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Parish Council Update – June 2022

Parish Council Members 2022

After the successful Annual Parish Meeting, we wanted to acknowledge and thank the contribution of Councillors Holme, Harper and Chapman all of whom stepped down from the Council after many years of service.

Ken Locke will sit as Chair for a second year and Nick Buckland will take up the post of Vice Chair.

We would also like to take the opportunity to warmly welcome Tony Frost to the Parish Council.

Vacancies: We currently have two vacancies for the Parish Council due to insufficient candidates standing for the May election. If you are interested and would like to get involved, please contact the Clerk for more information and an application form. (No campaigning necessary).

Village Website – Can you help?

The Parish Council would be most grateful for a volunteer to oversee our village website and check that information is current and up to date, by liaising with the page owners etc. This is a voluntary role, however full training on the back office will be provided. We do not envisage that this would be very time consuming, a couple of hours a quarter.

If anyone is interested in this role, please could you contact the Clerk.

MORE COMMUNITY WOODLANDS for the Mordens!

THE PLAN

An area of 5.51 Ha (13,61 acres) adjoining the existing Tween Towns Wood became available recently. Due to the urgency of this purchase, a guarantor has stepped in to allow its purchase by the Woodland Trust, and we are glad to say that the purchase is going through. This will double the current area of the existing community woodlands of White Ponds and Tween Town Woods.

CAN YOU HELP?

As so many of you did with White Ponds and Tween Towns Woods, it would be wonderful if Steeple and Guilden Morden residents could support the purchase of this substantial extension to the Woodlands for everyone.

Please contribute directly to the Tween Towns Wood Extension project through a donation to the Woodland Trust.

Direct BACS donation to the Woodland Trust
Lloyds Bank Plc

Account Name: Woodland Trust

Sort Code: 30-96-68

Account No: 01050777

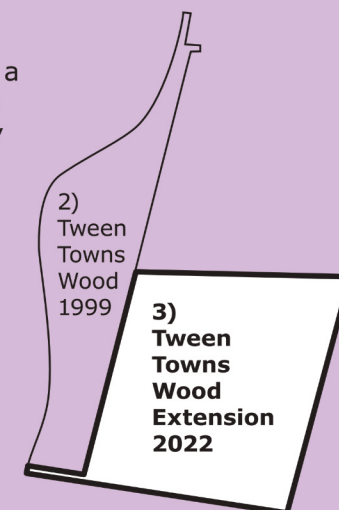
(be sure to put 'Tween Towns Extension' in the reference box)

Or

Cheque to the WOODLAND TRUST sent to Katy Bradshaw, at Woodland Trust, Kempton Way, Grantham, Lincs, NG316LL

If you are able to Gift Aid your kind donation, please contact Katy for the relevant paperwork (Any queries to Katy 03432 484078)

A BIG THANK YOU



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Editorial

Platinum Jubilee fever is alive and well in the village, with some excellent bunting and flag displays.

Let's hope that the village Jubilee celebrations go really well, and a big thank you to everyone who has been involved with organising it.

Have a great month.

Mike Allton - Editor

Notes from our May meeting:

We are hoping to recruit a new female doctor in the near future. We are fortunate in having a good supply of locum doctors who are regularly called upon to help out. Our nursing team has also been expanded, and in these times when the recruitment of medical practitioners is a huge issue nationally, we are reassuringly well provided for. In addition, we now have a full complement of Patient Coordinators.

The issues with our phone system are well known. We now have funding for a replacement system which should provide a much better service. The implementation date for this new system has yet to be fixed but we are assured that it is in hand.

Our current phone message has recently been amended to include a warning to abusive callers. This was necessitated following a series of very unpleasant calls which were distressing to our Patient Coordinators on the receiving end. They are there to help, so we appeal to callers to treat them respectfully.

We always discuss appointments at our meetings. Dr Jarvis pointed out that this was a standing item for our doctors' weekly meetings. Through our membership of the Primary Care Network (PCN), where we share resources with practices in Baldock and Letchworth, we enjoy the additional services of a pharmacist and physiotherapist who help to relieve pressure.

Regarding Covid vaccinations, our Practice Manager, Katie Prince, reported that we are due to offer a clinic at Bassingbourn shortly. It is hoped that this will set a precedent for further rollouts to enable patients to be vaccinated locally rather than having to travel to Letchworth or even further afield.

There was discussion about hospital waiting lists. Dr Jarvis reported that hospitals were increasingly reliant on GPs to provide some services adding to pressures surgeries. There was also a query about the use of email to make appointments. Katie responded that this was perfectly possible and that emails were checked daily.

Wed 1st June	09.00 - 11.00 Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 5th June	10.30 Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome
Monday 6th June	10.30 Men's Guild in the Schoolroom
Wed 8th June	09.00 - 11.00 Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 12th June	11.00 Joint service at Litlington.
Wed 15th June	09.00 - 11.00 Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 19th June	11.00 Joint service at St Mary's
Tues 21st June	14.00 COGS meeting
Wed 22nd June	09.00 - 11.00 Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 26th June	10.30 Communion service in the Chapel with Adrian Burr
Wed 29th June	09.00 - 11.00 Mix and Match for parents and toddlers

On **2nd June** we shall be running a stall at the Village Event publicising our Time Capsule Project and running some children's activities. Do come along for a chat.

BRING WHAT YOU CAN, TAKE WHAT YOU NEED

A sharing table is being set up in the church porch where people can leave items of food for sharing with others in the village. Any excess food will be taken to the Stotfold Food Bank.

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 20.00
Contact Amanda for details ajgenieman@gmail.com

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

Bassingbourn Village Band

Dreams can indeed come true. Back in 1997, Les Houghton dreamt of a village band in Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth. Les didn't play an instrument himself, but felt the village was lacking something and would be the better for having a little bit of music at its heart.

Les put a call out for interested musicians and in January 1998 approximately eight people and their brass, woodwind, stringed and percussive instruments came together to form the band and make music together. These included triplets on trumpet, clarinet and violin. The band has been making music ever since.



Bassingbourn Diamond Jubilee Celebrations 2012

In 2022, it consists of approximately 14 assorted woodwind and brass players on flute, clarinet, saxophone, French horn, tenor horn and trombone, plus a bass guitarist and a cello. There is often a mixture of ages too. Rehearsals take place on Thursday evenings, currently in Litlington, but returning to the Old School, Bassingbourn in the autumn this year. New players are always very welcome. There is no set standard, but a basic level of competence on your instrument and an ability to read music are important.



The band has played for a variety of local events over the years including celebrations to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee in June 2002, Bassingbourn Village College's 50th Birthday celebrations and the Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee. This year we've helped raise funds for Ukraine and will be playing in a variety of Jubilee celebrations.

We are a friendly group and would love to hear from local instrumentalists. Anyone interested in joining the band should email j.s.watts@btinternet.com

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The Mordens WI meets at 7.30 pm in Guilden Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month.

In June we plan to hold a Queen's Jubilee Barbecue.

If you would like more information about us, please contact Joyce on 01763 852087 - transport can also be

To all my customers

It is with a touch of sadness that I am informing you all that I have decided to retire from the Post Office, along with my colleague Carol, in January 2023.

I have served the community for almost 37 years in the capacity of Postmistress and have enjoyed 99.9% of those years. However, the time has come for a change. This will mean the branch will be closing in January - the exact date will be confirmed later in the year.

I would like to thank all of you for your very loyal support throughout my time as Steeple Morden Postmistress.

Tricia Covington



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10th September

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9th July

12th November

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