

Steeple Morden Parish Newsletter Narch 2024

Editorial

The Parish Council have been busy this month, planting trees, installing a water fountain and various gym equipment is also in position on the recreation ground. The children's play area has been repaired and upgraded with new equipment. The surrounding hedge has been replanted. The footbridge between the footpath and White Pond Wood has been repaired and rebuilt by South Cambs. Highways.

The Parish Council would like to implement a 20mph zone around the centre of the village, which would include the school area. To aid our application we need a list of 'incidents and near accidents' which have occurred in this area. The school has been approached, but parents and parishioners would probably have a better knowledge of any 'near misses' If you have incurred a near accident or been involved in an accident in this area, Cllr Malcolm Bird would like to know.

With Easter arriving at the end of March I have listed some events in the surrounding area which may be of interest. Litterpick is back on Saturday 23rd March. Desma.

Events

February

Thurs 29th – Over 60's Coffee Morning, at Waggon & Hoses (p9)

<u>March</u>

Fri 1st – Quiz, Friends of Therfield Heath (p11) Sun 3rd – Spring Fayre, Litlington (p9) Fri 8th - Quiz, SM Village Hall (p9) Sat 9th – Ashwell's Flea Market (p10) Sat 16th – Triplow Daffodil Weekend (p9) Sat 16th – Bow Books Story Time, Royston (p9) Sat 23rd – Litterpick, Zone 1 (p6) Sun 24 – 28th Easter Adventure, Wimpole (p10) Sat 30th –Easter Bunny Fly in, Shuttleworth (p9)

<u>April</u>

Thurs 11th – Ashwell Music Festival Social Evening (p10)

Sat 13th – Litterpick, Zones 2 & 3 (p6)

Sat 27th – Litterpick, Zones 4 & 5 (p6)

<u>June</u>

Sun 9th – Artisan Fair, Steeple Morden (p10)

Sun 23rd – Bass Bell 10 Km, Bassingbourn (p9)

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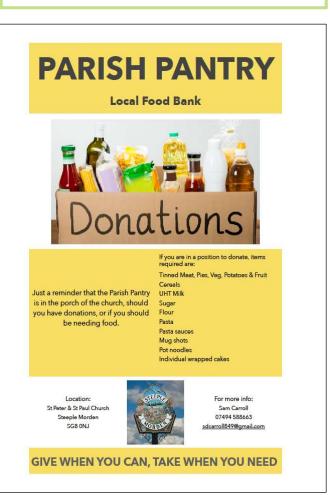
Ashwell & Bassingbourn Surgery

Good morning patients, today we are finally having our new phone system installed. We are not expecting any downtime during the switch over process but please be patient with staff that answer your calls today. We all received training on the new system yesterday however, it is new, so please be patient with us

Most excitingly the system has a "call back" function, please make use of this, as it will hold your place in the call queue and allow you to get on with your day without the need to hold on - we will call you back when you reach your turn.

As we all know, our old telephone system was not fit for purpose but we are all hopeful the new system will bring reliability and convenience. Any feedback on the new system, good and bad, is most welcome.

Kind regards, Ashwell Surgery.



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 February 12th, at 7.00pm in the Cricket Pavilion.

County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley - not present

District Councillor Heather Williams – not present

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 – congratulations to Frank & Becky Mcstravick for successfully passing their trial period as managers and for successfully achieving a license to sell Alcohol. Miss Becky Mcstravick is the official landlady of the Waggon & Horses.

Property Fund Eligibility - ongoing

Tree Planting Update - completed

Recreation Ground Checks

New Water Fountain - The Parish Council decided to create a new wall mounted Water Fountain. It is situated on the side of the Reading Room, near the toilet.

Update on Play Area Repairs - work is continuing and should be completed soon.

Outdoor Gym Equipment – a range of equipment has been erected near the children's play Area.

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

Car Park Floodlight Repair - A new floodlight/sensor unit combination has been installed. The second floodlight that covers the EV Charging area, doesn't seem to come on at all. This is be checked and repaired.

Cricket Club – have requested permission to extend the net/training area on the recreation ground.

Village Grass Cutting 2024-2026 - agreed

Parish Council Projects 2023/24

Car Park Resurfacing – **Section 106 Funding** – quotations have been received and work will now go ahead with resurfacing the car park.

Pavilion/Reading Room Decoration – the Parish Council will now take this in hand, a schedule of work needed has been discussed.

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 – Additional posts are receiving attention from CCC Highways

Planning/Tree Work Applications

Planning Ref 24/000006/FUL

Land at North Brook End Stud, North Brook End – proposed agricultural building, relocation of permitted mobile home and creation of a bund.

Councillors items for information and requiring the urgent attention of the clerk 20 Plenty - The 20 mph application window is now open. It closes on Friday 15 March. The existing application will roll forward but it was noted that some of last year's successful applications are now shown as examples. (It is interesting to note that the examples are all stronger in terms of accident statistics. I have again written to the school and governors to ask if they have records of any accidents or near misses that can be included in our submission) **Councillor M Bird**.

Street Light in Station Road - needs attention.

Flooding in Hay Street - Anglia Water to be contacted.

Quarry Footpath & Quarry lorries turning right at the Odsey Junction – a letter from the Clerk reminding them of the dangers of crossing the footpath and the junction.

Parishioner inquired about the disable toilet being accessible using a Radar Key – A discussion took place as to whether it would be feasible to fit a Radar lock on the toilet door.

Date of the next meeting - 11th March 2024

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

We are excited to share with you all that a new drinking water fountain has been installed today. The fountain is located on the wall besides the disabled toilet. As you can see from the photo, the fountain also features a bottle filling option, which we hope will encourage the reusing of plastic bottles. This is a great resource and feature to have, and we are sure that it will be well used. With regards to the disused fountain as you approach the cricket pavilion, unfortunately we are not able to reconnect the water supply. The reason it was turned off some years ago is that a water leak was discovered in the underground pipe which is located under the middle of the pavilion. Also we must ensure that the water quality is always fit for human consumption, unfortunately we cannot guarantee this with the current setup. Therefore the stone fountain will remain as a memory of those before us who helped to shape the village as it is today.





No excuses now, we have bought the gym to you! A quick workout whilst walking the dog



Steeple Morden Parish Litter Picks Schedule 2024 All events start at 2pm and last just 60 "magic" minutes

| Zone 1: | Odsey | Saturday 23 March 2024 | |
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| | Meet by Zaheer's carpark | | |
| Zones 2 and 3: | Cheney Street from Litlington Road to Brook | Saturday 13 April 2024 | |
| | 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 | Saturday 27 April 2024 | |
| | Road 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 | Saturday 4 May 2024 | |
| | /North Brook End Trap Road/ Bogs Gap and | | |
| | Brook End | | |
| | Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec | | |
| Zones 2-6 | Whole village sweep | Saturday 18 May 2024 | |
| | Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec | | |
| Zone 1: | Odsey | Saturday 1 June 2024 | |
| | Meet by Zaheer's carpark | | |
| Zone 1: | Odsey | Saturday 14 September 2024 | |
| | Meet by Zaheer's carpark | | |
| Zones 2 and 3: | Cheney Street from Litlington Road to Brook | Saturday 28 September 2024 | |
| | 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 | Saturday 12 October 2024 | |
| | Road 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 | | |

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



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







Department for Transport

Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church Steeple Morden Diary for March <u>www.shingaychurches.co.uk</u>

Service dates are -

Sunday 3rd 8.30am Mattins/Morning Prayer

Sunday 10th 10am Mothering Sunday Family Service

Sunday 17th 10am Informal Service (serving coffee and croissants)

Sunday 22nd 10am Group Holy Communion at Litlington

EASTER EGGS

For the past few years we have been sending Easter Eggs to children in Refuges and last year, due to the generosity of many, we sent nearly 60. These go via Mothers' Union on a confidential route. We are looking for just ordinary chocolate eggs and if you are able to contribute they will be received with joy and gratitude. The Refuges can accept 50 and any surplus will be received with enthusiasm by HomeStart.

Please contact Anne Hassall (853490), Rosemary Garner (852521) or Gilly McKee (852380)

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

1st 8th and 22nd March

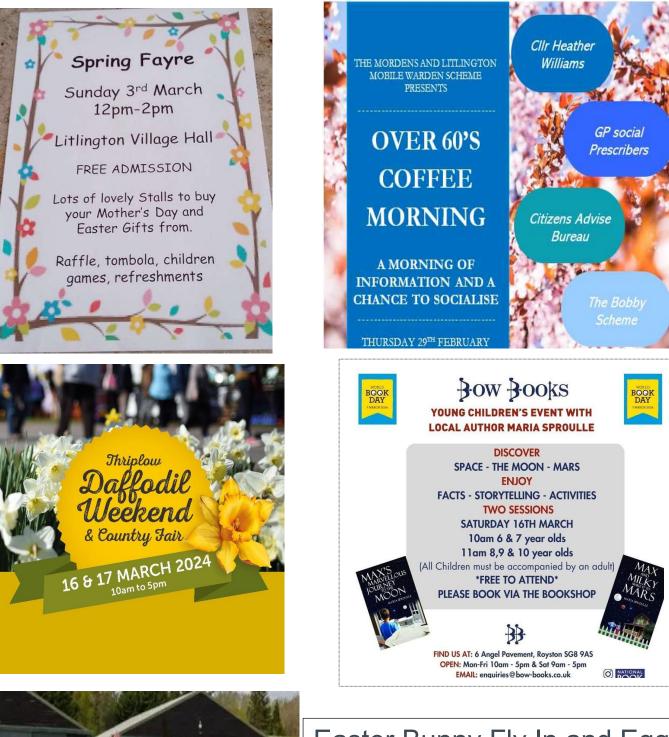
Everyone is welcome for tea, coffee, home-made cakes, tovs for the children and chat

Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary for March

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| Sunday 3 rd March | 10.30am Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome. | |
| Monday 4 th March | 10.30am Men's Guild | |
| Tuesday 5 th March | 14.00pm COGS | |
| Wed 6 th March | 9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots | |
| Sunday 10 th March | 11.00am . Joint Service with Litlington at Litlington | |
| Wed 13 th March | 9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots | |
| Sunday 17 th March | 10.30am Joint service with St Mary's in the Chapel | |
| Wed 20 th March | 9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots | |
| Sunday 24 th March | 10.30am Watch and Worship. Film fun for families | |
| Wed 27 th March | 9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots | |
| Friday 29 th March | 10.00am Good Friday Walk of Witness. Starting at The Chape and finishing at St Mary's for ho cross buns | |
| Sunday 31 st March | 10.30am Easter Communion service in the Chapel with Litlington | |
| | Other group meetings: Bridge Club Mondays at 19.30pm Community Choir Mondays at 19.00pm Knit and Natter Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00am from 12 th March Local History Group Wednesday 6 th Mar 15.00pm GG Film Club Friday Fri 15 th Mar, Fri 29 th Mar 19.30pm, | |
| Contac | n meetings Tuesdays 20.00pm, ct Emily for details <u>kinson@doctors.org.uk</u> | |
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Anyone wishing to book the rooms for social activities contact Gerry Watkins 01763 852869





Easter Bunny Fly In and Egg Hunt 2024 - Shuttleworth Sat 30th Mar 10:00am - 4:00pm

Shuttleworth, Old Warden park, Biggleswade, SG18 9EA

Look up to the sky to watch the Easter Bunny make an entrance from the airfield. Follow the bunny's helpers into Shuttleworth Swiss Garden and join the hunt to find the eggs they left behind throughout the Garden. Once you have collected three Easter eggs, take them to the Garden Room and claim a chocolate surprise from the Easter bunny.



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Start: 09.30 Race limit: 500

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Sunday 23 June

Easter Adventures Trail -NT Wimpole Estate Sun 24th, 25, 26th 27, & 28th

Embark on an Easter adventure in nature and explore Wimpole Estate as you go on the hunt for Easter challenges on a whole new route for 2024, set against the backdrop of the mansion house. Enjoy nature-themed activities, including hop like a bunny, build a home for nature and wibble wobble like a lamb. Normal admission applies plus £3 per trail pack, includes a chocolate egg, or a vegan 'Free-From' chocolate egg, both made using cocoa from Rainforest Alliance Certified farms



New portfolio event from brainstrust. Part of the 'Take on 10 for brain tumours' series which also includes the brainstrust Bass Belle 10 miler.

This is a fast, chip-timed, 'pancake' flat and definitely PB potential race which takes in the picturesque South Cambridgeshire villages of Bassingbourn and Litlington. The race is open to social and club runners. Runners must be at least 15 years old to take part with no upper age limit. The course consists of 7.5km on road and 2.5km off road along a grass track. Part of the course is on private land, so entering the event is your only way of completing the race! With only 500 places, the brainstrust Bass Belle 10km is an intimate race meaning runners can get off the start line quickly, and straight into their pacing without feeling bunched up by crowds. Another great plus for those after a PB!

Free fundraiser entry: get free entry to the race by agreeing to fundraise for *brainstrust*. Please note that if your fundraising target isn't met you will be required to pay an entry fee on the day.



Steeple Morden Allotments Fancy growing your own veg, herbs and flowers in 2024? Steeple Morden Allotment Society have some plots available now! This is the perfect time to get started preparing for a year of home-grown goodies. If you are interested please email Nettie Traverse-Healy on <u>nettieth@outlook.com</u>



St Mary's Church Ashwell



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

<u>The Mordens & Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme Quiz</u> <u>Steeple Morden Village Hall</u>, <u>Steeple Morden</u> Fri 8 Mar 2024, 7:30PM Book Tickets through Ticket Source - £7.50 + 59p booking fee



Fri 1st Mar 7:30pm - 10:00pm CommunityLeisure

The Heath Cafe Bar, Baldock Rd, Royston SG8 5BG, UK

Sharpen your minds and pencils and join us at The Heath Café for an entertaining evening with your family and friends. The Heath Café bar will be open for you to purchase refreshments. Complimentary nibbles on each table.. Advance booking only. Reserve your team place by emailing <u>friendsoftherfieldheath@gmail.com</u>. Confirmation given once we have received your payment.

£6pp for members of the Friends, £8pp for non members. Maximum of 8 members per team.







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 |
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| 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 vs 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 | A - W |
| 06/01/24 | Guilden Morden 1 st vs Steeple Morden 1 st | Drew 1 - 1 |
| 07/01/24 | Steeple Morden Vets vs Rigeons Vets | |
| 13/01/24 | Steeple Morden 1 st vs Ashdon United Saturday 1 st | 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 | Draw 0 – 0 |
| 27/01/24 | Steeple Morden 1 st vs Cambourne Town Men | Won 1-0 |
| 03/02/24 | Steeple Morden 1 st vs Linton Granta A | Lost 1 - 2 |
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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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| Village College | The Principal Ms Vicky Pouter | 01763 242344 | office@bassingbournvc.net |
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| Guides | Liz Haigh | | steeplemordenguides@gmail.com |
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| Football Club | Pete Summers | 07709258359 | |
| Morden Magpies Youth FC | Guy Dyke-Price | 07773 323723 | hello@mordenmagpies.co.uk |
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| Neighbourhood Watch | | | Cabs Police: <u>www.cambs.police.uk</u> |
| Social Car Scheme | Hazel Smith | 01763 852602 | <u>hcsmith@clara.co.uk</u> |
| 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: viguersk@aol.com www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk

Mobile Library

Stops in VILLAGE HALL between 10.15-11.00am. The next calling date is Tuesday March 5th, 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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