



# **Editorial**

As we are nearing Christmas, I have gathered together many of the local Christmas events which are taking place during December. Christmas Fairs, an Extravaganza, a Christmas Tree Festival, Christmas Markets, a Display of cribs, Luxury Wreath Making, a Christmas Quiz, and a Christmas Fun Run.

A visit to Santa at the Royston Fire Station, and even, if your very quick you can send a letter to Santa.

In the New Year there is a Pantomime- the Little Mermaid, in Royston.

Steeple Morden Church Flower Ladies are giving demonstrations on Christmas Wreath making, Christmas Flowers and how to keep your Christmas Plants flowering for next year.

Many of the Community Choirs that have been formed recently are performing at various carol services and at Christmas Shopping Events.

Wishing everybody a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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# **Events**

## **November**

<u>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> – Christmas Flowers & Wreath making demonstration (p11)

#### December

Fri 1st/Mon 4th Dec- Luxury Wreath Making, Ashwell (p19)

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – SMFC present Neil Razor Ruddock, &

Disco (p13)

Sat 2nd Dec - Christmas Market, Guilden Morden (p8)

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Display of Cribs, St Catherine's, Litlington (p8)

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – St Catherine's Book Café (p8)

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Barley Christmas Market (p10)

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Green Man Christmas Market, Shepreth (p10)

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Christmas Tree Festival, Meldreth (p10)

Mon 4th Dec – Christmas Extravaganza, Royston (p13)

Wed 6th Dec - Christmas Morning Coffee (p11)

Thurs 7th Dec – WI Christmas Lunch (p9)

Sat 9th Dec - Hallelujah, Steeple Morden Church (p8)

Sat 16th Dec - Christmas Quiz, Shepreth (p12)

<u>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</u> – Christmas Fair, Garden House Hospice, Hitchin (p12)

Sat 16th Dec – Christmas Fair, Orwell (p12)

Sun 17th Dec – Santa Fun Run, GM (p13)

# January

Thurs 18th Jan - WI - Carpet Bowls SM (p9)

Sat 20/21, Fri 26/27 Jan - Pantomime - Little Mermaid,

Royston (p11)

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# ASHWELL & BASSINGBOURN PATIENTS GROUP

#### NOTES FROM OUR OCTOBER MEETING

- -Two new members joined the group Tracey Potter (Bassingbourn Parish Council) and Bob Davis (Guilden Morden).
- -We are fully staffed and are due to welcome a prescribing nurse whose additional skills will be very beneficial to patients. Also on Thursdays we enjoy the services of a physiotherapist at Ashwell.
- As everyone knows our outdated phone system is just not fit for purpose. We have been waiting a long time for the NHS to finance a new setup. At last it seems the funding is in the pipeline. Our practice Manager Katie thinks it will be in place in the new year.
- Our report on the Patient Survey has been available on the practice website since the beginning of September and we hope to make paper copies available in the waiting rooms and local pharmacies in due course. Many if not most of the problems identified arise from issues with the phone and the new system should resolve many of these (fingers crossed!). Appointments are now for 15 minutes and patients can request either a telephone or in-person consultation. Some chairs with arms have been placed in both waiting rooms to assist patients with mobility problems. And all being well you won't need to wrap up so warmly while you wait for your winter appointment as the heating system is due for a welcome overhaul in mid-November.
- One patient queried why the surgery is relatively empty on occasions. Dr Jarvis gave 3 reasons for this: appointments are for specific times so there shouldn't be long waits; also they are staggered to keep numbers down to avoid germs being spread; and our doctors and nurses spend part of their time dealing with phone and e-consult contacts which do not require a patient to be present.

A second query was whether there are too many means of contacting the surgery, making work for the staff and increasing the risk of things getting lost or overlooked. Our Practice Manager agreed with these observations and said that there is a national move to streamline patient contacts. In our report we asked patients not to use email. This is work in progress.

- For some time now patients have been able to contact the surgery electronically originally by eConsult and now via Accurx. You access this through the website and this enables you for instance to describe your symptoms after which a doctor will make contact. This service is only available at certain times however because doctors need to fit these communications in with in-person consultations and other duties.
- Our Practice Manager has established a link with Ashwell Primary School and will seek to do likewise with other schools in our patch. A welcome move!

  We next meet in January.

#### **NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

The meeting is announced in advance on the Village Website <a href="www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk">www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk</a>, in the Village Garage Shop window, on the Notice Board at the Recreation Ground, and the notice board in Odsey, near the station. The full minutes from Council Meetings may be found on the Village Website and obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk, Sally Walmesley or at the Village Garage Shop.

Notes taken at the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday November 13th, at 7.00pm in the Cricket Pavilion.

<u>Co-option of Councillor</u> - Angela Gear was co-opted on to the Parish Council. She was welcomed by the vice- chairman Nick Badger.

The annual audit has been completed.

<u>Church Broadband Connection</u> - The PCC is keen to proceed. We have received two quotes for installation of the antenna. With these quotes the PCC need to apply for permission to touch the fabric of the church. This will obviously be a long process; SMPC agreed to indicate their support to cover costs of equipment and installation.

Agreement of position of Whitebeam trees on Cheyney Street - agreement has been reached and some small trees are to be placed on the bank in Cheyney Street, whilst others are to fill in gaps in Station Road.

<u>CAPALC Review of Financial Regulations</u> – the comments of the SMPC have been submitted.

Confirmation of Meeting with SCDC Chief Executive 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - the date has been confirmed, the venue and time has yet to be confirmed.

Renewal of Streetlight energy contract November 2023 - September 2026 - The PC have the responsibility for the energy costs of 44 streetlights in and around Steeple Morden. The contract with DRAX for the supply of electricity has recently switched to a variable rate tariff and the monthly cost has risen sharply. The PC is trying to find a solution, of keeping the costing to around £100/month and to have the records in better order.

<u>Waggon and Horses</u> - <u>Asset Community Value (Disposal of Asset)</u> - following the confirmation to make a bid, a committee has been formed to take this matter forward. (Breaking News - Now under new management team)

<u>CAPALC Funding of Warm Hubs</u> - funding is available to create Warm Hubs for vulnerable people.

## Recreation Ground Checks

<u>Update of Play area Repairs</u> - work is continuing to complete the outstanding repairs to equipment.

Outdoor Gym Equipment. Basket Ball Net, Monkey Challenge - will be discussed in the December meeting. Further quotes are being considered. The Monkey Challenge is to be funded by a lottery grant.

<u>Village Grass cutting 2024 - 2026</u> - to be decided in December 2023 meeting.

<u>Car Park Resurfacing - Section 106 Funding</u> - Update on Quotations for work to be carried out in Spring 2024 being sought.

<u>Drop Off School Car Park</u> - a request was received from the Steeple Morden School concerning the surface of the drop-off car park, however the drop-off car park is the responsibility of the School. The clerk will inform the Head Mistress.

<u>Pavilion/Reading Room Decoration</u> - updates on quotes received and work will start in the Spring 2024.

<u>PTA Fireworks</u> - Following the successful Bonfire/Firework Night organised by the PTA, Councillor Nick Badger would like to congratulate them on the organisation and the help received in clearing up on the Sunday morning.

# Planning Applications

# Planning Ref 23/04049/LBC

16 Hay Street - Single storey rear extension and new roof light to side elevation (Resubmission of 22/04347/LBC)

## Planning Ref - 23/03852/HFUL

16 Bogs Gap Lane - Single storey rear extension RECOMMENDED

#### Planning Ref 23/03852/HFUL

64 Station Road - Flat roof dormer to rear and two individual small flat roof dormers to front. NOTE should be taken whether the planning application contravenes the Planning Regulation 13b on 'changes to aspect and elevation'

<u>LHI 2024/25 Applications invited - closing date 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - to be discussed in the December meeting.</u>

<u>SCDC Six Free Trees - application by 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023</u> - it was decided to accept one tree.

## EV Chargers update -

The EV chargers installed on the Recreation Ground are now sign posted from the main road. Also, they can now be operated by Electroverse RFID card in addition to the ProjectEV Pro App. For users who have an Electroverse card it could well be worth using this method as charge cost may be subsidised. Electroverse currently showing 30pence per kWh. As always, if you have any issues with these chargers please email <a href="mailto:evchargers@steeplemoredenpc.org.uk">evchargers@steeplemoredenpc.org.uk</a>

The date of the next meeting is December 11th.



# Free Wi-Fi around Recreation Ground buildings

The Parish Council runs a free Wi-Fi service 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





# 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 village please inform the Parish Council by sending an email to: <a href="mailto:evchargers@steeplemordenpc.org.uk">evchargers@steeplemordenpc.org.uk</a>









# Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church Steeple Morden Dairy for December

# www.shingaychurches.co.uk

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** 8.30 Holy Communion

10am Annual Advent Service

at Guilden Morden

**10**<sup>th</sup> **December** 10am Group Holy

Communion at Litlington

4.30 Christingle Service at

Guilden Morden

17<sup>th</sup> December 10am Walking Nativity (start point will be on the

Church noticeboard)

**24**<sup>th</sup> **December** 10am Group Communion, Steeple Morden

4pm Carol Service, 11.30 Group Midnight

Service at Litlington

25<sup>th</sup> December 10am Parish Communion

**31**<sup>st</sup> **December** Group Holy Communion, Abington Pigotts

#### Café Church

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

1st, 8th and 15th December

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

# Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for December

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org

If you would like to have a chat and a cuppa with Tony, he hosts an "Open Church" every Monday morning in the Chapel between 9.30am and

11.30am

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 10.30am Café style service.

Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.

Monday 4th Dec 10.30am Men's Guild

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00 – 11.00am** Fun4Tots

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 15.00pm. Carol Service at

Litlington Chapel with Royston

Community Choir

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 14.00pm COGS Christmas

Party

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00 – 11.00am** Fun4Tots

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am Joint service with St

Mary's at the Chapel

16.00pm Carol Singing around

the village

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00 – 11.00am** Fun4Tots

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 16.30pm Carols by Candlelight,

with Guilden Morden Community Choir

Sunday 31st Dec 10.30am Communion service in

the Chapel

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 9.00 – 11.00am** Fun4Tots

Other group meetings:

Bridge Club Mo Community Choir Mo Knit and Natter Alt

Knit and Natter Local History Group GG Film Club Mondays at 19.30pm Mondays at 19.00pm

Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00am Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 14.00pm Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan

9.00pm

Contact Emily for details emilymwilkinson@doctors.org.uk

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



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

'HALLELUJAH!'



Christmas Music Through The Ages For Choir, Organ And Audience

PERFORMED BY THE

# NEW CAMBRIDGE SINGERS

LICENSED BAR, INTERVAL CANAPES
RETIRING COLLECTION FOR UNHCR
(disasters and emergency appeal)

Tickets: adults £14, students/under 16 £6.00, are available from Prothero's shop or on the door. For more information contact David McKee 01763 852380

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

St Catherine's Litlington
Display of Cribs



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
At the Book Café 10am – 12 noon



# THE MORDENS WI

We are a small, friendly group of ladies, meeting on the third Thursday of the month, usually in Guilden Morden Village Hall at 7.30pm

We have a wide variety of activities to choose from and interesting speakers throughout the year.

On 7<sup>th</sup> **December** we have our Christmas meal, ar a local restaurant.

Our New Year programme starts with a taste of carpet bowls at Steeple Morden Bowls Club on the **18**<sup>th</sup> **January.** 

If you would like to join us at any of our meetings, or to know more about The Mordens WI, please contact Joyce on 01763 852087. Transport can be arranged.



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...

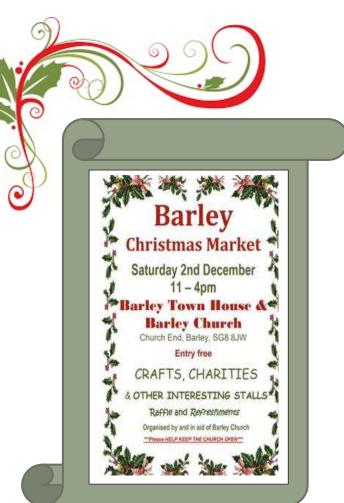
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#### **LETTER FROM SANTA**

Arthur Rank Hospice and the Charity's mascot Arthur Bear have teamed up with the North Pole! The Charity is taking registrations for personalised letters, which will then be sent from Santa directly to the special little people in your life.

Registrations will close at 9pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December to ensure letters are received in time before the big day. A small donation of £5 - £15 is suggested this will not only help cover letter administration and postage costs it will help raise vital funds for people in Cambridgeshire living with an advanced serious illness or other life limiting conditions. Please visit arhc.org.uk/Santa to register.



#### The Little Mermaid

**Royston Town Pantomime 2024** 

The show will be performed at King James Academy over the last two weekends in January – Saturday 20 md Sunday 21 and Friday 26 and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

Tickets are on sale online contact

Cadsroyston.org.uk



# Christmas Flowers & Wreath Making Demonstration



# Learn how to:

- Look after your winter and christmas flowers - Make a christmas wreath - Make christmas flower arragments

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

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

**Christmas Coffee Morning** 

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10-12.00

**Christmas Fayre Tea Coffee and Chat** 

**Lots of Christmas Goodies** 

**Litlington Congregational Hall** 







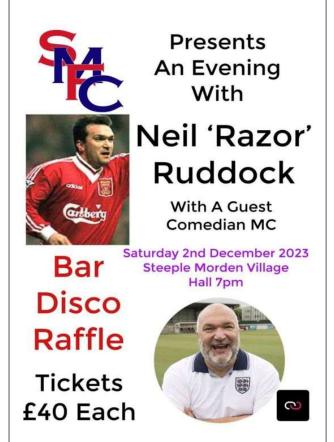
















# **Steeple Morden Football Fixture List for 2023/4**

# Steeple Morden 1<sup>st</sup> – Fixture Group 2A Steeple Morden Veterans – Fixture Group Vets Division 2

23/09/23	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> vs Balsham 1 <sup>st</sup> Team	<b>Draw 3 - 3</b>
30/09/23	Cambourne Town Men vs SM 1st	Lost 2 - 1
1/10/23	Cambridge Ambassadors Vets vs SM Vets	Lost 4 - 3
07/10/23	SM 1st vs Clare Town FC Reserves	Draw 0 v 0
14/10/23	SM 1 <sup>st</sup> vs Ashdon United Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	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 1st vs Steeple Morden 1st	
05/11/23	Stour Valley Vets vs Steeple Morden Vets	Won 1-6
11/11/23	Steeple Morden 1st vs Fulbourn Inst 1st	Lost 3 - 2
18/11/23	Whittlesford United vs Steeple Morden 1st	Lost 1 - 5
19/11/23	Steeple Morden Vets v Bottisham & Lode Vets	Lost 1 - 3
25/11/23	Sawston Phoenix 1 <sup>st</sup> vs Steeple Morden 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lost 1 - 0
09/12/23	Linton Granta A vs Steeple Morden 1st	
10/12/23	Steeple Morden Vets vs Rigeons Vets	
16/12/23	Steeple Morden 1st vs Comberton United Res	
17/12/23	Rigeons Vets vs Steeple Morden Vets	
06/01/24	Guilden Morden 1st vs Steeple Morden 1st	
07/01/24	Steeple Morden Vets vs Rigeons Vets	
13/01/24	Steeple Morden 1st vs Ashdon United Saturday 1st	
14/01/24	Kedington FC Vets vs Steeple Morden Vets	
20/01/24	Balsham 1st Team vs Steeple Morden 1st	
10/02/24	Steeple Morden 1st vs Cambridge Ambassadors 1st	
18/02/24	Steeple Morden Vets vs Steeple Bumpstead Vets	
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First Team games start at 14.00pm Veterans games start at 10.30am



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Neighbourhood Watch			Cabs Police: www.cambs.police.uk
Social Car Scheme	Hazel Smith	01763 852602	hcsmith@clara.co.uk
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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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 December 5th 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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