

Steeple Morden Parish Newsletter January 2024

Editorial

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Just a few events to start the New Year off, with two Pantomimes – Mother Goose, in Cambridge, and The Little Mermaid in Royston.

The Waggon and Horses, I am informed will have a full programme of events throughout the coming weeks, with themed menus, quizzes, and wine tastings. It is good to see the Wagon in full swing again, taking its place at the centre of the village.

The Parish Council have an 'Open' meeting on January 8th with the SCDC Executive, Ms Watts, discussing the decision made by the SCDC to continue with a 4day working week. Parishioners will be allowed questions, which ideally should be passed to the Chairman, Jeremy Clayton before the meeting, so that we can have a wide coverage of content.

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Events

January

Mon 8th Jan

Open Meeting – SCDC Executive discussion on the 4day week – PC Meeting (p3)

Mon 8th Jan

Adult Ballroom Classes & Latin Dance, Steeple Morden (p8)

<u>Sat 13th Jan</u> Annual Rotary Quiz, Royston (p8)

Thurs 18th Jan

WI – Carpet Bowls, Steeple Morden (p9)

<u>Sat 20/21, Fri 26/27 Jan</u>

Pantomime – Little Mermaid, Royston (p9)

<u>Sat 20/21/Fri 26/27 Jan</u>

Pantomime – Mother Goose, Cambridge Arts Theatre. (p9)

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Recycling centre permits for Cambridgeshire and Essex

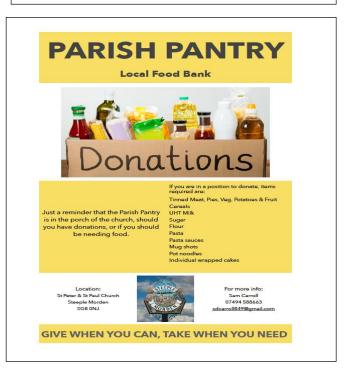
If you live in Cambridgeshire or Essex apply online for a free instant permit to dispose of waste from your home at Royston Recycling Centre.

You can only dispose of household waste at Hertfordshire's recycling centres with this permit. You may not bring excessive amounts of DIY materials to our sites with this permit. Waste will be checked on arrival, and site operators have the right to turn away suspected commercial, industrial or excessive DIY waste.

One car permit per household.

The permit is valid for 12 months allowing unlimited visits.

To obtain your permit contact: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting is announced in advance on the Village Website <u>www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk</u>, in the Village Garage Shop window, on the Notice Board at the Recreation Ground, and on 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 December 11th, at 7.00pm in the Cricket Pavilion.

<u>District Councillors Report</u> - reported that the SCDC had finalised and signed off the accounts for year 2021.

A discussion followed concerning the Royston Recycling Centre; to use any Hertfordshire Recycling Centre you will need a permit. A free permit is available on <u>www.hertfordshire.gov.uk</u> allowing unlimited visits per year. One permit per household/car combination. (Cambridgeshire residents' visits will be logged and passed on to Cambridgeshire Council for payment)

<u>Broadband Link to Church</u> – PCC were grateful to know of the PC support for the costs involved in installing the broadband link. They have made a request to the Church authorities to gain permission to attach the antenna and install the cables and equipment. An initial response has been received, and photographs have been submitted to show the possible position and impact of the antenna.

<u>Update of six free trees</u> - it has been agreed to have 1 large tree.

<u>Confirmation of meeting with SCDC Chief Executive 8th January 2024</u> - It has been confirmed that the SCDC Chief Executive will be at the PC Committee Meeting on 8th January to answer questions put forward by the Parish Councillors and Parishioners. (To Parishioners wishing to put questions to Ms. Watts, it would be advisable to send your questions, in advance to Councillor Jeremy Clayton, so that we have a wide coverage of content)

<u>Update on Waggon and Horses</u> - the Waggon and Horses is up and running with a new management team. The window for a community interest in the business is still open.

Budget Precept 2024/25 - to be discussed by the Financial Committee.

<u>Recreation Ground –</u> in hand, with general maintenance including replacing some of the new playground hedging which did not survive. One floodlight, which is now permanently on in the car park, will need the light sensor to be repaired.

<u>Gym Equipment –</u> it was agreed that the committee working on this would have a free hand to go ahead and purchase/install two pieces of equipment within an agreed budget. If the equipment is well received and used then more could follow.

Basket Ball Net - it was decided not to go ahead with this project at this time.

<u>Monkey Challenge</u> unfortunately we were not successful in our lottery bid but received good guidance on the reasons why. We will be submitting a further bid in 2024.

Parish Council Projects -

<u>Car Park Resurfacing</u> – it has been decided to clear and resurface the car park using 'planning's' as this can be done at a much lower cost than 'hard surfacing' It is low maintenance and self-draining.

Pavilion/Reading Room Decoration - still awaiting quotes.

<u>Village Grass cutting 2024 - 2026 -</u> final schedule to be agreed.

<u>LHI Application 2024/25 –</u> Proposal for Odsey traffic calming/speed reduction – Change to 30mph signage and to move camera pole to a more suitable position. Also changes should be made to the traffic islands, to make them more visible especially at night time, as they pose a health and safety issue.

Planning Applications/Tree Works

Planning Ref 23/04483/TTHR (For Information

Land between North Brook End and Morden Hall North Brook Road – removal Of 2.5m of existing hedgerow owned by the Woodlands Trust at its Tween Town Woods site. This application has PC support.

<u>Correspondence</u> - Cricket Club queried the electricity bill it had received from Parish Council. An agreement exists between the PC and clubs on the split of the utility costs and it is felt this is valid recognising the contributions made by the various clubs.

Date of next meeting - 8th January 2024



Trees are being offered to parish councils across the district to help provide homes and food for wildlife and combat climate change.

The Six Free Trees campaign is into its fourth year and has seen more than 500 trees planted across South Cambridgeshire since it was launched in 2019.

The campaign encourages tree planting by promoting its many benefits and is one of a range of initiatives by South Cambridgeshire District Council to support its ambitions to double nature and get the district to net zero carbon by 2050.

Parish Councils have until 22 December 2023 to apply for <u>six free trees</u> or one large potted tree, which will be delivered to them from 30 January 2024.





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: evchargers@steeplemordenpc.org.uk

STEEPLE MORDEN PARISH COUNCIL







Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church	Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for January www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org		
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Diary of January			
www.shingaychurches.co.uk			
www.sningayenurenes.co.ux	Wed 3 rd Jan	9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots	
31 st December 10.00am – Abingdon Pigotts – Group Communion 7 th January 10.00am –	Sunday 7 th Jan	10.30am Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.	
Guilden Morden – Group Communion & Baptism	Monday 8 th Jan	10.30am Men's Guild	
14 th January 10.00am-	Tuesday 9 th Jan	14.00pm COGS	
Litlington – Group Communion	Wed 10 th Jan	9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots	
21 st January 10.30am Joint Ecumenical Service at Guilden Morden Chapel	Sunday 14 th Jan	11.00am Joint service at Litlington Chapel	
	Wed 17 th Jan	9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots	
28 th January 10.00am Wendy – Group Communion	Sunday 21 st Jan	10.30am Joint ecumenical service in the Chapel.	
4 th February 8.30am Wendy – Holy Communion	Wed 24 th Jan	9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots	
10.00am Litlington – Holy Communion with Abington Pigotts	Sunday 28 th Jan	10.30am Joint Communion Service with Litlington in the Chapel	
10.00am	Wed 31 st Jan	9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots	
Guilden Morden – Holy Communion	Other group meetings: Bridge Club	Mondays at 19.30pm Mondays at 19.00pm Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00am Wednesday 6 th Dec 14.00pm Thurs 7 th Dec, Fri 19 th Jan 9.00pm	
Café Church Café Church will be open from 9am on the following Fridays –	Community Choir Knit and Natter Local History Group GG Film Club		
1 st , 8 th and 15 th January	3		
Everyone is welcome for		Contact Emily for details <u>emilymwilkinson@doctors.org.uk</u> Anyone wishing to book the rooms for social activities	
tea, coffee, home-made cakes,			
toys for the children and a chat	contact Gerry Watkins 01763 852869		
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Halleluja Concert

'Grateful thanks to all those who came to the 'Halleluja' concert on December 9th in the church performed by the New Cambridge Singers. Tracing Christmas music through the ages, the choir were in fine voice as indeed were the eighty plus audience who literally 'raised the roof' when invited to join in. At one point the conductor, Tim Brown, even suggested that the choir went home!

All in all another memorable evening of choral music in Steeple Morden which benefitted the church with over $\pounds600$ going towards heating, lighting and insurance. The retiring collection for The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees raised a further $\pounds515$ which is a truly wonderful total. As the director of the choir has since remarked, 'What a lot of generous people in Steeple Morden'.

David & Gilly McKee

THE MORDENS WI

Annual Rotary Quiz

Saturday 13th January 2024 7pm for 7.30 start King James Academy Junior School, Garden Walk, Royston (Formerly Greneway School)

Max 8 persons per team £10 per head (Inc. Ploughman's supper)

Licenced Bar and Raffle

Credit Cards Preferred

Please book early with your team name and contact number to Tony Briar, email quiz@roystonrotary.com

In aid of

Rotary Club Charities

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.

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



ADULT BEGINNERS BALLROOM & LATIN DANCE CLASSES

6 week course from Monday 8th January Steeple Morden Village Hall 7.15pm to 8.00pm

For further information or to book your space please contact Harriet 07470 379584 or hotstepsdanceacademy@gmail.com



hotstepsdanceacademy.co.uk

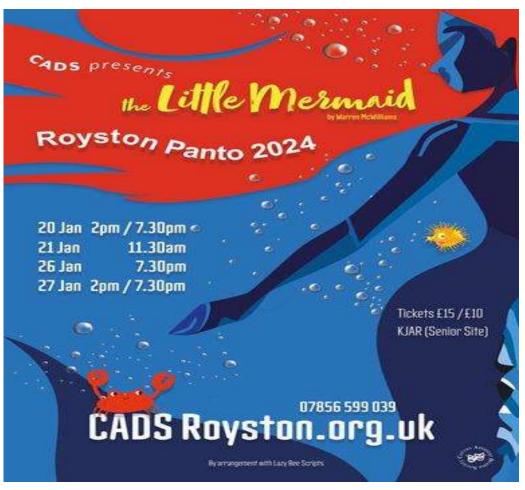




Mother Goose – Thurs 30th November – Sun 7th January 2024

Tickets £19 - £49.00

Cambridge Arts Theatre – Box Office 01223 503333 boxoffice@cambridgeartstheatre.com





Steeple Morden Football Fixture List for 2023/4

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

23/09/23	SM 1 st vs Balsham 1 st Team	Draw 3 - 3
30/09/23	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	Won 1-6
11/11/23	Steeple Morden 1 st vs Fulbourn Inst 1 st	Lost 3 - 2
18/11/23	Whittlesford United vs Steeple Morden 1 st	Lost 1 - 5
19/11/23	Steeple Morden Vets v Bottisham & Lode Vets	Lost 1 - 3
25/11/23	Sawston Phoenix 1 st vs Steeple Morden 1 st	Lost 1-0
26/11/23	Bottisham & Lode Vets vs Steeple Morden Vets	Lost 1-0
02/12/23	Steeple Morden 1 st vs Sawston Phoenix 1 st	Won 4 - 2
09/12/23	Linton Granta A vs Steeple Morden 1 st	
10/12/23	Steeple Morden Vets vs Rigeons Vets	Won 11 - 0
16/12/23	Steeple Morden 1 st vs Comberton United Res	Lost 2 - 12
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	
13/01/24	Steeple Morden 1 st vs Ashdon United Saturday 1 st	
14/01/24	Kedington FC Vets vs Steeple Morden Vets	
20/01/24	Balsham 1 st Team vs Steeple Morden 1 st	
10/02/24	Steeple Morden 1 st vs Cambridge Ambassadors 1 st	
18/02/24	Steeple Morden Vets vs Steeple Bumpstead Vets	

First Team games start at 14.00pm Veterans games start at 10.30am Contact Names, Numbers and E-Mail Addresses for Organisations and Groups in the Village



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Organisation	Contact	Phone No	E-mail
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Village College	The Principal Ms Vicky Pouter	01763 242344	office@bassingbournvc.net
SS Peter & Paul Church	Associate. Priest Revd Ann Boll	01223 871058	RevAnn801@gmail.com
GM Cong. Church	Sandy Watkins	01763 852869	sandy@inteserv.co.uk
SM Village Hall Bookings	Diane Knight	01763 853073	<u>viguersk@aol.com</u>
Scouts, Cubs & Beavers	Keith Austin	01763 852023	<u>keith@bogsgap.co.uk</u>
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Guides	Liz Haigh		steeplemordenguides@gmail.com
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Smarties Pre-School and Out of School Club		01763 852888	<u>smartiesmanagerl@gmail.com</u> <u>smrtiesoosclub@gmail.com</u>
Cricket Club	Fraser Daws	01763 853008	fraser.daws@btinternet.com
Football Club	Pete Summers	07709258359	
Morden Magpies Youth FC	Shelley Bain borough	07778181334	dudshell@hotmail.com
Bowls Club (Sec)	Anthony Johnson	07423 436283	williamsj300@outlook.com
Tennis Club	Fiona Coverdale	01763 853325	steeplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk
Steeple Chasers Running & Cycling Club	Sarah Anderson		steeplechasersrcc@gmail.com
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 Claire Barnett	01763 853845 07841025107	mobilewardenscheme@gmail.com
WI	Joyce Stackhouse	01763 852087	joyce.stackhouse@icloud.com
Neighbourhood Watch			Cabs Police: <u>www.cambs.police.uk</u>
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: 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: <u>viguersk@aol.com</u> www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk

Mobile Library

Stops in VILLAGE HALL between 10.15-11.00am. The next calling date is Tuesday 8th 2024



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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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