

# Steeple Morden Parish Newsletter June 2024



## Editorial

Although the May weather has produced some fantastic 'growing' weather, the garden is rapidly becoming an overgrown jungle, and the dreaded slugs have returned.

The June calendar is a good mix of everything that is so good about living in this area; local art exhibitions, music workshops and concerts, antique and artisan fairs, village fetes, children's sports and activities, fun runs, sponsored runs, exhibitions, theatre and talent shows. Something for everybody, almost on the doorstep!

After a very successful Parish AGM chaired by our new chair Nick Badger, the Parish Council will be looking forward to continuing all the work that has been put in place for making this village a good and safe place to live. The cars and motorbikes still speeding through the village are a problem but hopefully our 20mph zone will come into fruition in the not too distant future. The Reading Room will undergo some form of refurbishment this year, but may be completely replaced in the future.  
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Editor

Desma Goddard

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## Events

### June

- Sat 1<sup>st</sup> – Curwin's Art Gallery, Royston (p6)
- Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - Great Chrishall Windmill, (p12)
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> – OPALS Free Event, Royston (p12)
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> - Fun 4 Tots, Guilden Morden (13)
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> – Artisan Fair, Steeple Morden (p13)
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> – Art in the Garden, Orwell (p7)
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> – Drumming Workshop, Bassingbourn (p7)
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> – Yoga on the Heath, Royston (p11)
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> – Celtic Irish Music, Royston (p11)
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> –Royston Antiques Fair (p11)
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> – Melbourne Village Fete (p12)
- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> – Therfield Fete (p7)
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup> – Rockin' Chair Band, Steeple Morden (p7)
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bass Bell 10 Km, Bassingbourn (p13)
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> – Royston in Blue 5Km, (p13)
- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> – Star Shine Walk, Shelford (p9)
- Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ideal Church Exhibition, Guilden Morden (p9)
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup> – Home Start – Got Talent Event, Royston (p9)
- Sat 29<sup>th</sup> – Murder at the Manor, Ashwell (p11)

## Steeple Morden Parish Council List of Councillors as at September 2024

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## ASHWELL & BASSINGBOURN SURGERY

Dear Patients,

As many of you are aware we have recently introduced a new way of assessing requests for medical appointments. As promised, we said we would monitor this change and make amendments as necessary. We have listened to your feedback, especially regarding routine appointment requests and from tomorrow will be making some changes.

Effective from 23rd April 2024, you will be able to access our online request for an appointment form from 7am in the morning until 3pm (no restrictions). This change will make it easier for those patients working full time to submit their medical request. We will aim to respond to forms submitted by 13.00, on the same day however, if you submit after this time we will aim to respond as soon as possible.

If you submit your form between 13.00-15.00 and you believe your problem is urgent please follow up your form submission with a call to the Surgery, so that we can find your request and highlight this to the GP.

After 3pm, if you have a medical emergency, please call the Surgery on 01462 417377.

Medical requests will now filter through two layers of triage.

Level 1 - Care Navigation. Depending on your clinical symptoms, you may be directed to others services, such as the local pharmacy, first contact mental health, or first-contact physiotherapy.

Level 2 - GP Triage. If your medical concern cannot be safely signposted at level 1, your medical request will be passed to a GP to review the urgency of your request and we will communicate this with you. We hope that the above changes will be welcomed by patients but please do continue to provide feedback, as this allows us the opportunity to make positive change.

Kind regards, Ashwell Surgery

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting is announced in advance on the Village Website [www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk](http://www.steeplemordenpc.org.uk), 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 AGM held on Monday May 13th, at 7.00pm in the Cricket Pavilion.

### Election of Chairman - Nick Badger

### Election of Vice-Chairman - Ollie Parsons

Comments and observations from parishioners - a short discussion was held concerning speeding traffic through the village and potholes. A parishioner has been told that roads in the Village will be resurfaced in June 2024.

### Election of Working Groups, Structures and Terms of Reference and Membership -

#### Planning

- the SM Committee

#### Recreation ground and Car Park Bookings

- Nick Badger

#### Environmental

- Ollie Parsons

#### Recreation Ground

- Nick Badger & Ollie Parsons

#### Village Hall Representative

- Celia Upchurch

#### Mobile Warden Scheme

- Ginny Belson

#### Police Panel Meetings

- Malcolm Bird

#### Townlands Charity Trustees

- Jeremy Clayton & Celia Upchurch

#### Finance Working Group

- Jeremy Clayton, Malcolm Bird & Angela Gear

#### MVAS Leader

- Keith Austin

#### Village Website Co-ordinator

- Malcolm Bird

#### Litter Pick

- Ginny Belson

#### Social Media

- Nick Badger

#### Major Repairs and Renovations

- Mark Carroll

#### Mitchells (Quarry) Liaison

- Ollie Parsons & Angela Gear

#### Queen's Jubilee Award

- Celia Upchurch

### Finances

Annual Audit 2023/24 - agreed

Agreement of Governance Statement 2023/4 - agreed

Agreement of Accounting Statement 2023/4 - agreed

**Agreement of Proposal for upgraded email service** – agreement was made to upgrade the email service to the Premium Plus FlexMail Package from Netwise.

## **Planning**

**Planning Ref 24/01592/PRIOR**

**Hillside Farm Barn, Brook End – Erection of agricultural machinery washdown building**

**RECOMMENDED**

**Date of the next meeting – 10<sup>TH</sup> June 2024**

## **Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting**

**Presentation of the Queen's Jubilee Award** – the 2023 award was presented to **Andrew Holt**.

## **Chairman's Statement**

Having decided to retire as parish council chairman after several years this will be my last report, I apologise for not being here in person

Finance, the parishes finances are in a robust position, thanks to the whole council being prudent with expenditure, whilst ensuring there is sufficient to keep improving facilities.

Improvements, we now have electric car charging points, a resurfaced car park, free Wi-Fi shortly to be extended to the church, some outdoor exercise equipment and, if well used I suspect more will be installed plus a climbing wall coming .

Environment we have an annual budget for tree planting and over the last two years have had many trees planted . I should add the village is blessed with some beautiful meadows and walks .

Recreation ground and play area, our parish councillors who look after this area do a fantastic job keeping it all maintained often doing the repairs themselves ,

Reading room, this is of great concern, we have had reports on it . The reading room is nearing the end of its life, and the cost of repairs and improvements to make it of sufficient standard are very high . So much so that the Parish Council after much debate is very reluctant to do the work . A far better solution is a new building part funded by the FA, helped by the PC.

Planning, most months we have applications to consider, we try to do this in a fair and equitable manner, I should point out that the PC,s decision is purely a recommendation, we do not have the power to grant or refuse applications . Although I hope that our decision is taken into account .

Litter. Thanks to all the team who pick it up and to the organiser, I am disappointed that so much litter is dropped, we live in a beautiful village, and there is no need to spoil it .

Speed, another concern, we have gateways and, speed monitors, all recommended by highways, whilst the average speed has dropped there are still some people who take no notice whatsoever .A particular concern of parishioners is the speed by the school. We have applied for this area to be made a 20 mph area .

Potholes, we have been told that the county council for some years adopted a policy of “ managed decline “ what complete folly . As a council we have lobbied hard for improvements, and some holes have been repaired, we asked if we could repair some and pay for this out of our funds. Unfortunately we are not allowed to do this .

All of the above things, take time and commitment from your Parish councillors, I am extremely grateful for all they do on our behalf. We are very lucky we have a council made up of people with different skill sets, and who are prepared to use them for the common good. I have also been very lucky to have had Sally as our clerk, she quietly gets on with matters, and makes sure we keep to the rules. The newsletter is produced by Desma, again we all should be grateful for her efforts

I wish my successor as chairperson all success with the hope that the council continues to be as fortunate as I have been with the people on it and the people who help

**Jeremy Clayton**

### **Financial Report 2023/4**

#### **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2023/24**

Income	47444.71
Less Expenditure	38695.27
	8749.44
Balance 2022/23 b/fwd	150602.24
	<b>159351.68</b>

#### **BANK ACCOUNTS (as per statements 31/3/24)**

Business Saver	£31,147.42	
Business Saver	£287.06	
Community Account	£26,915.58	
Cambridge & Counties Bank	£102,631.61	
	<b>£160,981.67</b>	
<b>(less unpresented payments)</b>		<b>159351.68</b>
S Walmesley	£1,311.59	
HMRC	£318.40	
	£1,629.99	

Parish Council (General)	£49,641.25	
Parish Council Projects 2	£100,000.00	
Conservation Projects	£502.58	
Section 106 Allocation	£8,657.32	
(community space)	£550.53	
	<b>£159,351.68</b>	



## Reports

**District Councillor - Heather Williams** - mentioned potholes, please keep reporting them. People in financial difficulties can contact the SCC for help and guidance. The 4-day week trial has ended, and a report is due in July. No decisions have been taken as to whether this will continue. Fly tipping is still an increasing problem with the Council not always able to enforce fines on the culprits. The Local Council Review- revealed some good points, however there is still concern over outstanding accounts. Accounts have yet to be signed off for 2020/1

### The following reports can be found on the Steeple Morden Web Site

Townlands, Bassingbourn College, Mobile Warden, St Peter & St Paul Church, Allotment Committee, Village Hall Committee, Tennis Club, Morden Players, Scout Group, Tree Planting Working Group, Recreation Working Group.

**Next AGM Meeting will be in June 2025**



## Art at Curwens Gallery

**From...Sat 1st Jun 9:00am - 5:30pm**

[ArtsCommunityLeisureExhibitions](#)

Curwens Solicitors, High St, Royston SG8 9AA, UK

Curwens Solicitors has a long history of supporting local artists with their not profit art gallery on some of their premises.

Currently exhibiting are artists Terry Wood: paintings in acrylics, watercolour, pastels, gouache and pen and ink; Helen Carnaghan: paintings in vivid colours, and Claire Fremann, volunteer gallery curator exhibiting hand painting glass and porcelain items.

**The Art and Gifts can also be seen and purchased during the solicitor's open hours of 9 am to 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday, just come into the reception area for visiting.**

THE  
LIBRARY  
PRESENTS

Bassingbourn Community Library

High Street SG8 5LD



'Fabulous!!'  
'Didn't want it  
to end!'

Workshop participants

## Samba Drumming Workshop

**Sunday 9 June**  
**2pm**

Running time: 2 hours

Suitable for: Families (7+ yrs) and Adults

Tickets: £6 / £3

A high energy and all-inclusive experience that will get everyone having fun with beats and rhythms. Never touched a drum? Doesn't matter, **Anthony Paul** will support you to have a go. All instruments provided.

To book tickets and to see access information and full detail of the whole programme visit [www.library.live/the-library-presents](http://www.library.live/the-library-presents)



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Orwell Art Group  
presents

ART IN THE GARDEN

Sunday 9th June  
2 - 6 pm

Original Artwork and Cards for sale

@ Cakebreade Cottage  
57 Town Green Road  
Orwell SG8 5QJ

free entry  
refreshments available (at small cost)  
a donation will be made  
to a local charity

## AN AFTERNOON OF HAPPY TRAD JAZZ

Steeple Morden church is hosting the  
Rockin' Chair Band  
in Steeple Morden Village Hall on  
Sunday, 16th June.

The concert and afternoon tea will be from  
2.30 to 5pm, with doors opening at 2pm.  
It will be a memorable afternoon!

Tickets are £15 each and will be available from  
Prothero's Garage, Anne Hassall (01763 853490)  
and Annie Urquhart (01763 853829).



**THERFIELD**

*Fête*

**ST MARY'S CHURCH**  
**SATURDAY, 15th JUNE**  
**2.00-4.30 pm**



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

<b>Zone 1:</b>	<b>Odsey</b> <i>Meet by Zaheer’s carpark</i>	<b>Saturday 1 June 2024</b>
<b>Zone 1:</b>	<b>Odsey</b> <i>Meet by Zaheer’s carpark</i>	<b>Saturday 14 September 2024</b>
<b>Zones 2 and 3:</b>	<b>Cheney Street from Litlington Road to Brook End to include The Green</b> <b>Cheney Street from Brook End to Hay Street Junction to include Russell Close and Jubilee Way etc</b> <i>Meet by the Litlington Road end of The Green</i>	<b>Saturday 28 September 2024</b>
<b>Zones 4 and 5:</b>	<b>Station Road from allotments to Ashwell Road to include Ashwell Road and Windmill Close etc</b> <b>Station Road and Hay Street to Craft Way to include Craft Way</b> <i>Meet by the Station Road and Ashwell Road intersection</i>	<b>Saturday 12 October 2024</b>
<b>Zones 6 and 7:</b>	<b>Hay Street from Craft Way to Trap Road /North Brook End Trap Road/ Bogs Gap and Brook End</b>  <i>Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec</i>	<b>Saturday 26 October 2024</b>
<b>Zones 2-6</b>	<b>Whole village sweep</b>  <i>Meet by Parish Noticeboard on the rec</i>	<b>Saturday 9 November 2024</b>
<b>Zone 1:</b>	<b>Odsey</b>  <i>Meet by Zaheer’s carpark</i>	<b>Saturday 23 November 2024</b>

Please email [SMLitterpick@yahoo.com](mailto:SMLitterpick@yahoo.com) with your full name and which of the events you can attend.







Our Village Hall is an excellent venue that is used by many people, dance groups and clubs, from this village and surrounding villages. To keep this facility running we have a committee of volunteers, some of whom have been involved for many years.

We would love to have new members join our team and help run this wonderful community facility.

Steeple Morden  
Village Hall  
NEEDS  
**YOU**

If you think you can help this excellent Village Hall running please email me  
keith@bogsgap.co.uk

[www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk)

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# STAR SHINE NIGHT WALK

SATURDAY 22 JUNE

5 OR 10 MILE CELEBRATORY  
SUNSET WALK FOR HOSPICE CARE

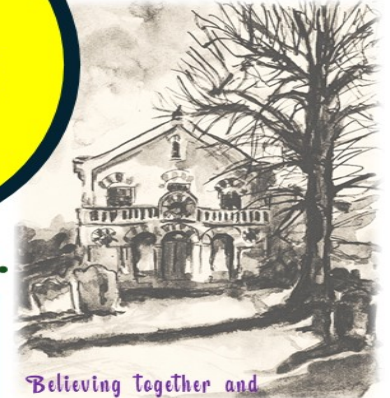
STARTING AT SHELFORD RUGBY CLUB

# THE IDEAL CHURCH EXHIBITION

A celebration of all the community groups who use our church and facilities.

SUNDAY  
23<sup>RD</sup>  
JUNE  
2.00 –  
4.00pm

Guilden Morden  
Congregational  
Church



Believing together and building our community together.

Come and meet the groups.

See what's going on in Guilden Morden.

JOIN IN – JOIN UP

MEET UP – MAKE FRIENDS

SHARE STORIES AND CREATE MEMORIES

Community choir  
Guilden Gaumont  
Morden Players  
Supper Club COGS  
House Group  
FUN4TOTS  
Bridge Club NCT  
Men's Guild  
Knit & Natter

REFRESHMENTS  
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Join us for a fantastic evening of entertainment...

# Home Start's Got Talent

on Saturday, 29th June 2024

from 7 pm to 10:00 pm (doors open 6:15 pm)

with a licensed bar, food supplied by The Honest Fig, and a raffle with great prizes!

Tickets £12 pp  
(U13s £8)  
Grazing Box  
£5.50

**HOME  
START**  
Royston, Buntingford &  
South Cambridgeshire  
Registered Charity No. 1105385

**Saint Peter & Saint Paul Church  
Steeple Morden  
Diary for June**

[www.shingaychurches.co.uk](http://www.shingaychurches.co.uk)

Service dates are –

**2<sup>nd</sup> June (Trinity 1)**

10.00am Litlington -Holy Communion with Abington Pigotts

10.00am Guilden Morden – Holy Communion

**9<sup>th</sup> June (Trinity 2)**

10.00am Wendy –Group Communion

**16<sup>th</sup> June (Trinity 3)**

10.00am Abington Pigotts – Family Service with Litlington

10.00am Steeple Morden – Holy Communion

10.00am Guilden Morden – United Service at St.Mary's

**23<sup>rd</sup> June (Trinity 4)**

10.00am Steeple Morden – Group Communion

**30<sup>th</sup> June (Trinity 5)**

10.00am Abington Pigotts – Group Communion

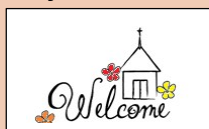
**7<sup>th</sup> July (Trinity 6)**

8.30am Steeple Morden –Holy Communion (PB)

**And Tuesdays**

Morning Prayer at Litlington Church, 10:00am

• 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> June & 2<sup>nd</sup> July followed by tea, coffee, and biscuits at 10:30am. Come, join and have a natter.



**Café Church**

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

**June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Guilden Morden Congregational Church  
Diary for June**

[www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org](http://www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.org)

Come to the Ideal Church Exhibition at the Chapel on 23rd June, 14.00pm, where you will be able to see what activities take place in our community and talk to the participants. See what is going on, stop, socialise and have some refreshments.

**Sunday 2nd June 10.30am** Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.

**Monday 3rd June 10.30 – 12.00** Men's Guild

**Tuesday 4th June 14.00pm** COGS

**Wed 5th June 9.00 – 11.30am** Fun4Tots

**Sunday 9th June 11.00am.** Joint Service with Litlington at Litlington

**Wed 12th June 9.00 – 11.30am** Fun4Tots

**Sunday 16th June 10.00am** Joint service with St Mary's at St Mary's

**Wed 19th June 9.00 – 11.30am** Fun4Tots

**Sunday 23rd June 14.00 – 16.00** Ideal Church Exhibition at the Chapel

**Wed 26th June 9.00 – 11.30am** Fun4Tots

**Sunday 30th June 10.30am** Communion service at the Chapel

Bridge Club Mondays at 19.30pm

Community Choir Mondays at 19.00pm

Knit and Natter Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00am from 11th June

GG Film Club Friday Fri 21st June, 19.00pm

Local History Group Thursday 5th June 15.00pm Steeple Morden VH

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 20.00pm, Contact Emily for details [emilymwilkinson@doctors.org.uk](mailto:emilymwilkinson@doctors.org.uk)

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



Ashwell Theatre Club presents...

A NIGHT TO DIE FOR...  
**MURDER AT THE MANOR**

YOU ARE INVITED TO DINNER AT LORD HEATHCLIFFS MANOR. BUT HE'S COME TO A STICKY END. HELP US SOLVE THE CRIME

SATURDAY 29 JUNE 7:30 PM, VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS £20. INCLUDES GLASS OF PIZZ, CHARCUTERIE PLATTER AND DESSERT.  
 1920S-THEMED FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED.

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**Due to popular demand, Royston's antique roadshow returns!**

Don't miss the chance to discover if you have treasure in the attic...

**SPECIAL VALUATION AND PURCHASING DAY**

Bentleys UK have been in business since 1980: we pride ourselves on our honesty & integrity

**ROYSTON TOWN HALL (Heritage Hall)**  
 Melbourn Street, Royston SG8 7BZ  
 Wednesday 12th June 10.30am - 2pm

From Coventry to Cape Town, antiques expert Andy Elton has been putting a price on family heirlooms and forgotten relics for over 40 years... and now he's coming to Royston.

The founder of Bentley's UK - which sets up shop in the town centre - is just the man to make your dreams come true - or let you down gently.

Andy prides himself on offering a fair price:

"I treat people as I would want to be treated myself," he says. "Everyone wants to make a profit, but you've got to be honest. I've got customers who have been coming to me for 15 years and others who have been referred to me by family and friends. I think that speaks for itself."

"You can open a box and know you're not going to find anything of value. But they're showing you something that is part of their heritage - you've got to be diplomatic."

He's always been interested in antiques and jewellery and has worked with two of the major auction houses in London and another in Nottingham. But he prefers to be his own boss.

"I've travelled all over the UK and I regularly go to South Africa, meeting thousands of people along the way," he says. "You come across some wonderful stories; I love hearing about how granddad got his medals."

"Then there was the time in Nottingham when someone came along with a dusty bronze which turned out to be a rare work by the sculptor Anton Van Wouw - I valued that at £5,000."

"You never know what the day will bring - that's why it's such a lovely job. I'm a very lucky man. Hopefully I'll be making someone in Royston very happy!"

The Bentley's UK valuation and purchasing day runs at

**ROYSTON TOWN HALL (Heritage Hall)**  
 Melbourn Street, Royston SG8 7BZ  
 Wednesday 12th June  
 10.30am - 2pm

Mobile 07768 513132  
 Whatsapp 07768 513132  
[info@bentleysuk.com](http://info@bentleysuk.com)  
[www.bentleysuk.com](http://www.bentleysuk.com)

**£100** on any mechanical Omega wristwatch, we will give you a minimum of

**£3,500** (Even if not working)

**£500** Sovereigns: we pay a minimum of we also buy any gold coins

**£250** Amber beads, we promise we will offer a minimum of Bring them along and let us surprise you

**£250** He suitable silver items required e.g. tea services, trays, silverware etc. (We also purchase any broken silver items)

**£250** We buy broken gold in any form: Au100, which means Eastern, dental, & any thing unrecognised. Gold in all forms

**£250** Old jewellery is extremely sought after at the moment - and we pay a large premium for any re-usable items

**NO PRICES ARE GUARANTEED**

We guarantee to give you a true valuation. Immediate cash payment, if it's just a valuation you want, please visit us. However, if that's not possible, we are happy to visit you - just call us on the number below. Please visit our website [www.bentleysuk.com](http://www.bentleysuk.com) and read the testimonials.

Gold Coins (all & world), sovereigns, Kruggerands, Royal Mint proof sets), antiques, wristwatches, pocket watches, gold (English & foreign), silver, re-usable jewellery items, amber, jade, any articles by Cartier, Tiffany, Asprey, etc. Bored Dinky & Corgi toys, Maccos & Clarice Cliff medals & milkbars, swords & bayonets.

**WANTED:** wristwatches including - Rolex, Omega, Jaeger, Breitling, Universal, IWC, Patek, military watches, Tissot, Seiko... in fact most makes, any condition.

For any other information or home visits call: **07768 513132**

Andy Elton is a fully licensed buyer and valuer. The experts of Bentley's UK will be present, cash purchase offers will be available, no obligation, no appointment necessary.

**Celtic Irish Music**

with Harp and Song

Professional Irish singer and harpist  
 Sophia Wisdom

Sunday 9th June  
 5pm-6pm at  
 Bassingbourn Church

Tickets £8 from  
[www.bassingbournchurch.org.uk](http://www.bassingbournchurch.org.uk)  
 or 07517941757

**YOGA ON THE HEATH**

FRI 21 JUNE, 6PM-7PM

£8 for members / £10 non-members

Book by visiting  
[www.yogawithaline.co.uk/events](http://www.yogawithaline.co.uk/events)

The Friends of The Field Heath  
 YOGA with Aline



**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2024**



**AMERICAN  
MUSCLE  
MEET!**

## MELBOURN VILLAGE FETE

**12-5pm**

(To be on the field by 11:30am for Marshals to direct parking)

### Historic Vehicles & Machines Display

Playing fields by the Pavilion, The Moor, Melbourn, SG8 6ED

FREE ENTRY

[motors@melbournfete.co.uk](mailto:motors@melbournfete.co.uk)

[www.melbournfete.co.uk](http://www.melbournfete.co.uk)

[info@melbournfete.co.uk](mailto:info@melbournfete.co.uk)

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# OPALS

Older Persons  
Activity Learning  
and Safety

## FREE EVENT

offering safety information,  
help and advice for the older person



**5th June 2024 • 10am-2pm**

**Coombes Community Centre**

Burns Road, Royston, SG8 5PT

Contact Terry Morris on **07740 670 642**  
or email [terry.morris@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:terry.morris@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



HERTFORDSHIRE  
CONSTABULARY

PreventionFirst

Attendees include: Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue, Hertfordshire Police, Hertfordshire Trading Standards, Neighbourhood Watch, Small Acts of Kindness Hertfordshire, Herts Independent Living Service (HILS), and many more helpful organisations.



## M. FLACK'S CHAIR CANING

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**Millie Flack**

Mobile: 07904 204 103

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[m.flackschaircaning](https://www.instagram.com/m.flackschaircaning)

## Makers at The Museum

Tue 11th Jun 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Museums

Ashwell Village Museum, Swan St, Ashwell, Baldock SG7  
5NY



[www.ashwellmuseum.org.uk](http://www.ashwellmuseum.org.uk)

[enquiries@ashwellmuseum.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ashwellmuseum.org.uk)

01462 742.956



## GREAT CHRISHILL WINDMILL

**Opening Times:**

May 12 & 19<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>,  
July 7 & 21<sup>st</sup>, August 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>,  
September 1 & 15<sup>th</sup>.

10pm – 4pm

[www.greatchishallwindmill.com](http://www.greatchishallwindmill.com)





**23 JUN 2024**

**ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE**

**STARTS: 11:00**

**DISTANCE: 5 KILOMETRES**

**ENTRY FEE: £10.00 - £15.00**

**ROYSTON IN BLUE**

team  
**brainstrust**  
the brain cancer people

**brainstrust**  
**Bass Belle 10km**  
**Sunday 23 June**

Start: 09.30  
Race limit: 500



**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.

MORDEN MAGPIES U11 24/25  
ARE RECRUITING PLAYERS



JOIN US

MORDEN MAGPIES FC

Open to boys and girls in Year 6 (Sept 2024-25)

Training Thursdays 6pm -7pm

Games take place on Saturday mornings in a competitive mid-level Cambs league

Contact: U11: Will 07769 330812 - mordenmagpies.co.uk



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ARTISAN  
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2024

Sunday 9th June  
10am - 4pm

Steeple Morden Village Hall

Admission is free  
Refreshments available  
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The best local artists, craftspeople  
and producers will be showcasing  
their work so this is an ideal  
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homemade treats

Exhibitors £20 per Table

Enquiries : [smvhartisan@btinternet.com](mailto:smvhartisan@btinternet.com)

If you wish to book a Stall.  
limited availability

Charity number 300421





## STEEPLE MORDEN CRICKET CLUB

Steeple Morden Cricket Club are looking forward to the new season with our first match on the 28th April which is a friendly at home against Whaddon. Our league season starts on the 4th May, with an away game against Barrington. Our first home league game is the week after against Milton. We will again be in Division 3W of the Cambridge League. Last season we finished mid table and we will be pushing for promotion this season. There are 16 league matches this season and a couple of Sunday friendly fixtures.

We are always looking for new players of any ability or anyone who is interested in scoring, umpiring or helping with the ground. We have plans to refurbish the practice net before the start of the season. It is available for use for the whole village not just members of the cricket club. If you are interested in joining or helping out please contact Fraser Daws 01763853008 or [fraser.daws@btinternet.com](mailto:fraser.daws@btinternet.com).

## STEEPLE MORDEN CRICKET CLUB FIXTURES 2024

### Division 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior West

4 <sup>th</sup> May	Barrington	A	Cancelled
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Milton B	H	Lost by 32 runs
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Fen Ditton	A	Won by 6 wickets
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Longstowe	H	
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Telugu Ass. Cam	A	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Stapleford	A	
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Milton 11	A	
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Northstowe	H	
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Barrington	H	
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Fen Ditton	H	
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Madingley	A	
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Longstowe	A	
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Stapleford	H	
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Northstowe	A	
24 <sup>th</sup> August	Telegue Ass. Cam	H	
31 <sup>st</sup> August	Madingley	H	



## Contact Names, Numbers and E-Mail Addresses for Organisations and Groups in the Village



Organisation	Contact	Phone No	E-mail
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First Responders (co-ordinator)	Wayne Cox		<a href="mailto:waynecox79@yahoo.co.uk">waynecox79@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Primary School	Tracey How, Head Teacher	01763 852474	<a href="mailto:office@steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk">office@steplemorden.cambs.sch.uk</a>
Village College	The Principal Ms Vicky Pouter	01763 242344	<a href="mailto:office@bassingbournvc.net">office@bassingbournvc.net</a>
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Smarties Pre-School and Out of School Club		01763 852888	<a href="mailto:smartiesmanager1@gmail.com">smartiesmanager1@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:smrtiesoosclub@gmail.com">smrtiesoosclub@gmail.com</a>
Cricket Club	Fraser Daws	01763 853008	<a href="mailto:fraser.daws@btinternet.com">fraser.daws@btinternet.com</a>
Football Club	Jason Clark	07510 519476	
Morden Magpies Youth FC	Guy Dyke-Price	07773 323723	<a href="mailto:guy@mordenmagpies.co.uk">guy@mordenmagpies.co.uk</a>
Bowls Club (Sec)	Anthony Johnson	07423 436283	<a href="mailto:williamsj300@outlook.com">williamsj300@outlook.com</a>
Tennis Club	Fiona Coverdale	01763 853325	<a href="mailto:steplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk">steplemordentennis@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Steeple Chasers Running & Cycling Club	Sarah Anderson		<a href="mailto:steplechasersrcc@gmail.com">steplechasersrcc@gmail.com</a>
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Neighbourhood Watch			Cabs Police: <a href="http://www.cambs.police.uk">www.cambs.police.uk</a>
Social Car Scheme	Hazel Smith	01763 852602	<a href="mailto:hcsmith@clara.co.uk">hcsmith@clara.co.uk</a>
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](mailto:viguersk@aol.com)

[www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.steeplemordenvillagehall.co.uk)

## Mobile Library

Stops at VILLAGE HALL between 10.15-11.00am.  
The next calling date is Tuesday June 4th, 2024



## 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

### 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 40p 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 show 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](mailto:evchargers@steeplemordenpc.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](mailto:webmaster@steeplemordenpc.org.uk)



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