

Parish Council Newsletter November 2023

Editorial

November starts the month off with a bang, the PTA are holding their annual firework display on the conservation area, which includes a bar and burgers. (A useful information note for pet owners on page 7 regarding fireworks)

The Morden Players are staging a play called PALS; a one act play about memory and hope. Remembrance Day follows on Sunday 12th, a complete programme of events can be found on p2.

As we are approaching Christmas there are four Christmas Markets listed, with the 10th Christmas Tree Festival on the 24th to 26th. Thurs 30th Steeple Morden Church are holding a Christmas Flowers and Wreath making demonstration.

Into, December the SMFC are holding a disco with a guest speaker Neil Ruddock. On Sat 9th December the Cambridge Singers are performing a concert in the Church.

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Events

November

Sat 4th Nov - Fireworks (p2)

Tues 7th Nov – Literary Lunch, Damien O’Dell (p7)

Eri 10th & Sat 11th Nov – PALS, Play Steeple Morden (p 8)

Sat 11th Nov – Fowlmere Christmas Market (p8)

Sat 11^h Nov – Litterpick – Zone 2 – 6 (p6)

Sun 12th Nov – Remembrance Day (p2)

Eri 17th Nov – Quiz Night, Steeple Morden (p9)

Mon 20th Nov – Meldreth Christmas Market (p6)

Eri – Sun 24 -26th Nov - Christmas Tree Festival (p6)

Sat 25th Nov – Litterpick – Zone 1 (p6)

Sun 26th Nov – King James Academy Christmas Market (p6)

Sun 26th Nov – Bass Bell 10 Miler 2023 – Bassingbourn (p9)

Thur 30th Nov – Christmas Flowers & Wreath making demonstration (p8)

December

Sat 2nd Dec – SMFC present Neil Razor Ruddock, & Disco (p9)

Sat 2nd Dec – Green Man Christmas Market, Shepreth (p7)

Sat 9th Dec – Hallelujah , Steeple Morden Church (p10)

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Sunday 12th November

- 8.30am 355TH Fighter Group Memorial
- 9.00am Odsey Memorial
- 10.00am Steeple Morden Memorial
- 10.50am Assemble at Guilden Morden Memorial
- 11.00am 2 mins silence followed by a service in the Church

There will be a Sunday Lunch after the service
At the Cambridge Motel, Shepreth.

To Book – Tricia: 07821582948 or
Emily at Prothero's Garage.

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 clerk@steeplemordenpc.org.uk Minutes can also be viewed on the Steeple Morden Village Website www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk and at the Village Garage Shop.

Notes taken at the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday October 9th, at 7.00pm in the Cricket Pavilion.

District Councillor Heather Williams - discussed the impact of the SCDC's decision to implement in full the 4-day week working practices, which now include the collection of refuse bins. A reminder to avoid getting caught fly-tipping get rid of your rubbish by either re-cycling, using a reputable registered waste disposal service, the SCDC will take bulky items (from £32.50), or take your rubbish to one of the Cambridgeshire's Household Recycling Centres, nearest being Royston.

Response from SCDC Chief Executive - re 4-day working hours - in reply to a letter sent from the Parish Council requesting more information about the 4-day week, the Chief Executive Liz Watts has agreed to come and speak to the Parish Council. (Full details will be released nearer the time)

Church Broadband Connection - The PCC is keen to proceed but has not yet found a suitable installer for the roof aerial. The PCC are still investigating further options.

Agreement of position of Whitebeam trees on Cheyney Street - agreement has been delayed until later in the year.

Co-option of Councillor - an application has been received.

Feedback on Cambridge Carbon Footprint Session - Our vision is of low carbon communities which are sustainable, resilient and rewarding. Our mission is to inspire people to engage with climate change and empower them, individually and within their communities, to move towards low carbon living. We offer a varied programme of events and activities which will inspire people to engage with climate change and empower them to join together to build a low-carbon future. We aim to engage at many levels, including with individuals, community groups and local organisations. Some central themes of our work are: effective communication about climate change, home energy, transport, food, other consumption and waste.

Update on Play Area Repairs - repairs are now completed.

PTA Fireworks - This has been approved and will take place on November 4th.

Outdoor Gym Equipment, Basket Ball Net, Monkey Challenge – quotes have been received. The Parish Council needs more information before committing to purchasing the above items; it will be dealt with in the December meeting.

Utility Bills – After some negotiation we were offered a better 12 month fixed rate with EoN Energy and we have signed up for this from 15th Sept.

Village Grass cutting 2024 – 2026 – Agreement of Specification for contractors – agreed with provision for The Green.

The Waggon and Horses – Asset Community Value (Disposal of Asset)

The idea of a community pub was discussed and the Parish Council will await the result of the public meeting.

Car Park Resurfacing – Section 106 Funding – Update on Quotations for work to be carried out in Spring 2024.

Pavilion/Reading Room Decoration – quotes have been received and work will start in the Spring 2024.

20mph Programme Update – unfortunately we will not be receiving funding for a 20mph zone in the village. The 20mph programme will be rolled over to 24/25 funding.

Planning Applications

Planning Ref 23/03263/HFUL – North Brook End House, 2 Guilden Morden Road – Alterations to access and the utilization and improvement of the existing gateway. RECOMMENDED, with the proviso of replacing any trees which were removed.

Update on Quarry Application – Concern over traffic – A Route Management Plan is in force which any lorry of 7.5 tonnes and over must turn left at the A505 junction, also must approach the A505 junction from Baldock and not turn off the A505 coming from Royston. (Parishioners are requested to note any lorry of this size coming from the quarry which does not adhere to these rules, please take a photo and report them.)

Trees in the Conservation Areas of the Village – Parishioners should be aware that removing or pruning any tree in the conservation areas of the village must have planning permission, before attempting to cut or remove the tree.

Date of the next meeting is 13th November.

**Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church
Steeple Morden
Dairy for November
www.shingaychurches.co.uk**

5th Nov – 8.30am - PB Holy Communion at Steeple Morden

12th Nov – 10.00am – Remembrance Ceremony, Steeple Morden

10.55am – Remembrance Ceremony and Service at Guilden Morden

19th Nov – 10.00am – Children’s Service, Steeple Morden

26th Nov – 10.45am – Group Holy Communion at Litlington

4.00pm – Christmas Tree and Toy Service, Steeple Morden

And Tuesdays in November

Morning Prayer at Litlington Church, 10:00am

Tues 7th
Tues 13th
Tues 20th
Tues 28th



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 –**

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th November

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

**Guilden Morden Congregational Church
Diary for November**

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org

The “Sharing Table” in the front porch of the Chapel is still very much in use, so please place any spare foods that you have on the table so that others may make use of them. Packets and tins are especially welcome.

Wed 1st Nov 9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots

Sunday 5th Nov 10.30am Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.

Monday 6th Nov 10.30am Men’s Guild
19.00pm Community Choir

Tuesday 7th Nov 14.00pm COGS

Wed 8th Nov 9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots

Sunday 12th Nov 11.00am. Joint service at Litlington

Monday 13th Nov 19.00pm Community Choir

Wed 15th Nov 9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots

Sunday 19th Nov 10.30am Joint service at St Mary’s

Monday 20th Nov 19.00pm Community Choir

Wed 22nd Nov 9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots

Sunday 26th Nov 10.30am Communion Service

Monday 27th Nov 19.00pm Community Choir

Wed 29th Nov 9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots

Other group meetings:

Bridge Club Mondays at 19.30pm

Knit and Natter Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00am

GG Film Club Friday 17th Nov at 19.00pm

Local History Group Wednesday 1st Nov 15.00pm SM Village Hall

Home group Zoom meetings Wednesdays 20.00pm ,
Contact Emily for details emilywilkinson@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

Zones 2-6	Whole village sweep Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec	Saturday 11 November 2023
Zone 1:	Odsey Meet by Zaheer’s carpark	Saturday 25 November 2023

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



10TH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
Friday 24th to Sunday 26th November
St Peter & St Paul, Steeple Morden

Have you started planning your tree?
If so get together with friends, family, clubs or organisations.

We just bet you are ‘pining’ to show your talents
Help us to beat last year’s 30 trees and make this year
TREE-mendous.

Registration forms and festival details can be obtained from Anne Hassall, 853490 – so what are you waiting for – give her a call now.

We’d love to hear from you if you have a little free time and would like to help over the weekend please contact Annie Bowen on 852905



Meldreth Christmas Market

November 20th
Meldreth Village Hall
From 10.am – 3.00pm

Free admission and you will have the opportunity to buy mainly hand-crafted and unique items including cards, decorations, hand-poured candles, jewellery, novelties, wood-turned items hand-knitted and personalised goods, stocking fillers and much more.



Dorothy Best

Susan, Richard and the family would like to thank everyone for all the cards and kind messages received following the passing of Dorothy, and for all the support and help given.

From the family of Dorothy Best



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Preparing for fireworks



Plan ahead

Find out when fireworks are likely in your area and plan to stay at home:

- ✓ research local events
- ✓ check online groups
- ✓ talk to neighbours

Adjust your schedule

Gradually alter your dog's walk and food schedule so you'll be inside well before any fireworks start



Plan for a cosy night in

Create a safe space for your dog and prepare with toys and treats



Talk to your vet ASAP

If your dog is scared of fireworks, talk to your vet: they can give advice on finding a behaviourist and other options like medication

PARISH PANTRY

Local Food Bank



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

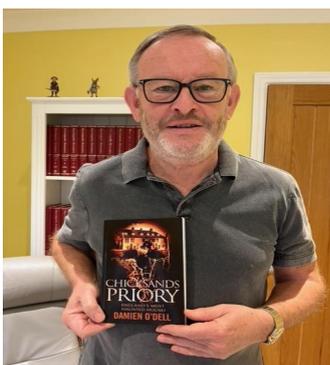
Just a reminder that the Parish Pantry is in the porch of the church, should you have donations, or if you should be needing food.

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



For more info:
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GIVE WHEN YOU CAN, TAKE WHEN YOU NEED



Our next Literary Lunch will be held on Tuesday, 7th November, at The Old Bull Inn, Royston and meet Author and Paranormal Historian Damien O'Dell.

Damien has authored a series of paranormal books, including 'Ghostly Bedfordshire Reinvestigated', 'Paranormal Bedfordshire', 'Paranormal Cambridgeshire' and 'Paranormal Hertfordshire'. He will be talking about his latest book, 'Chicksands Priory, England's most haunted house'.

[http:// www.hsrsc.org.uk/events/](http://www.hsrsc.org.uk/events/)



Christmas Flowers & Wreath Making Demonstration



Learn how to:

- Look after your winter and christmas flowers

- Make a christmas wreath

- Make christmas flower arrangements

Thursday 30th November
7pm - 9pm
Steeple Morden Church

Come away with lots of new ideas and an instruction sheet for making your own wreath at home



£12.50
Ticket includes wine and canapes

Available from
Steeple Morden garage
or online from Gilly Mckee
Mckeeshillhse@btinternet.com

Chance to win all demonstrated flowers, wreaths and Bury Lane Christmas goodies



FOWLMERE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday November 11th

9.00 am to 11.30 am

Fowlmere Village Hall, SG8 7RY

For all enquiries please contact:
fowlmerfarmmarket@gmail.com

Fowlmere Farmers Market 

A fundraising event for Fowlmere Village Hall, Registered Charity No. 284524



THE MORDEN PLAYERS

present

A one-act play about memory, remembrance and hope

PALS

November 10 & 11

Steeple Morden
Village Hall at 7:30pm

Tickets £6

purchase online at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/themordenplayers

or buy from Steeple Morden shop

CASH BAR





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

Location: Bassingbourn Village College, South End. Bassingbourn.



**Presents
An Evening
With**



**Neil 'Razor'
Ruddock**

**With A Guest
Comedian MC**

**Saturday 2nd December 2023
Steeple Morden Village
Hall 7pm**

**Bar
Disco
Raffle**

**Tickets
£40 Each**



Quiz Night

**Friday 17th November 2023
At
Steeple Morden Village Hall
Arrival at 7.00pm for 7.30 pm start**

**£15.00 to include supper
(maximum of 8 to a team)**

Licensed Bar

**Tickets available from:
Kate Alsop – 01462 743561 / Fiona Coverdale -0796221
Peter Garner – 85333 / Avril Gilbert – 853173 / Debbie
Hall – 853982 / Doug Johnson – 853890 / Debbie Louche**

Steeple Morden Football Fixture List for 2023/4

Steeple Morden 1st – Fixture Group 2A Steeple Morden Veterans – Fixture Group Vets Division 2

23/9/23	SM 1 st vs Balsham 1 st Team	Draw 3 - 3
30/9/23	Cambourne Town Men vs SM 1 st	Lost 2 - 1
1/10/23	Cambridge Ambassadors Vets vs SM Vets	Lost 4 - 3
07/10/23	SM 1 st vs Clare Town FC Reserves	Draw 0 v 0
14/10/23	SM 1 st vs Ashdon United Saturday 1 st	Lost 2 - 5
15/10/23	Moulton Veterans FC Vets vs SM Vets	Lost 7 - 0
21/10/23	SM1st vs Cambridge Ambassadors First	
28/10/23	Cambridge Ambassadors First vs SM1st	
04/11/23	Girton United 1 st vs Steeple Morden 1st	
05/11/23	Stour Valley Vets vs Steeple Morden Vets	
11/11/23	Steeple Morden 1 st vs Fulbourn Inst 1 st	
18/11/23	Whittlesford United vs Steeple Morden 1st	
19/11/23	Steeple Morden Vets v Bottisham & Lode Vets	
25/11/23	Sawston Phoenix 1 st vs Steeple Morden 1 st	
09/12/23	Linton Granta A vs Steeple Morden 1st	
10/12/23	Steeple Morden Vets vs Rigeons Vets	
16/12/23	Steeple Morden 1 st vs Comberton United Res	
17/12/23	Rigeons Vets vs Steeple Morden Vets	
06/01/24	Guilden Morden 1 st vs Steeple Morden 1st	
07/01/24	Steeple Morden Vets vs Rigeons Vets	

All matches start at 14.00

ST PETER & ST PAUL CHURCH STEEPLE MORDEN
SATURDAY DECEMBER 9th AT 7.00PM

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or on the door. For more information contact David McKee 01763 852380*

**Organised by The Friends, on behalf of the PCC
with all proceeds going to the running of the church**



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Ashwell & Bassingbourn 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:

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

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www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk

Mobile Library

Stops in VILLAGE HALL between 10.15-11.00am.
The next calling date is Tuesday November 7th
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 Garage Shop

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www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk

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