



# Steeple Morden Parish – Newsletter March 2023



## Editorial

After the harsh winter the garden looked very sad, but with the warmer weather there is some colour coming forth.

Despite the cold winds of late snowdrops, primroses and daffodils are flowering, as well as some trees showing green buds.

The EV Chargers installed on the recreation ground are all ready to go, the Parish Council are just waiting for the last bit of red tape, authorisation for use. Details will appear on the SM Parish Website detailing how to use them and the price per kWh. Hopefully all systems up and running by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The broken barrier on the recreation ground has at last been mended.

Quite a mixrure of events in the next two months, from half marathons, to car boot sales, swimfest, spring fair, and an 80's night.

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## Events

### February

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Baldock Beast, Half Marathon, Baldock (p11)

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Literary Lunch, meet Rachael Lawston, The Bull, Royston (p12)

### March

Sat March 4<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating Voices (p9)

Sun March 5<sup>th</sup> – Charity Equine Car Boot Sale, Litlington (p12)

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> – Wyrd Sisters, Hertford (p10)

### April

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Lunch, GM (p5)

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Aquathon (p8)

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April = Spring Fair, SM Church (p10)

Editor

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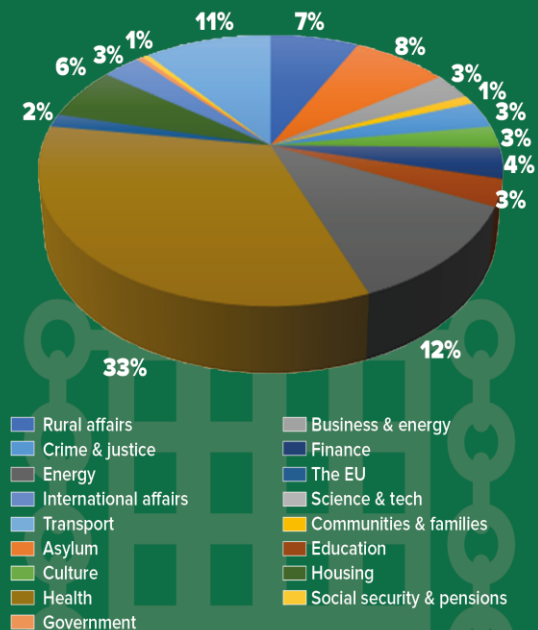
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**Anthony Browne -**

**WORKING FOR YOU**

**+350** cases from constituents closed  
**+600** emails sent in response to queries  
**+100** responses to national campaigns

**January casework breakdown:**



**Just a few outcomes:**

- ✓ Mentioned several local cases as part of my debate on Luton flight paths, and arranged for constituents to speak out on the issues low flying planes were causing
- ✓ Thanks to information from constituents, I was fully informed for a question to the Secretary of State for transport quashing rumours that he was linking road charging to bus funding.
- ✓ Took forward issues relating to cladding on buildings, diagnosis, fly tipping, immigration, exams and environmental protection for the community at my latest monthly surgery.

## 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 February 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

District Councillor Heather Williams- Heather reminded everyone that old batteries could now be recycled by placing them in a clear plastic bag on any bin being collected. It had been noted that the stickers on dog poo bins with a telephone number to call for emptying are now out of date and the telephone number is disconnected. Heather is chasing up to get new stickers with a valid number (or web address) circulated. There is to be a budget meeting on 21st Feb at which Heather will be raising various issues. She will report back in her next update.

Country Councillor Sebastian Kindersley- has been working non stop dealing with all the potholes that parishoners have noted. The 'dragon' the pothole mending machine can repair 100 potholes a day. (Cllr M Carroll has noted that in Station Road alone there could be over 200 potholes needing repair) Cllr Kindersley said parishoners must keep reporting potholes, however it is important to check that the pothole you are reporting has not been logged already. When the subcontractors go out to fill potholes they can only address what has been logged on the system.

Further Update on EV Charger Installation - The Parish Council to announce the EV Charges are now ready to be used. These charge points are provided for public use by residents of Steeple Morden and for visitors to our village. Initially the pricing is set at 45p per kWh but we will maintain this under review and attempt to keep low pricing. The Parish Council is waiting for authorisation to be able to use the chargers. An announcement will be made on the SM Parish Council website and on SM Facebook.

WiFi for Village Hall/Recreation Ground - see page 9, the WiFi is up and working.

SCDC free tree scheme 2022 -A single pot-grown beech tree ordered from the latest scheme was delivered on 3 February. In agreement with Cllr Badger we allocated this tree to be planted near the existing walnut tree off the south-east corner of the playground to be growing ready to provide continuity when the walnut and the substantial sycamore tree come to the end of their natural lives. Ten new trees- were planted by local contractor Chris Rogerson, planted on SCDC land in Russell Close, eight of the trees are native, including hazel which can be coppiced in future if needed.

CCTV Update - the CCTV around the village hall has been updated so that it can be accessed remotely by the Parish Council.

Parish Council Project 2021/22 - These projects include resurfacing of the car park, repairs to the Reading Room, and repairs to the Reading Room Shed.

The March Committee Meeting will discuss options and consider proposed quotes for the different projects.

Update on Barrier Repair - the Barrier is set to be repaired next week.

Agreement for Maintenance of Pitches - Morden Magpies have obtained an agreement over the use and maintenance of the SM football pitches.

Proposal for Floodlights - an agreement was reached on the extra lighting needed on the football pitch.

### Planning/Tree Work Application

To consider Planning Applications :

Planning Ref 23/00135/HFUL

37 Station Road - demolition of existing single storey rear extension and construction of new single storey rear extension. Demolition of existing attached side outbuilding and construction of new attached side outbuilding. Construction of front extension and bay window. Replacement windows throughout. Existing property to be re-rendered. APPROVED

Planning Ref 23/00194/CL2PD (For Information Only)

3 Plough Close - Certificate of Lawfulness Under S192 for a single storey rear extension.

Conservation Area Assessment Update - we are still awaiting a reply from SCDC.

National Lottery Funding - a reminder that funding of up to £10,000 is available for events and activities through the National Lottery Awards for All programmes [www.tnicommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10K](http://www.tnicommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10K)

Request by PetMunch UK Ltd - to hold a Family Fun Dog Show on the Recreation Ground, with dog themed stalls and events.

Care Together - new care micro-enterprises & survey - Communications are being circulated online and among local publications in South Cambridgeshire about our Care Together programme. This is about transforming the way older people are cared for in Cambridgeshire, which is being led by CCC. We will work collaboratively with partners and local communities and the aim is to help people live independently in their own homes for longer. Please help us share the survey, which can be accessed by visiting <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/36MHL6/>.

The next Parish Committee Meeting will be March 13<sup>th</sup>.



**Easter Lunch**  
**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Guiden Morden Village Hall**

12:00pm for 12:30pm

£8.00 Adult

2 course lunch and tea/coffee

Individually priced children's selection and free squash

**Children's Fancy Dress and prize**

Entrance £1.00

Open choice

**Children's Lucky Dip £1.00**

Ages 2-4 years 5-7 years

**Raffle**

**Tickets: Jill Hilman 01763 853400**

**Debbie Louch 07710 690450**

**Steeple Morden Shop**

**PARISH PANTRY**

**Local Food Bank**

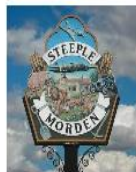


Just a reminder that the Parish Pantry is in the porch of the church, should you have donations, or if you should be needing food.

If you are in a position to donate, items required are:

- Tinned Meat, Pies, Veg, Potatoes & Fruit
- Cereals
- UHT Milk
- Sugar
- Flour
- Pasta
- Pasta sauces
- Mug shots
- Pot noodles
- Individual wrapped cakes

Location:  
St Peter & St Paul Church  
Steeple Morden  
SG8 0NJ



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**GIVE WHEN YOU CAN, TAKE WHEN YOU NEED**

**FOWLMERE AIRFIELD  
MUSEUM**



Next  
open day  
March 5th  
10 till 4

Manor farm  
Fowlmere SG87SH



The Famous Flea Market at St Mary's Church, Ashwell  
*Featuring weird and wonderful items*

Please join us!

Save the date: Saturday, March 4th from 9:30-1:00 pm  
*(Free admission)*

# Social Walking with Royston Health Walks



**Royston Health Walks** is an independent social walking group. We have a number of different walks every Wednesday all of which start at The Heath Café, Baldock Road, Royston, SG8 5BG.

We have 2 walks at 10am, a leisurely walk over Therfield Heath covering about 1½ miles and a slow/flat walk. Both are opportunities to get a bit of exercise, have a chat and meet new people. The groups come together at the Café for a brew around 11am, please feel free to join us even if it's just for the brew.

**Our Wednesday afternoon walk is a bit more challenging and a little longer (about 2 miles). From May to September the start time is 5pm but changes to 2pm for the rest of the year. We end up at the Café for a brew.**

Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us regardless of age, level of fitness and in principle state of health, even if it's only for the refreshments.



**Join us for a walk, a chat and a brew**

<i>Welcoming, friendly, social and 'fun'</i>	<i>Positively inclusive and non-cliquey</i>	<i>"Ambling not rambling"</i>	<i>Children, buggies and dogs all welcome</i>	<i>The walks are free, no booking required</i>
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For more information call 01763 852769  
or email [roystonhealthwalks@outlook.com](mailto:roystonhealthwalks@outlook.com)



## 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.

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

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 8.30 Communion PB**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March – 10am Group  
Communion, Litlington**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday, 9.45  
- Family Service**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – 10am – Group Communion,  
Wendy.**



**EASTER EGGS**

For the past few years we have been sending Easter Eggs to children in Refuges and last year, due to the generosity of many, we sent 60 or so. These go via Mothers' Union on a confidential route. We are looking for just ordinary chocolate eggs and if you are able to contribute they will be received with joy and gratitude. The Refuges can accept 50 and any surplus will be received with enthusiasm by HomeStart.

Please contact Anne Hassall (853490), Annie Bowen (cw.annieb@gmail.com) or Gilly McKee (852380). We look forward to hearing from you!

**Café Church**

**Cafe Church will be open from 9am  
on the following Fridays –  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup>  
March  
Everyone is welcome for  
tea, coffee, home-made cakes,  
toys for the children  
and chat**

**Guilden Morden Congregational Church  
Diary for March**

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

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| <b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>      | <b>9.00 – 11.00am</b> Baby and Toddlers Group, meeting in the village hall.   |
| <b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> | <b>14.00pm</b> World Day of Prayer Service at Litlington Chapel   |
| <b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>   | <b>10.30am</b> Café style service, to be held at Guilden Morden Primary School. Come and join us for refreshments in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome. |
| <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>   | <b>10.30am</b> Men's Guild, meeting in the village hall   |
| <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>  | <b>14.00pm</b> COGS, meeting in the village hall  |
| <b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>      | <b>9.00 – 11.00am</b> Baby and Toddlers Group, meeting in the village hall.   |
| <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>  | <b>11.00am</b> Joint service at Litlington.   |
| <b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>     | <b>9.00 – 11.00am</b> Baby and Toddlers Group, meeting in the village hall.   |
| <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>  | <b>10.30am</b> Joint service with St Mary's at GM Primary School  |
| <b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>     | <b>9.00 – 11.00am</b> Baby and Toddlers Group, meeting in the village hall.   |
| <b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>  | <b>10.30am</b> Joint communion service with Litlington at GM Primary School   |

**Other group meetings:** Locations TBA

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| Bridge Club         | Mondays at 19.30pm                                |
| Knit and Natter     | Alternate Tuesdays at 10am (village hall)         |
| Local History Group | Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March (SM village hall) |
| Film Club           | Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March (SM village hall)   |

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

## 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](mailto:info@roystonradio.com)**

**More information about the station can be found at [www.roystonradio.com](http://www.roystonradio.com)**



**23rd April 2023 @ 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Home-Start Aquathon 2023 Are you ready to swim for Home-Start? We are super excited to share this event with you once again. As part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations for 2023, our yearly Aquathon is back! Our popular fundraising event for swimmers, community groups, clubs and schools is ready for action.**

**Contact us at: [events@hsrsc.org.uk](mailto:events@hsrsc.org.uk)**

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**80'S NIGHT**

- RAISING MONEY FOR GILDEN MORDEN PRIMARY AND PRE SCHOOL!
- £10 A TICKET INCLUDES A FREE DRINK ON ARRIVAL!
- RAFFLE AND PRIZES!
- OVER 18,S ONLY
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

**JOIN US AT GILDEN MORDEN VILLAGE HALL**

**29TH APRIL 7:30-11PM**

**BOOK NOW USING THE LINK - [HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.CO.UK/CEBG](https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CEBG) OR EMAIL US [GILDENMORDENPTFA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GILDENMORDENPTFA@GMAIL.COM)**

## Morden History Group

**Focus for the next meeting** -There is still much to do on the subject of businesses in the two villages, so if you can find more information on this area please do.

I would also like to spend a meeting on the background to the Victorian period. I will try to produce a detailed time-line from 1837 to 1901

. If you could please all come to the next meeting with your research on a single aspect of the period. This is totally flexible and you can choose anything that takes your fancy, for example these could be from areas such as - Transport, Fashion, Politics, The economy The Crimean War/the Boer War/ ilitary matters Law and order, Social conditions, Food and drink, Architecture, The Empire, Queen Victoria, Inventions,,Music and literature etc. etc.

For example you might choose politics and just come to the meeting with some information about Gladstone.

I hope this is not too onerous. Geoff Harper



## Free Wi-Fi launched for Recreation Ground buildings



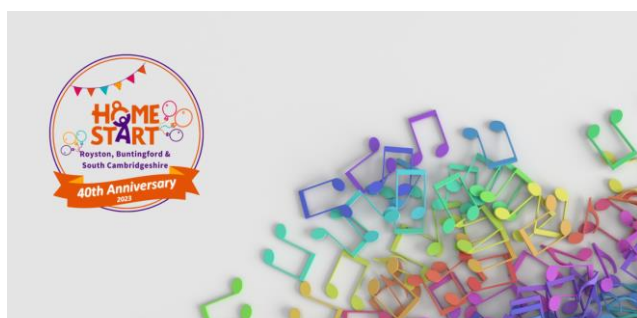
The Parish Council is pleased to announce that a free Wi-Fi service is now available in and around the buildings on the Recreation Ground. The **Cricket Pavilion**, the **Reading Room**, the **Village Hall** and the **Bowls Club** are all covered.

The Wi-Fi in these areas is provided free of charge for public use by residents of Steeple Morden and for visitors to our village.

- To use the Wi-Fi simply select the network SSID: **SMPC Community**
- No password is required.
- Please use sensibly and responsibly.

If you have any problems send an email to: [webmaster@steeplemordenpc.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@steeplemordenpc.org.uk)

These free Wi-Fi areas are made possible through Parish Council funding with support from County Broadband Limited.



**4th March 2023 @ 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm**  
[40th Anniversary Concert – CelebratingVoices](#)

St John the Baptist Parish Church Melbourn Street, Royston

Home-Start Royston, would like to invite you to our 40th Anniversary concert, 'Celebrating Voices', led by the wonderful Linda Bance, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Tickets £7 – £10



**M. FLACK'S CHAIR CANING**

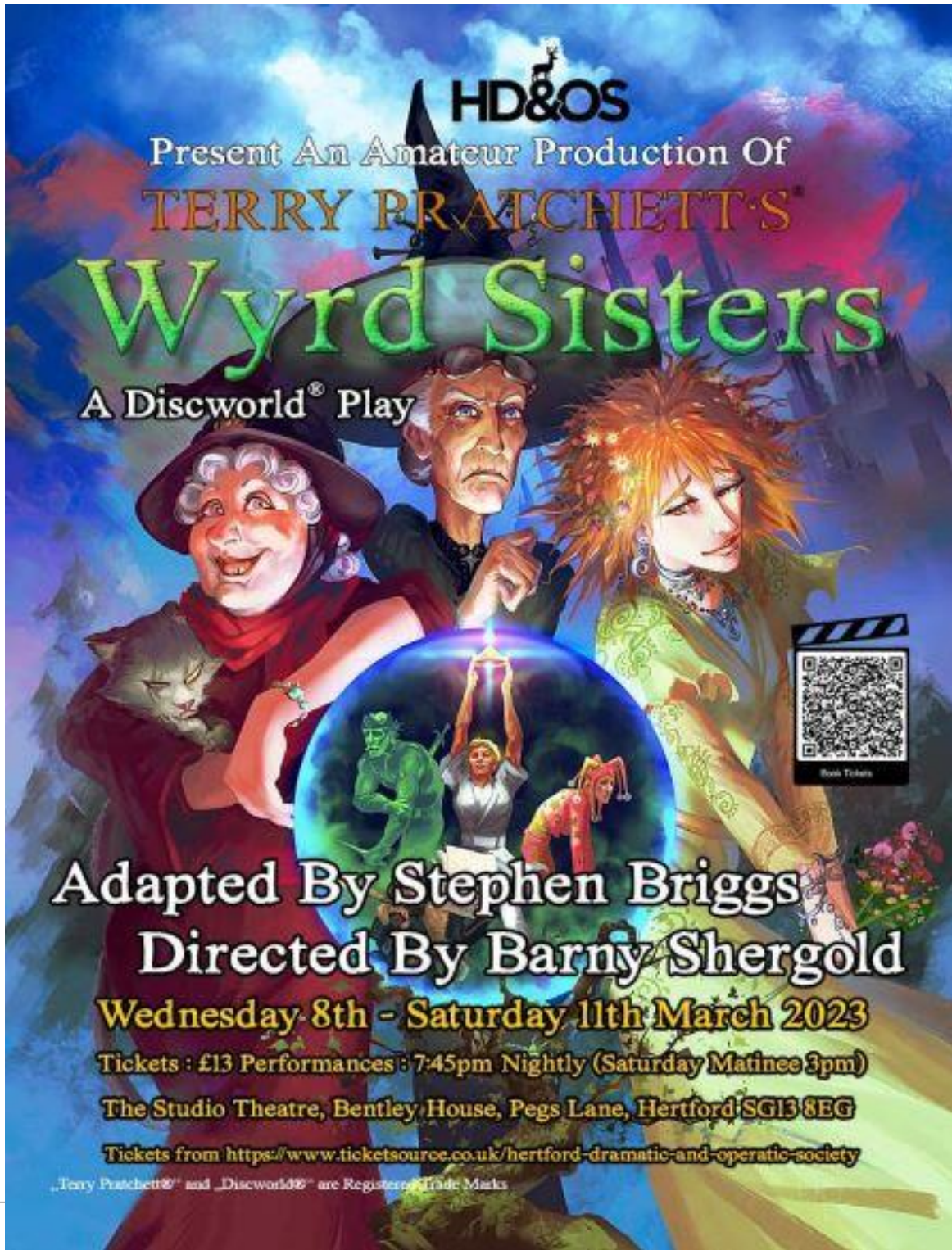
Chair caning repairs and restorations based in Barley, Hertfordshire  
All types of natural rattan caning on chairs, stools, sofa, drop ins etc...

Danish cord, rush seating, small upholstery items, drop ins, dining chairs, stools, cushions etc...

**Millie Flack**

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**SPRING FAIR**  
**SATURDAY 22 APRIL**  
**STEEPLE MORDEN CHURCH**  
**10am to 1pm**  
**Refreshments and stalls**

# BALDOCK BEAST HALF MARATHON



## SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2023

[WWW.BALDOCKEVENTSFORUM.ORG.UK/BALDOCKBEAST](http://WWW.BALDOCKEVENTSFORUM.ORG.UK/BALDOCKBEAST)



**SIGN UP NOW!**

FIND US ON 

### CAN YOU TAME THE BEAST?



**NORTH HERTS  
ROAD RUNNERS**  
RUN TOGETHER... [www.nhrr.org.uk](http://www.nhrr.org.uk)



**KINDLELIGHT**  
WINDOWS LIMITED



Club and social runners across North Herts and in surrounding villages, the Baldock Beast Half Marathon is back for a 10th time on Sunday 26th February. Can you tame the Baldock Beast? I will let you in on a secret - the Beast isn't actually that scary! Yes there are a few hills but don't forget all hills do go down! The course is a mix of road (12 miles) and off road (1.1 miles) and takes runners from Baldock to the picturesque villages of Wallington, Sandon and Red Hill. Over 170 runners already booked in, will you join them on 26th February 2023? Check out the poster below and take on the challenge! This event is run by the Baldock Events Forum with support from North Herts Council.

## Cost of Living Support

### For Residents & Businesses in South Cambridgeshire

Discretionary Housing Payments – [benefits@scamsb.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@scamsb.gov.uk)

(a fund which supports residents on Universal Credit)

Discretionary Council Tax Discounts – [revenues@scamsb.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@scamsb.gov.uk)

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

Charitable Giving – [www.gofundme.com/SCDCcostofliving](http://www.gofundme.com/SCDCcostofliving)

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

Community Chest – [Community.Chest@scamsb.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Chest@scamsb.gov.uk)

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

## Charity Equine Car Boot Sale

At Litlington Village Hall on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10am-12pm

All proceeds go to Wood Green Animal Shelter

In support of



**woodgreen**

Helping pets and their people



\* Tables £12 \* Entry £1 Adults & 50p Children \*

\* Set up for sellers at 9am \* Cakes & Refreshments Available \*

Call Sarah to book your table on 07531 735398 or email  
[manifestdestinybubble@hotmail.com](mailto:manifestdestinybubble@hotmail.com)



Home-Start's first Literary Lunch of 2023 will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February in The Ballroom at The Old Bull from 12.15-2.15pm. We welcome children's author Rachel Lawston, and we are so excited to meet her!



## Steeple Morden Football Club

### Fixtures

07/01/23	Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> vs Abington United
08/01/23	Harwick FC vs SM Vets
14/01/23	Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> v Lonstanton FC
28/01/23	Foxtton Reserves v Steeple Morden 1st
21/01/23	Litlington Athletic vs SM 1 <sup>st</sup>
22/01/23	Steeple Morden Vets v FC Kennet Williams
28/01/23	Barrington 1 <sup>st</sup> v Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup>
29/01/23	Cambridge Ambassadors Vets v Steeple Morden Vets
04/02/23	Cottenham United v Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup>
11/02/23	Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> v Longstanton FC
12/02/23	Steeple Morden Vets v Bottisham & Lode Vets
18/02/23	Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> v Milton Reserves
25/02/23	Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup> v West Wrattling Res
04/03/23	Barrington 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup>
02/04/23	Steeple Morden Vets v Ely Rangers Vets

### Results

Lost 1 - 2
Lost 4 - 1
Lost 0 - 7
H - W
H - W
Lost 1 - 4
Won 3 - 2

## ASHWELL AND BASSINGBOURN PATIENTS' GROUP NOTES FROM OUR JANUARY MEETING

We had a long discussion about the recent resignation of all the GP partners at one of Biggleswade's surgeries. This has also arisen at two of our local Herts practices. In the latter cases both have continued to function thanks to support from other N Herts surgeries but the prospect of such occurrences are alarming. The fact is that newly qualified doctors are reluctant to take on the financial and managerial responsibilities of partners, preferring to work as salaried Gps. And they are in short supply in any case.

However, good news for our surgery. We have at long last managed to recruit a female doctor. Dr Geraldine Odor, who did the final part of her medical training at Ashwell. This means we now have 4 permanent GPs plus a long-term locum doctor. In addition we currently have 3 registrars – qualified doctors who are completing their GP training. All of which is excellent news for patients. Sadly we are losing Nurse Laura – we wish her well for the future. Our nursing team, led by Nurse Sarah, should be up to strength shortly. And after a period of shortages in Reception, we expect to be fully staffed by the end of January. We continue to urge the surgery to restore a Receptionist at the window in Ashwell surgery.

Sadly, not much to report on the telephone situation. We were expecting a new system funded by the NHS but the money ran out apparently. There will possibly be a new funding round but for the moment we shall have to hang on – in all senses of the word!

Econsult (online booking service) has been replaced by Accurix. At present it's not clear how to access this via the website. We have urged the surgery to make this pathway more obvious to users.

There is to be a new, more user-friendly message on our phone system.

Our surgery is committed to maintaining good relationships with our village pharmacies.

Work on the "Patient's Guide" has been suspended until the survey has been completed.

We are carrying out a survey about appointments. This is available on the surgery website under "Administration", on certain Parish Council and other websites and on paper in our pharmacies.

Our next meeting will be in March.

We wish all our patients and staff a belated Happy New Year.



## The Mordens Art Trail is back for the month of April

Young or old, amateur or professional it is open to everyone living in the Mordens.

The rules are simple

1. Display some art in your window or garden so it can be seen whilst out walking. Anything goes... painting, drawing, window art, photographs, sculpture etc.
2. The art must be on display from 1st - 30th April. You can mix it up and change what is on display, that's okay.
3. Let me know you are taking part (preferably a personal message and before the beginning of March) so I can add you to the trail map

That's it! Hoping we can make it a record year of sharing art

And do go and join our Facebook group to keep up with what's happening: [Mordens Art Trail](#)

Thank you Gina

## A huge thankyou

To all of you for your many messages and lovely gifts on our retirement. Both Carol and I were overwhelmed, by your generosity.

Our leaving day was made very special by those of you who came along to celebrate, my 36 years and Carol's 22 years of service in the Post Office

Tricia & Carol





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



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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.*

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### Mobile Library

**Stops in VILLAGE HALL between 10.15-11.00am**  
**The next calling date is Tuesday 7th March 2023**



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