

Steeple Morden Parish Newsletter

January 2023

Editorial

Welcome to 2023.

Looking back, year 2022 has thrown up quite a few surprises; the weather – a super-hot summer, an Indian autumn, and a sub-zero freeze at the start of winter. The death of the Queen, although to be expected still was unbelievable. The government in melt down, and now an energy crisis, brought about by a war in Europe.

On a lighter note, we have two pantomimes to brighten up January, and a quiz by the Tennis Club to test your general knowledge.

Later in the month, depending on the weather, volunteers will be needed to plant 6 trees which have been gifted by the SCDC.

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Events

JANUARY

Dick Whittington & His Cat, Cambridge
1st Dec – January 8th (p6)

Sat 14th Jan – Quiz Night & Supper. SM
Tennis Club (p5)

Snow White, Royston
Sat 21st, 22, 27 & 28th January (p6)

Tues 31st Jan – Post Office Closure. (p5)

Wishing you a Very Happy New Year

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

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

Notes taken at the Parish Council Meeting on December 12th 2022

District Councillor Heather Williams- commented on the availability of help with household bills during the cost of living crisis. (Further information can be found on p6) Also to report anybody who is struggling to cope to the appropriate council department. All council emails are now working.

Update on EV Charger Installation- the EV Chargers are to be installed soon, with the electricity sourced from the Bowls Club.

Update on Barrier Repair -ongoing

Children's Play Area - Cllr Nick Badger is overseeing repairs and general maintenance.

Steeple Morden Magpies - Agreement/Maintenance of Pitches- a draft legal agreement is to be drawn up

CCC Request for position for replacement trees following removal of Whitebeams on Cheyney Street - the Parish Council would like a report as to why the trees are to be removed.

Pavilion Spring-clean - the pavilion is to be cleaned ready to provide a 'warm hub' during the winter.

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

SCDC Six Free Trees - a discussion was held with Nettie Traverse-Healey concerning tree plantings around the village. SCDC has gifted 6 trees and it was suggested that they be planted near the children's' play area. More detailed information can be found on the Steeple Morden Website at <https://steeplemordenpc.org/trees-for-steeple-morden-parish>.

Steeple Morden Website - under the heading Local, there are 5 more informative notes, concerning the village: Parish History, Steeple Morden Airfield, Trees for the Parish, Virtual Tour, Village Planning limits & conservation areas, and village defibrillator.

Wi-Fi for the Village Hall/Recreation Ground - Cllr Malcolm Bird is chasing Country Broad Band who promised to supply free Wi-Fi to the Village Hall.

Street Light on Station Road - a request from a member of the public to clear the ivy off the street light.

Planning/Tree Work Application

Planning Applications

Planning Ref 22/04769/FUL

Land adjacent 3 Church Farm Lane - Detached 2-bedroom chalet bungalow.
REFUSED - due to discrepancies in the plans, disruption to local residents from building traffic, and not in keeping with the local surroundings.

Planning Ref 22/02407/CONDA (For Information)

78-80 Flittons Farm - Submission of details required by condition 8 (Bat Licence) of planning permission.

Planning Ref 22/04756/CL2PD (For information)

13 Church Farm Lane - Certificate of Lawfulness Under S192 - Garage conversion and internal alterations.

Planning Meeting held on Thursday 15th December

Planning Ref 22/05286/PRIOR

Grass verge of Cheyney Street - Installation of a 17m monopole and equipment cabinets.

OBJECTION - inappropriate siting, near a junction, and too near residential housing, one of which is used for childcare. Unsightly, not in keeping with the surroundings. A more appropriate site would be considered.



Quiz Night

Saturday 14th January 2023
at
Steeple Morden Village Hall
Doors open from 7.00 pm for 7:30 pm start

£12.50 to include supper
(maximum of 8 to a team)

Licensed Bar

To book: let a committee member know
or email the tennis club
steplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk

Kate Alsop – 07939260766 / Fiona Coverdale – 07962215982
Avril Gilbert – 853173 / Debbie Shepherd – 852742 / Debbie Hall –
853982

All proceeds in aid of Steeple Morden Tennis Club

The Mordens Local History Group

I have booked the SM Village Hall and the GM Congregational Church Schoolroom for the first Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be in Steeple Morden at 3 pm on Wednesday 4th January. We will then alternate meetings between the two venues. My apologies if these arrangements do not suit you.

As people will be busy in the run up to Christmas, there will not be much time to prepare for the January meeting. As I believe it's useful to get an understanding of conditions in the wider world as well as our local history, I would like everyone please to consider the topic of Health and Welfare for the January meeting. This can be interpreted broadly to include Victorian conditions related to healthcare, including hospitals, doctors, nurses, diseases, medical knowledge, mental health, dentistry, childbirth, etc. This could also include local history, e.g. the history of Royston Hospital, Addenbrookes etc. etc.

If everyone could come to the meeting on 4th January with at least one interesting fact on paper, we can put everything together and build a picture of Victorian Healthcare. If you can download something from the internet or find an article on the subject, all the better.

Finally, following our meeting today, I listened to a BBC programme - a series called "You're Dead To Me" has an episode "The Victorian Christmas". There is another episode called "Christmas with Charles Dickens". These are available on BBC Sounds. Maybe worth a try!

Geoff Harper

Post Office Closure

The Post Office counter will close for good on the 31st 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

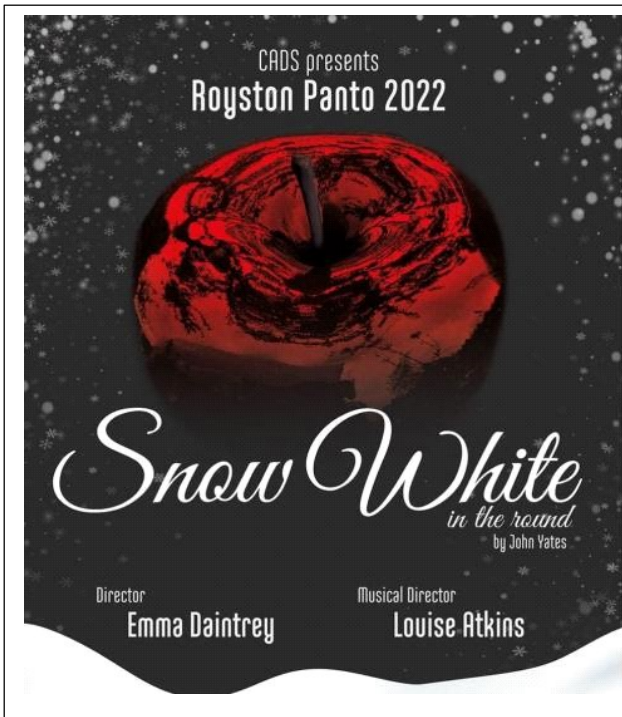
Tricia Covington

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.



Performance Dates
Saturday 21st January
2.00pm & 7.30pm
Sunday January 22nd
11.30am
Friday January 27th
7.30pm
Saturday January 28th
2.00pm & 7.30pm

Book on line on CADS website
www.cadsroyston.or.uk or 07856
 599039

Tickets £12 for adults & £8
concessions, children, students & OAP

DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT

**Thu 1 December 2022 - Sun 8
January 2023**
Tickets £19-£49 *

Booking Office:

01223 503333

bpoffice@cambridgeartstheatre.com

Cost of Living Support

For Residents & Businesses in South Cambridgeshire

Discretionary Housing Payments – benefits@scambs.gov.uk

(a fund which supports residents on Universal Credit)

Discretionary Council Tax Discounts – revenues@scambs.gov.uk

(a fund to support people who are not eligible for our Local Council Tax Support scheme)

Charitable Giving – www.gofundmecom/SCDCcostofliving

(a grand fund to provide options for cooking and staying warm)

Community Chest – Community.Chest@scambs.gov.uk

(a fund provides grants to voluntary & community sector groups, wishing to improve quality of life locally)

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

1st January

10³⁰ Wendy Group Communion

8th January (Epiphany)

11.00am Parish Communion

15th January (Sunday for Christian Unity)

Tbc Ecumenical service with another Church

22nd January (Epiphany 3)

10.00am Group Communion

29th January (Candlemas)

10am Abington Pigotts Group Communion

Café Church

From 9.00am

Starts January 6th



**Guilden Morden Congregational Church
Diary for January**

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org

Sunday 1st Jan	15.00pm Café style afternoon service. Come and join us for tea and cakes in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome
Wed 4th Jan	9.00 – 11.00am Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 8th Jan	TBC Joint Ecumenical Service.
Monday 9th Jan	10.30am Men's Guild in the Schoolroom
Wed 11th Jan	9.00 – 11.00am Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 15th Jan	10.30am Songs of Praise
Tuesday 17th Jan	14.00pm COGS
Wed 18th Jan	9.00 – 11.00am Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 22nd Jan	10.30am Communion service
Wed 25th Jan	9.00 - 11.00am Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sun 29th Jan	10.30am Morning service

Other group meetings:

Bridge Club - Mondays at 19.30pm
Knit and Natter -Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00am
Local History Group- Tuesday 3rd Jan at 15.00pm at SM.
Film Club - Friday 20th Jan at 19.00pm

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 20.00pm

Contact Amanda for details
ajenieman@gmail.com

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

ROYSTON RADIO

Royston Radio is coming to town.

A community project is now looking for people to get involved and become part of the station team. You don't need any experience because full training will be given, this will be a radio station by the community for the community and the chance for you the people of Royston and the surrounding villages to produce your own programming and news platform.

If you would like to get involved email the team at info@roystonradio.com

More information about the station can be found at www.roystonradio.com

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.

January – Speaker Mr John Flood will talk about the history of the Cambridge Folk Museum

February - AGM

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 st
22/10/22	SM 1 st v Cottenham FC
29/10/22	SM 1 st v Mott MacDonald
05/11/22	Harwick FC Reserves v SM 1 st
06/11/22	SM Vets v Gamblingay United Vets
12/11/22	Fulbourn Institute vs SM 1 st
13/11/22	Bluntisham Rangers vs SM Vets
19/11/22	Abingdon United v SM 1 st
26/11/22	Steeple Morden 1 st v Puddlebrook 68FC
27/11/22	Steeple Morden Vets v Ridgeons Vets
03/12/22	West Wrattling Res v SM 1st
04/12/22	Stour Valley Vets v SM Vets
10/12/22	Milton Reserves vs SM 1 st
17/12/22	Steeple Morden 1 st vs Barrington 1 st
07/01/23	Steeple Morden 1 st vs Abington United
08/01/23	Harwick FC vs SM Vets
14/01/23	Steeple Morden 1 st v Lonstanton FC
28/01/23	Foxton Reserves v Steeple Morden 1st
21/01/23	Litlington Athletic vs SM 1 st
22/01/23	Steeple Morden Vets v FC Kennet Williams
29/01/23	Cambridge Ambassadors Vets v Steeple Morden Vets
04/02/23	Cottenham United v Steeple Morden 1 st
11/02/23	Steeple Morden 1 st v Longstanton FC
12/02/23	Steeple Morden Vets v Bottisham & Lode Vets
18/02/23	Steeple Morden 1 st v Milton Reserves
25/02/23	Steeple Morden 1 st v West Wrattling Res
04/03/23	Barrington 1 st v Steeple Morden 1st
12/03/23	Gamblingay United Vets v Steeple Morden Vets
26/03/23	Steeple Morden Vets v Bluntisham Rangers Vets
01/04/23	West Wrattling v Steeple Morden 1 st
02/04/23	Steeple Morden Vets v Ely Rangers Vets

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
Lost 5 - 1
Lost 2 - 4
Won 11 - 0
Won 4 - 0

HOME START NEEDS YOU!!

Royston, Buntingford &
South Cambridgeshire

Are you a mum, dad, grandparent or carer wondering what to do with your free time? We need local people with your experience to become a Family Support Volunteer for our scheme.

Our volunteers work alongside parents in their own homes, helping them to cope with the stresses and strains of life.

Our next Volunteer Preparation Course starts in February 2023. This training course will provide you with all the knowledge you'll need to support a family, and you will become part of the fantastic Home-Start team.

You could be the vital support a family needs to help change their life, and while you're doing it, it might just change yours!



In 2021/22, our volunteers supported a total of 183 children

- ♥ our volunteers say helping others helps to reduce stress
- ♥ our volunteers give an average of 3 hours of their free time per week to support local families

For more info visit www.hsrsc.org.uk/become-home-start-volunteer or email admin@hsrsc.org.uk

Welcome to Maggie's Cambridge

What is Maggie's? Maggie's provides practical and emotional support to those with cancer, their family, friends and carers. The centre is a warm and welcoming place, with qualified cancer support specialists offering an evidence-based free programme of support which complements medical treatment.

Practical support includes information about eating well, coping with hair loss, or empowering visitors with information about their cancer treatment and benefits entitlements. Or visitors can talk to our psychologists and counsellors, explore their creative side through Art Therapy or get help to manage stress.

Then there is our kitchen table which is at the heart of our centre; a place where visitors can sit and chat with others in a similar situation, or maybe just take some quiet time with a cup of tea.

Examples of support can be anything from Art Therapy to Yoga, Men's Support Group to Menopause workshop, Living with Prostate Cancer to Brain Tumour Support Group. In addition, a cancer support specialist is always available for a chat and to listen. They will always meet a new visitor, help them decide what support best suits their needs and make the appropriate referrals. Read more about our offering on www.maggiescentres.org Primarily we are a 'drop in' centre, Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm. Drop in anytime, but we are also happy to answer any questions prior to a visit on 01223 249220.



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



Organisation	Contact Name	Phone Number	E-mail
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Village College	The Principal Ms Vickey Poulter	01763 242344	office@bassingbournvc.net
SS Peter & Paul Church	Associate. Priest Revd Ann Bol	01223 871058	RevAnn801@gmail.com
GM Cong. Church	Sandy Watkins	01763 852869	sandy@inteserv.co.uk
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Scouts, Cubs & Beavers	Keith Austin	01763 852023	keith@bogsgap.co.uk
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Allotment Society	Nettie Traverse-Healey	01763 853843	nettieth@outlook.com
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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

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

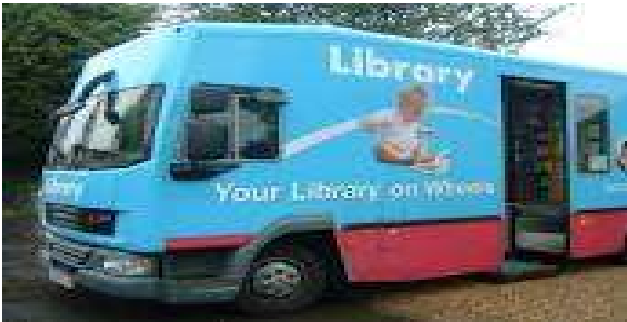
Tel 01763 853073 (please don't phone between the hours of 6 - 7 p.m.)

email: viguersk@aol.com

www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk

Mobile Library

**Stops in VILLAGE HALL between 10.15-11.00am
The next calling date is Tuesday 3rd January 2023**



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

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 2023

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