

# Editorial

The cherry trees in Hay Street are slowly coming into flower, announcing spring is on its way. The blossom should last longer this year due to the recent cold snap.

At last we have a car park that is not full of holes and muddy puddles, it took several days to reach the final result. A great effort by all involved.

Now is the time for nominations for the Queen's Jubilee Award 2023. There is a box in Prothero's Garage Shop with nomination forms, or if you go on-line at <u>www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk/steeple-</u> <u>morden-parish-council/the-steeple-mordenqueens-jubilee-award/</u> and fill in the nomination form.

A full March and April events calendar this month, with plenty of events taking place in and around the Easter holiday. Don't forget the two Litterpicks, 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April.

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# Events

## <u>March</u>

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> –Easter Bunny Fly in, Shuttleworth (p9)

## <u>April</u>

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th -</sup> Easter Adventure, Wimpole (p10) Tues 2 – 9<sup>th</sup> – Icknield Walk Multi Sports Camp, Royston (p13) Tues 2 – 11<sup>th</sup> – KJAR Football Camp, Royston (p13) Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Smarties Easter Holiday Club (p12) Mon 8th – 12th – Tennis Easter Camp, Royston (p13) Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> – Ashwell Music Festival Social Evening (p10) Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – Ernie Butler, Seascapes in Oils, Royston (p5) Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – Steeple Morden Tennis AGM, Guilden Morden (p12) Sat 13<sup>th</sup> – Litterpick, Zones 2 & 3 (p6) Sat 13th – Verdi Requiem, Royston (p12) Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup> – SM Tennis Coaching (p13) Sat 20<sup>th</sup> – Spring Fair, Steeple Morden Church (p5) Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> – Literary Lunch – with Linda Lewis, Royston (p5) Sat 27<sup>th</sup> – Litterpick, Zones 4 & 5 (p6) Sat 27<sup>th</sup> – Ceilidh Barn Dance, Royston (p9) Sat 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> – Saffron Waldon – Crank Up (p12) June

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> – Artisan Fair, Steeple Morden (p10) Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bass Bell 10 Km, Bassingbourn (p9)

## **Steeple Morden Parish Council** List of Councillors as at September 2023

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## Queen's Jubilee Award 2023

An award presented by the Steeple Morden Parish Council to a member of the community who has gone above and beyond in helping others.

Now is the time to place your nominations for 2023 in the box in the Garage Shop or on line, <u>www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk/steeple-mordenparish-council/the-steeple-morden-queensjubilee-award/</u>

Do not nominate somebody who has already won the award or parish councillors, both are listed on-line





## 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 March 11th, at 7.00pm in the Cricket Pavilion.

**County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley** – not present (put forward a request for hybrid meetings)

**District Councillor Heather Williams** – discussed the 4-day week working trial which ends this month. There is to be a public consultation, although there will not be a full Council vote. The Local Plan is delayed. There will be increases in the Budget with rate and rent rises.

**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** – Chris Collier will end his association with the Waggon and Horses at the end of May.

Property Fund Eligibility - ongoing

Hay Street Flooding – the flow of water is coming from a blocked culvert, Highways have been alerted.

## **Recreation Ground Checks**

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

**Monkey Challenge (our application has been successful)** – the new equipment will be erected at the far end of the PlayArea, it is double sided and is approximately 4 metres high. It is planned to be erected on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**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 has now been repaired.

**Disable Toilet access** – It seems that PVC doors with EuroCylinder locks are not able to be converted for RADAR key access. We have options to replace the whole door with one that dose open with RADAR keys, for users of the recreation ground who need access eg. Tennis Club..etc. RADAR keys will be made available.

## 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. This should take place between March 18 – 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Pavilion/Reading Room Decoration** – the Parish Council has now taken this in hand and an extensive schedule of work is planned over May and August. The Pavilion is scheduled to be painted on the outside in May. The Reading Room extension roof with be attended to first, replacing rotten woodwork and adding insulation before replacing. The Toilets and Shower Room with have a new extractor fan, and the electric wiring replaced throughout the building. Repainting with start in August. It is hoped the work will be covered by Grants from the SCCC Community Chest and other sources.

Additional posts for MVAS – Additional posts are receiving attention from CCC Highways – onging

## Planning/Tree Work Applications

**20 Plenty** – Our 20mph application for 2024 has been submitted. It includes a number of updates. The proposed 20mph zone is now described as 'a significant central area of the village' as the reviewers seem to prefer larger 20mph zones! There are also a number of new personal accounts included of accidents, incidents and near misses, these from people who responded to our request for examples. We have had no new responses from the School or Governors. **Councillor Malcolm Bird**.

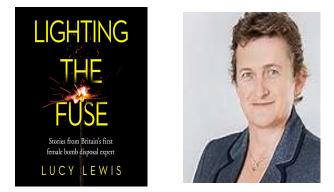
Street Light in Station Road - has been attended to.

Quarry Footpath & Quarry lorries turning right at the Odsey Junction – correspondence has been received from the Quarry management with a statement and plan of the new working arrangements. However this does not address the fact that pedestrians are walking alongside 45 ton lorries with no visible barriers. The Quarry has provided some signage but generally have not addressed the issues raised by the Parish Council. A futher letter will be sent to suggest changes that should be made.

Date of the AGM - AGM will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Date of the next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Home-Start Literary Lunch - Thursday 25th April - The Old Bull, Royston, 12.15-2.15pm with Sarah Harrison in conversation with Lucy Lewis



#### Imagine standing over a bomb - you need to make a choice. Remember, your life depends on it.

**Lighting the Fuse** is an eye-opening memoir that reveals the hidden world of being a woman in the military and how a young woman with an ordinary background made history - not just once, but twice.

In this extraordinary memoir, Lucy Lewis reveals the hidden world of bomb disposal training and how she came to be the UK's first female bomb disposal expert. From joining Sandhurst to rushing to her first bomb disposal call-out, Lucy's story is full of high stakes and tense situations that for most of us are beyond comprehension.

Lucy's story however is also a deeply inspirational one - joining the military in the 1980s just as women were taking on more dangerous roles, Lucy's every move was watched and scrutinised. This didn't hold her back however, and this is how she broke through the ceiling, fought against sexism and achieved something no woman had ever done before.

Tickets are £15 to include a buffet lunch, please let us know of any dietary requirements.

To book your ticket/s, please call 01763 262262, email <u>events@hsrsc.org.uk</u> or book online at www.hsrsc.org.uk/events/



SPRING FAIR SATURDAY 20 APRIL STEEPLE MORDEN CHURCH 10am to 1pm Refreshments & Stalls Cakes - Preserves - Plants - Raffle Pictures - Clocks - Tombola - Antiques we shall also be collecting gift envelopes



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

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	

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





Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church **Guilden Morden Congregational Church Steeple Morden Diary for April Diary for April** www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org www.shingavchurches.co.uk If you would like to have a chat and a cuppa with Service dates are – Tony, he hosts an "Open Church" every Monday Sunday 7th 8.30am morning in the Chapel between 9.30am and Wendy – Holy Communion 11.30am. The Sharing table at the front of the church is providing a well-used service, so please continue to donate any spare items that you can. Sunday 14th 10am Steeple Morden – Group Communion Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9.00 - 11.00am Fun4Tots Sunday 21st 10am Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am Café style service. Abington Pigotts – Family Service with Come and join us for Litlington croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All **Steeple Morden – Holy Communion** welcome. Guilden Morden – United Service at St Mary's Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am Men's Guild Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April Sunday 28th 10am 14.00pm COGS Abington Pigotts – Holy Communion Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April 9.00 – 11.00am Fun4Tots Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 8.30am Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April **11.00am**. Joint Service with Steeple Morden – Prayerbook Matins Litlington at Litlington 10.00am Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April 9.00 - 11.00am Fun4Tots Litlington – Holy Communion with Abington Piggots Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April **10.30am** Joint service with **Guilden Morden Holy Communion** St Mary's at St Mary's Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April 9.00 - 11.00am Fun4Tots And Tuesdays Morning Prayer at Litlington Church, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April **10.30am** Joint Communion 10:00am Service with Litlington at the • 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> April and Chapel 7<sup>th</sup> May Other group meetings: Bridge Club Mondays at 19.30pm followed by tea, coffee, and biscuits at Community Choir Mondays at 19.00pm 10:30am. Knit and Natter Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00am from 12<sup>th</sup> March Local History Group Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 15.00pm Café Church GG Film Club Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1900pm Café Church will be open from 9am Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 20.00pm, on the following Fridays – Contact Emily for details emilvmwilkinson@doctors.org.uk 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April Anyone wishing to book the rooms for social activities contact Gerry Watkins 01763 852869

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





# STEEPLE CHASERS RUNNING & CYCLING CLUB

Thirteen members of Steeple Morden based Steeple Chasers Running & Cycling Club took part in the Cambridge Half Marathon on 3rd March. For many this was a personal challenge having never run the 13.1 mile distance before. With long group runs on Sundays ending at local cafes for coffee and cake, the training was also very sociable and the club's tag line of 'Powered By Cake' was never more true! One of the Club's next group events is a marshall volunteer takeover of Parkrun at Wimpole Hall on 11th May. If you are interested in knowing more about the club email steeplechasersrcc@gmail.com.



# 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.



# Easter Adventures Trail -NT Wimpole Estate

April 1<sup>st</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30 - 3.00pm

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.

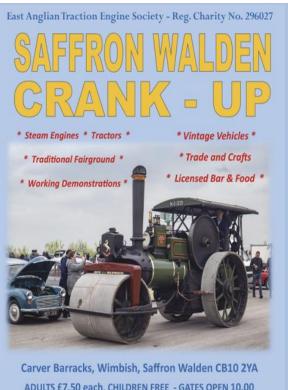


Steeple Morden Allotments Fancy growing your own veg, herbs and flowers in 2024? Steeple Morden Allotment Society have some plots available now! This is the perfect time to get started preparing for a year of home-grown goodies. If you are interested please email Nettie Traverse-Healy on nettieth@outlook.com



Time to Book your tickets: from Ashwell Music Festival website or Rhubarb and Mustard for James Pearson and Friends – 125 years of Jazz on the Piano. Ronnie Scott's Artistic Director





ADULTS £7.50 each, CHILDREN FREE - GATES OPEN 10.00 Prepaid Tickets Available to Order Now www.swcrankup.co.uk - 07882 175438





Guilden Morden Village Hall

At

AGM – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Welcome drink – 6.45 to 7.00pm

AGM 7.00pm – 7.30pm

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# **Easter Holidays Sporting Activities**









\*\*\* CHILDRENS SUMMER TERM COACHING 2024\*\*\*

We are delighted to inform you that Wayne Dumpledon will be returning to coach the children again this year on Mondays after school.

#### SESSION 1 - TERM TIME - 5 WEEKS

Monday 15th April to Monday 20th May 2024

(excluding May 6<sup>th</sup> bank holiday)

Years 1-3	3.30pm to 4.15pm	£30.00 £30.00	
Years 4-6	4.15 to 5.00pm		
Years 7 -11	5.00pm to 6.00pm	Available after half term	

#### SESSION 2 - TERM TIME - 6 WEEKS

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Years 1-3	3.30pm to 4.15pm	£36.00	
Years 4-6	4.15 to 5.00pm	£36.00	
Years 7 -11	5.00pm to 6.00pm	£40.00	

To SECURE & BOOK A PLACE please email Debbie Shepherd on guildenshep@btinternet.com

\*\*TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT PLEASE BOOK FARLY\*\*

Note: Priority will be given to SMTC Members.

PAYMENT to Steeple Morden Tennis Club via BACS

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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: viguersk@aol.com www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk

**Mobile Library** 

Stops in VILLAGE HALL between 10.15-11.00am. The next calling date is Tuesday April 2nd, 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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