

# Steeple Morden Parish Newsletter February 2024

#### **Editorial**

A quiet month ahead for events in and around Steeple Morden, two pantomimes, 4 Mousketeers and Aladdin, the one in Barkway sounds great fun. The Bowls Club are holding a Social Event and Home Start are continuing with their Literary Lunches.

The Parish Council would like the Newsletter to be totally on line, as printed copies are being wasted now that the Post Office has closed, and people are not picking them up. We have tried placing them in different locations but with the same result. If you feel you must have a hard copy please contact the Newsletter on <a href="mailto:newsletter@steeplemordenpc.org.uk">newsletter@steeplemordenpc.org.uk</a>.

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As the weather warms up and the urge to get into the garden and do a 'spring' clear-up, or a general spring-clean, a reminder you will need a permit if you want to visit the Royston Recycling Centre

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#### **Events**

#### **February**

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 Mousketeers, Barkway(p9)

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Aladdin, Meppershall (p9)

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Club – Jumble Sale & Nearly New (p8)

Sat 24th Social Event, SM (p8)

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Literary Lunch, Royston (p5)

#### **March**

Fri 8th Quiz, SM (p9)

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www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk



**★** GO TO WEBSITE

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## A Reminder – you will need a permit to visit the Royston Recycling Centre

### 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.

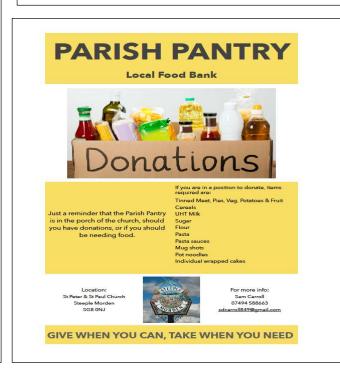
You can only dispose of household waste at Hertfordshire's recycling centres with this permit. You may not bring excessive amounts of DIY materials to our sites with this permit. Waste will be checked on arrival, and site operators have the right to turn away suspected commercial, industrial or excessive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

One permit per household.

The permit is valid for 12 months and allows unlimited access.

To obtain your permit contact:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk



#### **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 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 January 8th, at 7.00pm in the Cricket Pavilion.

Address by Ms Liz Watts - Chief Executive of South Cambridgeshire District Council - Ms Watts outlined the reasons why the SCDC decided to experiment with a 4 day working week, mainly to reduce the amount of money being spent on agency staff to fill the shortage of full time staff. The SCDC found it increasingly difficult to hold on to staff after initial training. The 4day week was trialled for 6 months, and as this had proved fairly successful it will continue until March, when a full assessment will be made of the positives and failures. The trials have so far proved that staff are more motivated, and pro-active with a more positive approach to work. Staff can still work a 5day week if they find that 4day working is not for them. Ms Watts was unable to quote any figures to substantiate the improvement in staffing numbers or any figures covering costs incurred. Questions were put to Ms Watts by parishioners and councillors: Why was it so difficult to recruit; What were people doing on their day off; Communications problems, difficulties in getting hold of people; How does a department decide on which days to work; How many days are they allowed to work from home, and How do you squeeze 5days work into 4?

County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley – reported all highways had been surveyed, and all gullies had been cleaned and cleared. Potholes were being filled as quickly as possible. Paths, pavements and footpaths should be reported on the CCC website if they need repairing. The CCC now have the power to introduce 20mph schemes, so SMPC need to submit their 20mph zoning again.

**District Councillor Heather Williams** – reported that some footpaths are under the jurisdiction of the District Council – so should be reported on the CDC website, the curb in Cheyney Street is to be repaired.

**Broadband Link to Church** - no change whilst we wait for PCC to negotiate with church authorities regarding impact of antenna mount on church silhouette.

Update on Waggon and Horses ACV Bid - no change.

Property Fund Eligibility - ongoing

Tree Planting Update - will be completed at the end of the month.

Agreement of Budget/Precept 2024/25 - agreed

#### Recreation Ground Checks

Water Fountain Questions – there is a possible leak beneath the pavilion, and therefore would be a very expensive repair. The Parish Council decided to create a new wall mounted water source.

Update on Play Area Repairs - will be completed at end of the month.

Outdoor Gym Equipment Purchase proposal - to be discussed in next meeting.

Monkey Challenge (awaiting outcome of application) -a new application has been made as this is a lottery funded project.

Car Park Floodlight Repair - the floodlight for the recreation ground car park had a PIR sensor failure that caused the light to be on permanently. A new floodlight/sensor unit combination has been installed.

Village Grass cutting 2024-2026 - agreement delayed

#### Parish Council Projects 2023/24

Car Park Resurfacing - Section 106 Funding - update on quotations for work to be dealt with at next meeting.

**Pavilion/Reading Room Decoration** – as no quotes have been received the Parish Council will now take this in hand.

**LHI Application 2024/25** - proposal for Odsey traffic calming/speed reduction, to be dealt with next meeting

Odsey Traffic Island - has been repaired, Highways have been informed.

Additional posts for MVAS - 3 additional posts have been decided at Odsey.

#### Planning/Tree Work Applications

Planning Ref 23/04465/HFUL - 78-80 Flittons Farm, Station Road - Erection of car port and store following demolition of existing outbuilding. SUPPORTED

**Parishioners Questions:** It was requested that the grass cutter could leave more space around newly planted trees so as not to remove the mulch.

A request for the pavement in Station Road to be mended as it was in a dangerous state. Also speeding in Hay Street, and around the school. (the Chairman outlined all the work that the Parish Council had done to combat speeding in the village, cameras, and 40mph zones ).

#### Correspondence/Councillors information:

Cricket Club requested a review of the electricity bill.

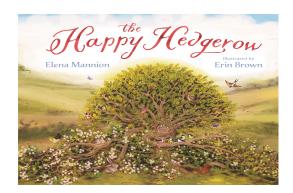
Reading Room Redecoration - two Parish Councillors are to undertake the work.

Mound of earth at Odsey - to be reported to the Environment Agency.

AGM - to be held in May - potential for new councillors.

Date of the next meeting - 12th February 2024





## Home-Start Literary Lunch – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February at The Old Bull Inn, Royston. 12.15-2.15pm.

Jude Simpson will be in conversation with local author and publisher Elena Mannion. Elena will be talking about her book – The Happy Hedgehog. This beautiful story has created ripples in the children's book world. Elena takes you on a whimsical journey through the imaginative landscapes and lovable characters of this remarkable children's book. Explore the power of storytelling and the significance of fostering creativity in young minds and discover how The Happy Hedgerow can ignite the spark of imagination in children.

The book narrates the story of a hedgerow whose fortunes are reversed when a new landowner restores a bulldozed section. It has been acclaimed as "the perfect beloved bedtime read" by acclaimed children's author Brian Selznick. The book has soared into the New York Times bestseller list and has become an instant classic. Elena will also be talking about her follow-up story, "Old Oak and Little Acorn".

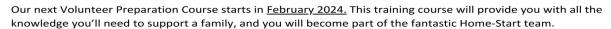
To book your ticket, £15 to include a buffet lunch, please call 01763 262262, email <a href="mailto:events@hsrsc.org.uk">events@hsrsc.org.uk</a> or book online <a href="mailto:www.hsrsc.org.uk/events/">www.hsrsc.org.uk/events/</a>



Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire

Are you a mum, dad, grandparent or carer wondering what to do with your free time? We need local people with your experience to become a Family Support Volunteer for our scheme.

Our volunteers work alongside parents in their own homes, helping them to cope with the stresses and strains of life.



You could be the vital support a family needs to help change their life, and while you're doing it, it might just change yours!

- In 2022/23, our volunteers supported a total of 202 children
- Our volunteers say helping others helps to reduce stress
- Our volunteers give an average of 3 hours of their free time per week to support local families

For more info visit www.hsrsc.org.uk/become-home-start-volunteer or email admin@hsrsc.org.uk



### 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 Diary for February**

www.shingavchurches.co.uk

4<sup>th</sup> February

8.30am Wendy – Holy

Communion

10.00am

**Litlington – Holy Communion with Abington** 

**Pigotts** 

10.00am

**Guilden Morden – Holy Communion** 

11<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Group Holy

Communion at Steeple Morden

14<sup>th</sup> February

7.00pm Ash Wednesday Holy

Communion & Ashling, Litlington

18<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Holy Communion,

Steeple Morden

25th February

10.00am Group Holy

**Communion Abington Pigotts** 

#### Café Church

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

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> February

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

#### **Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for February**

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org

Sunday 4th Feb 10.30am Café style service.

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

welcome.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 10.30am Men's Guild

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb **14.00pm** COGS

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb **9.00 – 11.00am** Fun4Tots

Sunday 11th Feb **11.00am**. Joint Service at

Litlington Chapel

Wed 14th Feb 9.00 - 11.00am Fun4Tots

Sunday 18th Feb **10.30am** Joint service at St

Mary's

Wed 21st Feb 9.00 - 11.00am Fun4Tots

Sunday 25th Feb 10.30am Communion service

in the Chapel

Wed 28th Feb **9.00 – 11.00am** Fun4Tots

Other group meetings:

Bridge Club Mondays at 19.30pm Mondays at 19.00pm Community Choir Knit and Natter Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00am from 13<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 14.00pm Local History Group

at SM Village Hall

Fridayi 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, and 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, GG Film Club

19.00pm

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 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 Bowls Club SOCIAL EVENT

QUIZ

£5.00 PER PERSON

Teams – 8 or less

**SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2024** 

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

#### 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.

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.

1st Thursday Club

JUMBLE SALE &
NEWLY NEW
10<sup>th</sup> February

Steeple Morden Village Hall 2.00pm

Donationa welcome – call Ann on 852848 & Cela on 852193 who will collect

## 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



#### The Mordens & Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme

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.

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### The Mordens & Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme Quiz

Steeple Morden Village Hall, Steeple Morden Fri 8 Mar 2024, 7:30PM

Book Tickets through Ticket Source - £7.50 + 59p booking fee

## BARKWAY PANTOMIME 2024: THE FOUR MOUSKETEERS

Fri 2nd Feb 8:00pm - 10:00pm Children-and-Families

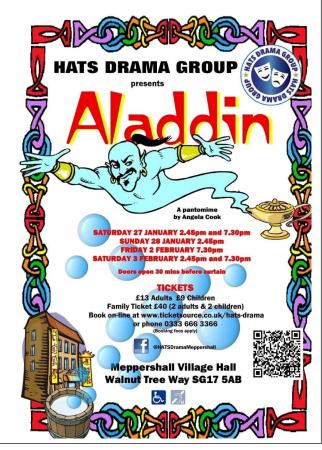
Barkway Village Hall, 4 Cambridge Rd, Barkway, Royston SG8 8BS, UK

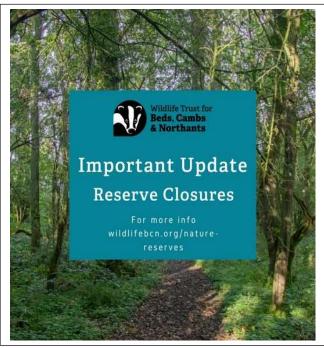


The Barkway Players return with a highly original pantomime centred around a hitherto unknown Barkway industry and export. We won't say more for fear of spoiling the plot - but it's a show you won't want to miss!

It's at Barkway Village Hall on Friday 2 February at 8pm, and Saturday 3 February at 2pm and 8pm.

Tickets are on sale now – visit www.barkwavplavers.org.uk







#### **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 1st vs Steeple Morden 1st	Lost 1 – 0
26/11/23	Bottisham & Lode Vets vs Steeple Morden Vets	Lost 1 – 0
02/12/23	Steeple Morden 1st vs Sawston Phoenix 1st	Won 4 - 2
09/12/23	Linton Granta A vs Steeple Morden 1st	
10/12/23	Steeple Morden Vets vs Rigeons Vets	Won 11 - 0
16/12/23	Steeple Morden 1st vs Comberton United Res	Lost 2 - 12
17/12/23	Rigeons Vets vs Steeple Morden Vets	A - W
06/01/24	Guilden Morden 1st vs Steeple Morden 1st	Drew 1 - 1
07/01/24	Steeple Morden Vets vs Rigeons Vets	
13/01/24	Steeple Morden 1st vs Ashdon United Saturday 1st	Lost 1 - 6
14/01/24	Kedington FC Vets vs Steeple Morden Vets	Won 13 - 0
20/01/24	Whittlesford Unit 1st vs Steeple Morden 1st	<b>Draw 0 – 0</b>
27/01/24	Steeple Morden 1st vs Cambourne Town Men	Won 1-0
10/02/24	Steeple Morden 1st vs Cambridge Ambassadors 1st	
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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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:

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> <u>www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk</u>

#### **Mobile Library**

Stops in VILLAGE HALL between 10.15-11.00am. The next calling date is Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024





#### 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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