

Parish Council Newsletter September 2023

Editorial

Our events calendar has never been so full, there seems to be something for everybody, from cream teas, to live music, a Shakespeare play, quiz nights, and a harvest lunch. As well as a 10 miler, starting this year in Bassingbourn.

A reminder that Litterpick is back, two dates in September, 9th and 23rd, covering Zones 1, 2 and 3.

Applications will open on Monday 11th September for another Net Zero Now course for residents of South Cambridgeshire. It is free, a 6 week course designed to provide you with knowledge and confidence to support your community on its journey to net zero.

Fortunately we were not scorched to a cinder but summer rain certainly made the weeds and grass grow. Our vegetable garden has been attacked by all and sundry, obviously the Hay Street deli! The pigeons seem to be partial to pea shoots, kale and spinach! Looking forward to an Indian Summer and re-growth of damaged crops.

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Events

September

Sun 3rd Sept – Cream Teas, Steeple Morden (p9) Mon 4th Sept – Royston Choir Meeting (p11) Wed 6th Sept - Mordens History Group. Meeting at Steeple Morden. 3pm (p12) Sat 9th Sept – Litterpick – Zone 1 (p7) Wed 13th Sept – Afternoon Celebration – Live Music, at Burloes, Royston (p12) Thus 14th Sept – Much Ado about Nothing, Guilden Morden (p14)Fri 15th Sept – AGM – Steeple Village Hall (p9) Thurs 21st Sept - Literary Lunch with Kate More, Royston (p13) Sat 30th Sept – Quiz Night, Meldreth. (p13) Sat 23rd Sept – Litterpick – Zones 2 & 3. (p7) October Sat 7th Oct - Foxton Scarecrow Event (p9) Sun 8th Oct - Harvest Lunch, Guilden Morden (p5) Mon 11th Oct – Climate Change Course Applications (p10) Sat 14th Oct – Social Event Quiz, Steeple Morden (p9) November

<u>Fri 17th Nov</u> – Quiz Night, Steeple Morden (p12) <u>Sun 26th Nov</u> – Bass Bell 10 Miler 2023 – Bassingbourn (p11)

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Anthony Browne's thoughts on 250,000 Houses for Cambridgeshire

I met Michael Gove, secretary of state for levelling up, housing and communities, in his sweeping Whitehall office, to talk about his plans for a new quarter for Cambridge. The previous week I had denounced his plans as nonsense in the national media. It was known as a robust meeting. I went through all the South Cambridgeshire house building figures with him, pointing out that last year we already had the second highest housebuilding of any district in the country, and had built as many new homes as all of Birmingham, and more than the major metropolitan cities of Manchester, Liverpool and Newcastle. I am not opposed to new towns in principle, but we are already building out three – Northstowe, Cambourne and Waterbeach.

I showed him maps and pictures of at least four new quarters that Cambridge already has or is getting – Cambridge West, Cambridge East (at Marshalls), Eddington and the southern fringe around Trumpington. I showed him the housing projections for Greater Cambridge, pointing out that under existing Lib Dem plans, house building will double to over 2000 new houses a year as they push for their target of 57,000 houses by 2041.

He accepted that the lack of water for these homes is a binding constraint, and needs to be sorted. I welcome the Government's ambitions for Cambridge as a global tech superpower, but pointed out that would not be achieved by turning it into a giant suburban housing estate. I talked about all the other things that are needed – new laboratory space, better electricity infrastructure, and better transport (what about a train station for the Genome Campus?)

I said if the Government wanted to re-create Silicon Valley, then the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology should be in the driving seat, not the housing department.

Anthony Browne MP

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting is listed every month in the Village Garage Shop window, on the Notice Board at the Recreation Ground, and in 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 <u>clerk@steeplemordenpc.org.uk</u> Minutes can also be viewed on the Steeple Morden Village Website <u>www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk</u> and at the Village Garage Shop.

The Parish Council Meeting Planning Meeting was held on 20th June 2023 at 7.00 pm at the Cricket Pavilion

Planning Applications

1<u>. Planning Ref 23/01496/HFUL</u> 40 Hay Street -Installation of solar panels on the garden facing barn roof.

Recommendation Support.

2. <u>Planning Ref 23/02034/FUL</u> 2A North Brook End -Change of use of existing building to No 1 dwelling house together with external and internal alterations It was noted that this application had been refused on appeal previously. Councillors agreed that nothing had changed since the last application on which they recommended refusal. The application was outside of the village envelope and the only way it could be considered was if there was a change to the village boundary which would need to be part of the next Local Development Plan. Cllr Bird suggested the applicant be made aware of this and encouraged to make a request in the next LDC consultation. Recommendation -Object Encroachment into countryside and outside of the village envelope. The applicant could make a request in the next LDP consultation for the village envelope to be expanded.

Other Planning Issues - Planning Application Decisions

Cllr Bird had put together a list of planning applications considered by the Parish Council over the past year which recorded their recommendations and the decision of the Planning Authority on the application. He expressed concern that on four of the applications the comments made in support of the Parish Council recommendation had not been noted by the Planning Authority. The Clerk stated that she had issues in the past with the SCDC planning portal where comments made had disappeared, but would investigate to see what had happened on these occasions.

<u>Councillors' items for information and requiring the urgent attention of</u> the Clerk

1 Invitation to Magpies Presentation. The Clerk advised that Magpies Secretary had invited Councillors to their presentation in Litlington on the 24th June 2023. She would forward the invite.

2 Gigaclear Proposed Rollout A letter had been circulated advising of the broadband plans with an offer to discuss with Councillors at a meeting. This would be followed up at the Parish Council meeting on July 10th.

Notes taken at the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th July 2023 at 7.00 pm at the Cricket Pavilion

<u>County Cllr Sebastian Kindersley</u> reported on the account in The Times Newspaper regarding the building of 250,000 homes in South Cambridgeshire. Unfortunately nobody seemed to have any details of this, including our MP or the South Cambs Council. The Oxford/Cambridge East/West rail link has finally decided on the Northern route, further information will be forthcoming. The use of the Royston Recycling Dump has now been finalised by South Cambs.

Broadband Link to Church – this has been agreed.

<u>Coronation Souvenirs for the children of the Village –</u> 50 mugs were distributed.

<u>Agreement of the position of Whitebeam trees on Cheyney Street</u> – further information is required concerning the siting of the trees.

<u>RpSPA Play Area Inspection Report 2023</u> – following the report, Cllr Nick Badger has listed and costed a number of items for maintenance and upkeep of the playarea. It was agreed by the Council that he should go ahead with the maintenance schedule.

<u>Village Grasscutting</u> - the verges are due another cut before the Autumn.

Car Park Resurfacing - it was agreed to use Section 106 funding.

Pavilion/Reading Room Decoration - to be arranged

<u>Tennis Courts – Horse Chestnut Trees</u> – it was agreed that two trees would be moved, and the third taken down. It was also agreed that a small patio area could be built near the Tennis Hut.

<u>Planning/Tree work Applications</u>

<u>Planning Re 23/02266/HFUL</u> 16 Hay Street – New window and filling in of existing door to side – RECOMMENDED <u>SCDC Recording of Planning Representation –</u> a report has been sent.

<u>Pavilion/Reading Room Replacement/Refurbishment</u> – it was decided to refurbish the existing buildings.

<u>Tween Towns Woodland Extension 2023</u> – a meeting is to be held on Monday 17th at 7.30.pm

<u>East Anglian Bluegrass Festival 2024</u> – volunteers are required to run next year's event.

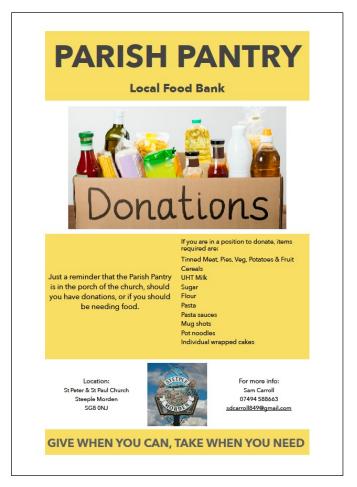
<u>Gigaclear proposed rollout</u> - Meeting on Thursday 13th, attended by Cllr Malcolm Bird.

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on 11th September at 7pm

GROUP HARVEST SERVICE SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

at St. Peter & St. Paul, Steeple Morden 10am followed by HARVEST LUNCH St. Mary's Church, Guilden Morden at 12 noon

If you would like to come to lunch (£5 adult/£3 child) please book on <u>shingaychurches@gmail.com</u> or phone 01763 852380 (D & G McKee) payment in cash or cheque (Shingay Group of Parishes) to 24 Cheyney Street



Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church **Steeple Morden Dairy for September** www.shingavchurches.co.uk

Sun 3rd Sept – 830.pm Holy Communion

Tues 5th Sept – 10.00am Morning Prayer, Litlington

Sun 10th Sept – 10.00am Group Communion with Archdeacon, Litlington

Tues 12th Sept – 4.30pm Mothers' Union Quiet Afternoon, Wendy Church

Sun 17th Sept – 10.00 Informal Family Service

Sun 24th Sept 10.00 Group Communion, Wendy

IT'S TIME TO THINK CHRISTMAS TREE!

We're holding our Christmas Tree Festival again so whether you're planning a tree as an individual, family, club or organisation we look forward to welcoming you. The Festival will run from Friday 24th to Sunday 26th November. Details will be published, but meanwhile can be found from Anne Hassall, 853490.

And Tuesdays

Morning Prayer at Litlington Church, 10:00am

Tues 5th Tues 12th Tues19th Tues26th



followed by tea. coffee. and biscuits. Come, join and have a chat.

Café Church Café Church will be open from 9am on the following Fridays -

Fri 8thSept, Fri 15th Sept, Fri 22nd Sept & Fri 29th Sept.

> **Everyone is welcome for** tea, coffee, home-made cakes, toys for the children and chat

Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for September

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org If you would like to have a chat with Tony, he will be in the Chapel every Monday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am Saturday 2nd Sep Save the date: Evening Social meet up, time TBC Sunday 3rd Sep **10.30am** Café style Harvest Festival. Come and join Oliver Kinchin, President of the Congregational Federation, for croissants, coffee and more in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome. **15.00pm** Songs of Praise in **Elstow Congregational** Church Monday 4th Sep 10.30am Men's Guild Tuesday 5th Sep 14.00pm COGS Wed 6th Sep 9.00 - 11.00am Fun4Tots Sunday 10th Sep 11.00am. Joint service with Litlington at Litlington Wed 13th Sep 9.00 - 11.00am Fun4Tots Sunday 17th Sep **10.30am** Joint service with St Mary's at St Mary's Wed 20th Sep 9.00 - 11.00am Fun4Tots Sunday 24th Sep 10.30am Communion service Wed 27th Sep 9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots Other group meetings: Bridge Club Mondays at 19.30pm Tuesday 5th Sep 14.00pm COGS Knit and Natter Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00am Friday 15th Sep at 19.00pm GG Film Club Wednesday 6th Sep 15.00pm Local History Group SM Village Hall Home group Zoom meetings Wednesdays 20.00pm, Contact Emily for details emilymwilkinson@doctors.org.uk

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

Steeple Morden Parish Litter Picks Schedule 2023 All events start at 2pm and last just 60 "magic" minutes

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Zone 1:	Odsey	Saturday 9 September 2023	
	Meet by Zaheer's carpark		
Zones 2 and 3:	Cheney Street from Litlington Road to Brook	Saturday 23 September 2023	
	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		
Zones 4 and 5:	Station Road from allotments to Ashwell Road	Saturday 7 October 2023	
	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		
Zones 6 and 7:	Hay Street from Craft Way to Trap Road /North	Saturday 21 October 2023	
	Brook End Trap Road/ Bogs Gap and Brook		
	End		
	Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec		
Zones 2-6	Whole village sweep	Saturday 11 November 2023	
	Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec		
Zone 1:	Odsey	Saturday 25 November 2023	
	Meet by Zaheer's carpark		

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



STEEPLE MORDEN BOWLS CLUB

SOCIAL EVENT QUIZ £5.00 PER PERSON *Teams – 8 or less* ON SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER 2023

> DOORS OPEN 7.00 pm FOR 7.30 pm START RAFFLE

BAR, TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN FOOD

Tickets can be obtained from Bev Mack – 01763 230336 or a committee member







Public EV Charge points operational on Recreation Ground

The Parish Council offers two EV Charge points on the Recreation Ground for public use by residents of Steeple Morden and for visitors to our village.



The pricing is currently 49p per kWh.

Please use responsibly:

- Do not park in the charging bays unless charging
- Please treat equipment with care and respect
- Check charge status and remove car quickly when charging complete
- Do not drive off tarmac area and chew up grass

If you have any issues regarding the EV Chargers in the <u>village</u> please inform the Parish Council by sending an email to: <u>evchargers@steeplemordenpc.org.uk</u>

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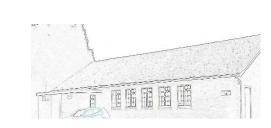
CREAM TEAS in aid of Church Funds

Sunday 3rd September 2.30pm – 5.00pm

Hill House, Cheyney Street, Steeple Morden

> Tickets: Adults £5.00 Children 4 – 12 £3.00

From: D & G McKee 852380 or on the Gate



STEEPLE MORDEN VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity Number 300421

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held on Friday 15th September 2023 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is very welcome to attend. Are you interested in joining a local, relaxed and very friendly group of people who enjoy running, cycling, walking, talking and eating cake?







Climate Change Action Course for South Cambs Residents

Applications will open on Monday 11th September for another Net Zero Now course for residents of South Cambridgeshire. It is free, 6 week course designed to provide you with knowledge and confidence to support your community on its journey to net zero. This challenge to net zero is a unique opportunity to build communities that are not just more sustainable but also healthier, happier, and more resilient.



Applications close on Sunday 8th October

www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org



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Date & Time: Sunday 26th November 10.00 – 12.30pm

Location: Bassingbourn Village College, South End. Bassingbourn.





Royston Choir

Royston Town Hall Melbourn Street Royston

Monday Evenings 7.30pm – 9.00pm

...from September www.somewhere2sing.co.uk



All proceeds in aid of Steeple Morden Tennis Club

Mordens History Group

We are not planning to have an August meeting, which would have been due this coming Wednesday. Our next meeting will therefore be on Wednesday 6th September in the Village Hall, Steeple Morden. Over the past months we have covered quite a lot of different aspects of life in the Mordens during the 19th Century. There are still some areas to look at, for example Church and Chapel and the new Parish Councils introduced towards the end of our period. Also we have only touched on shops and businesses and we have not covered sporting and leisure activities, e.g. cricket and football teams and matches.

At the next meeting, I would like to review our Victorian project and consider planning for an exhibition. We can also discuss how the group is working and what we could do to make it better. In addition we can cover another area - I will be looking at policing and crime! I look forward to seeing you at the next

meeting.



Wednesday 13th September 3.00pm - 6.00pm Tables of 8 or 10 available Tickets £35pp

Live Music & Raffle Ticket includes welcome drink and lunch

At the beautiful Burloes Hall, Royston Funds for Arthur Rank Hospice Sharong@4bmedia.com

You are invited to an Afternoon of Celebration



Mobile Warden Scheme

Supporting people to live independently

We have been a registered charity since 2006, covering the Parish Council areas of Guilden Morden, Steeple Morden and Litlington. We extended our Scheme to include Bassingbourn cum Kneesworth in 2016. Our committee of Trustees are appointed by these four Parish Councils.

We employ a part-time Warden to provide the service – making sure that people feel safe and secure in their own homes; keeping a watchful eye out for their health and welfare; liaising with local medical and social support services to ensure their needs are met.

Our Warden has experience of caring for frail or infirm elderly people and is selected for their ability to interact and build a trusting relationship with each member.

We ensure that the Warden has the necessary training to carry out his or her duties.

Contact No: 07841 025107 mobilewardenscheme@gmail.com





Jude Simpson in conversation with Kate Moore

Literary Lunch

Author

on Thursday, 21st September at The Old Bull Inn, Royston, SG8 9AW



Kate Moore is a *New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestselling author who writes across multiple genres.

Her best-known book is *The Radium Girls*, which won the 2017 Goodreads Choice Award for Best History. Her work has been selected for numerous honours including Emma Watson's book club, Our Shared Shelf.

Her latest book is the critically acclaimed The Woman They Could Not Silence.

Buffet lunch from 12.15 pm Chat and Q&A from 1.00 - 2.15 pm





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Steeple Morden Cricket Club CCA Junior 3 West

After a very successful 2022 year SM Cricket Club are now in CCA Junior 3 West League.

Fixtures for 2023

1 st July	Steeple Morden 1 st XI v Longstowe
8 th July	Milton v Steeple Morden 1 st Xl
22 July	Cottenham 11 v Steeple Morden 1 st Xl
29 th July	Steeple Morden 1 st XI v Harlton
5 th August	Madingley v Steeple Morden 1st Xl
19 th August	Steeple Morden 1 st Xl v Cam Kerala
26 th August	Stapleford v Steeple Morden 1 st Xl
2 nd Sept	Cam Kerala v Steeple Morden 1 st Xl
10 th Sept	Steeple Morden 1 st Xl v Guilden Morden (1.30pm)

Won by 67 runs Lost by 116 runs Cancelled Lost by 72 runs Cancelled Lost by 25 runs

All matches start at 1.00pm



Who doesn't love love? Well, you might be surprised!

This Is My Theatre return to St. Mary's Guilden Morden for a performance of 'Much Ado About Nothing' on Thursday 14th September. Tickets are available from <u>https://www.thisismytheatre.com/guilden-morden-much-ado</u>



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



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Football Club	Pete Summers	07709258359	
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WI	Joyce Stackhouse	01763 852087	joyce.stackhouse@icloud.com
Neighbourhood Watch			Cambs Police: <u>www.cambs.police.uk</u>
Social Car Scheme	Hazel Smith	01763 852602	hcsmith@clara.co.uk
Ashwell & Bassingbourne Patient Group	Rachel Capay	01763 853446	

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 September 5th 2023





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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 Garage Shop

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