly state your level of opposition to the congestion charge. If you only fill in one question, make sure it is number 9!

The GCP claims that a congestion charge is the only way to pay for local transport improvements - that is simply not true.

Campaigners, representatives, and commentators have pointed out numerous alternatives, many of which have yet to be considered or brought through to public consultation.

I would therefore strongly urge you to "strongly oppose" the congestion charge in the answer to question 9. This will send a simple message to the GCP: stop it now.

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



## 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.

### Notes taken at the Parish Council Meeting on November 14th 2022

County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley - commented on the proposal of CK Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd to install a Radio Base Installation on the grass verge of Cheyney Close, in Cheyney Street. He also commented on the GCP's Congestion Charge Scheme and suggested parishioners should read and sign the GCP's consultation form, ([https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022/survey\\_tools/making-connections-2022-survey](https://consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022/survey_tools/making-connections-2022-survey)). .

Update on EV Charger Installation- The Parish Council discussed the best possible source of electricity for the proposed Chargers. Two options were proposed.

Update on Barrier Repair - The Barrier will be repaired during November as well as the fencing in the Children's Play area.

Children's Play Area - various equipment needs some attention and repair. Cllr Nick Badger will oversee repairs and general maintenance.

Bowls Club Hedgecutting - the Bowls Club asked if they could be included in the general hedgecutting contract carried out by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will discuss details with the Bowls Club.

Traffic - CCC update on 20mph application is ongoing. Provision for MVSC is being made at Odsey, the posts are in position. A parishioner raised the problem of speeding in Hay Street. Speeding through the village was discussed by the Parish Council, with Cllr Keith Austin showing the last month's results. The 40mph signs on entering the village have made little difference, possibly 2% of motorists slowing down, but generally there are the percentage who still enter the village in excess of 50 mph. A request is to be put on the Steeple Morden Facebook Page to try to reform the Speed Watch Group.

Parish Projects 2021/2022 (on hold until March 2023 meeting)

Ashwell & Bassingbourn Patients Group update - the village representative is Rachel Capay.

## Planning/Tree Work Application

### Planning Applications

#### Planning Ref 22/04347/LBC

16 Hay Street - single storey rear extension, new roofing to side elevation and demolition of the conservatory on the original cottage building, restoring it close to its original state. **RECOMMENDED**

Installation of a 5G Radio Base Mast by CK Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd - the Parish Council received a request from the above contractor stating that a survey had been made of the village with a possible numerous sites considered suitable for the erection of the 5G telephone mast. The contractor had chosen the verge off Cheyney Close, in Cheyney Street, which the Parish Council said was totally unacceptable, being unsightly, too prominent and in the wrong place. The Parish Council would consider other suitable sites.

Coronation of King Charles 111- May 7<sup>th</sup> will be declared a Bank Holiday.

The next meeting will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>, in the Parish Church, 7.00pm



## **Queens Jubilee Award 2022**

An award presented by Steeple Morden Parish Council to a member of the community who has gone above and beyond in helping others.

Now is the time to place your nominations in the box which has been specially designed and made by Tricia and Albert Covington. The box will be on display in the Post Office.

Nomination forms are also available at the Post Office.



**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Coffee Morning & Afternoon Teas**

**10:00am – 12:00pm**

**3:00pm – 5:00pm**

**Children's Lucky Dip**

**2 - 4 Years**

**5 - 7 Years**

**Delicious Home-Made Cakes  
Christmas Cards & Gift Wrap**

**Guilden Morden Chapel Schoolroom**

The Mordens STC will nominate this as their: -  
Christmas Jumper Event

**(Note: - it is not necessary to wear a  
Christmas Jumper!)**

**The Government will match £ for £  
all funds raised at this event**

**The Committee thank you for your support  
and generosity at our events throughout  
2022 and would like to take this opportunity  
to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year**

### **Post Office Closure**

The Post Office counter will close for good on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

The time has come for me to retire, or at least not have so much responsibility.

Carol & I haven't made this decision lightly and it will be a sad occasion but I hope you will understand.

Your nearest Post Office will be Litlington.

The shop and Garage Reception will remain open as normal

Tricia Covington

### **The Mordens Local History Group**

**Our December meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th December at 3.00pm in the Schoolroom, Guilden Morden Congregational Church, Pound Green. This was a booking that has been made for some time and it seemed sensible not to change it. I am planning to organise a quiz on Victoriana (easy questions of course) and we can discuss how best to approach our project on Victorian times in our two villages.**



**THE MORDEN'S WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**



**Christmas Wreath AM  
/Scandi Table Deco PM  
Workshop**

We're holding a workshop  
Which is open to all, so why  
not come along and learn how to make  
unique decorations!

**SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2022**

**10AM – 16.00**

**Guilden Morden Village Hall,**

**Cost £25 WI Members**

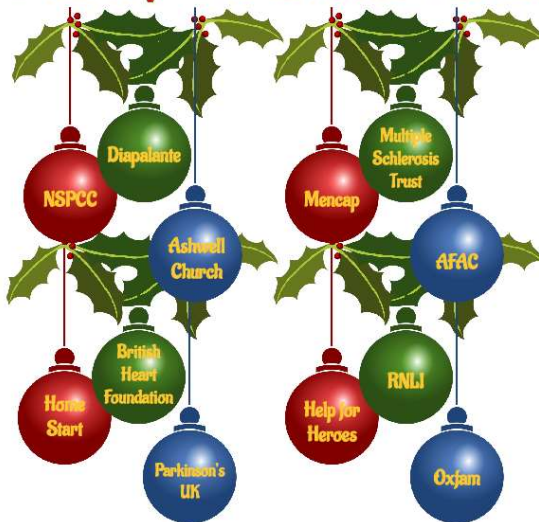
**£40 Non WI Members**

**(£25 non-refundable deposit)**

**Tea/coffee and Mince Pies plus  
Lunch of Soup & Roll**

If you are interested in attending, please  
either Phone Joyce on: 07495 556651 or  
E-mail: [themordenswi@gmail.com](mailto:themordenswi@gmail.com) by 12<sup>th</sup>  
November to reserve your space

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## *Christmas Markets & Workshops*

*DIY SOC, Crows Nest Theatre, Royston  
24<sup>th</sup> Nov – 18<sup>th</sup> Dec*

*Find the Elves, Royston  
26<sup>th</sup> Nov – 11<sup>th</sup> Dec*

*Moonlight Market, Barkway Church  
26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4-7pm*

*Christmas Craft Fair, No 3 Market Place, Royston  
November 26<sup>th</sup>, 10.00 – 4.00.*

*Christmas Craft Fair, Market Hill Rooms, Royston  
27<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00 – 14.00pm*

*Christmas Market, Meldreth Village Hall  
27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10.00 – 15.00pm*

*St Mary's Christmas Market, Guilden Morden  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 10am – 1pm*

*Foxton Illuminates for Christmas  
Christmas Market & Christmas Windows  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 3.30pm – 7.00pm*

*Ashwell Flowers – Workshops  
8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December*

*Christmas Market, Royston  
19<sup>th</sup> December, 8.00 – 2.30pm*

**Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church  
Steeple Morden  
Dairy for December**  
[www.shingaychurches.co.uk](http://www.shingaychurches.co.uk)

Sun Dec 4<sup>th</sup> – 8.30am Communion PB

Sun Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – 4.40 pm Christingle & Children's Service, Guilden Morden.

Sun Dec 18<sup>th</sup> – 10.00am Nativity Service

Sat Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – 4.30pm Christmas Carols

Sat Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – 11.30pm Midnight Communion, Guilden Morden

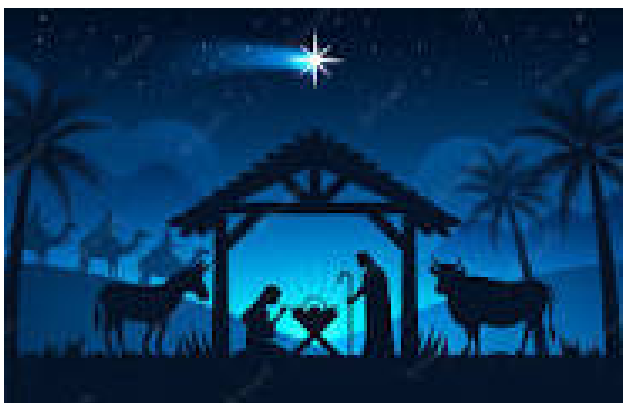
Sun Dec 25<sup>th</sup> – 9.45am Christmas Holy Communion

PB Please check in Prospect or in Church, as times and services may change.

**Café Church**

Open December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>

From 9.00am



**Nativity Service  
Steeple Morden Church**

**December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am**

**Guilden Morden Congregational Church  
Diary for December**

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

We are delighted to announce the big reveal of the 'Recycling Christmas' project which will take place on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December in the morning.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** **10.30am** Café style service, and reveal of recycling project. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** **10.30am** Men's Guild in the Schoolroom

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** **9.00 – 11.00am** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** **16.00 – 17.00pm** Carol singing followed by refreshments

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** **9.00 - 11.00am** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** **10.30am** Joint communion service with St Mary's in the Chapel

**15.00pm** Carol service at Litlington

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** **14.00pm** COGS Christmas Party

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Dec** **9.00 - 11.00am** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Dec** **16.00pm** Carols by Candlelight, followed by mince pies and mulled wine

**Other group meetings:**

**Bridge Club -** Mondays at 19.30p

**Knit & Natter –** Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00am from Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

**Local History Group –** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec at 15.00pm

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 20.00pm

Contact Amanda for details  
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## Music for Peace

Grateful thanks to all those from Steeple Morden who came to the 'Music for Peace' concert in Steeple Morden church on Sunday evening November 6th. The New Cambridge singers were in fine voice and treated everyone to a varied programme of Eastern European music.

The highlight of the evening however, was a moving presentation from Sofia Pavlichenko who is staying together with her family in Guilden Morden, after which she sang a most beautiful song with background accompaniment from the choir.

As a result of everyone's generosity the retiring collection raised £945 for the DEC Ukraine Appeal.

David & Gilly McKee

## 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 December Annual Christmas Celebrations.

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



# GUILDEN GAUMONT FILM CLUB

Did you know that Guilden Morden has a thriving film club? Once a month we show a film at the Congregational Church schoolroom. We have a large screen and a state of the art sound system. Refreshments are served before the film and we have an interval for ice cream and socialising.

Although currently full, we operate a waiting list and offer events for the community outside of film club membership. You can keep up to date with what's going on as well as reading about the films each month by joining our Facebook group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/guildengaumont>



## Steeple Morden Football Club

### Fixtures

09/10/22	Bottisham & Lode Vets v SM Vets
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 Reserves v SM 1 <sup>st</sup>
06/11/22	SM Vets v Gamblingay United Vets
12/11/22	Fulbourn Institute vs SM 1 <sup>st</sup>
13/11/22	Bluntinsham Rangers vs SM Vets
19/11/22	Abingdon United v SM 1st
27/11/22	Steeple Morden Vets v Ridgeons Vets
03/12/22	West Wratting Res v SM 1st
04/12/22	Stour Valley Vets v SM Vets
10/12/22	Milton Reserves vs SM 1 <sup>st</sup>
17/12/22	Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> vs Barrington 1 <sup>st</sup>
07/01/23	Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> vs Abington United
08/01/23	Harwick FC vs SM Vets
21/01/22	Litlington Athletic vs SM 1st

### Results

Lost 1 - 4
Lost 5 - 0
Lost 0 - 6
Lost 2 - 3
Lost 1 - 0
Lost 3 - 7
Lost 3 - 2
Won 1 - 3

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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:

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**[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 6<sup>th</sup> December 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.

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

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