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## Letter from our village churches

# These six parishes in the Shingay Group have been without a full-time vicar for nearly a year now and during that time there has been a great deal of thought and discussion about how we would like to go forward.

It can be revealing to compare and contrast other churches and congregations visited in the past to see if lessons can be learnt from them.

I remember a group of villages in West Africa where there was a large church, which every Sunday was full of the local people of all ages, babes in arms and toddlers fidgeting, the rich and the poor, all mixed together. The girls from the local grammar school would walk there in a long crocodile, wearing their beautiful blue Sunday lappas (a bit like a sari). Many a time the congregation would recognise the reading and would join in. Hymns were sung musically and with gusto. Because the tropical heat was so humid, all doors and windows were open and goats and chickens would wander through, all members of God's creation sharing an experience of joy.

Later, on a university campus, where the local people were mostly Muslim, things were very different. Church services were held in a hut just like the Tabernacle at Shingay – just large enough for local Christians and the university staff. We had readings, prayers, hymns and sermons, but no gusto here nor any children. Things were more subdued with hardly any mingling between the communities.

More recently, I have been to services at three local chapels, and have been impressed by their warmth, friendliness and deep faith. No two churches are the same, and no congregation is perfect, but it is good to try to emulate positive points we see elsewhere. The hope in these six parishes is that the new vicar will *help us* to be welcoming and friendly, encourage parents and children to join us at services, be concerned for and visible in our local communities, and lead services that help us to "be still in the presence of the Lord" and joyful.

Can one person ever be a mixture of Peter, Paul, all the apostles plus the Marys? It is, actually, a challenge for all of us.

Mrs Cicely Murfitt Guilden Morden Shingay Group of Churches

## Kumar Balani

Kumar Balani passed away on 6th August 2023 aged 76. As subpostmaster and shopkeeper at Litlington Post Office Stores for 31 years, Kumar was a true pillar of the local community.

With his wife, Jay, he ensured that this small village would retain a shop and post office while many other rural businesses were closing. He was well loved by all for his cheeky sense of humour, generosity and kindness.

Kumar was born in Karachi in 1946 and spent his

early years in India as one of seventeen children. He joined the Merchant Navy and worked as the Purser on passenger ships, where he met his wife in 1969 on a crossing from Mumbai to Mombasa. He moved to the UK in 1975, and settled in Litlington 15 years later.

Kumar and Jay ran the shop for 31 years, retiring in 2019. In his retirement, Kumar devoted himself to research and writing, spending hours in the British Library and National Archives. His children, Radha and Sita, intend to complete and publish his manuscript.

The family would like to thank the local community for their support, sympathy, and for sharing their happy memories of Kumar. As Kumar was a patient at Papworth Hospital for many years, the family ask that any donations be made to the Royal Papworth Charity in his name. *royalpapworthcharity.com/memory-wall* 

## 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 7.30 pm. We have a wide variety of



activities to choose from and interesting speakers throughout the year.

On 21st September Greg Turner will tell us about the history, meaning and moves of Tai Chi. The committee can have the night off on 21st October as Members will take over the meeting. We will be making a miniature Christmas tree table decoration at our meeting on 16th November.

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.



## "Hatches & Matches"

## Welcome to our new page highlighting the special occasions in our churches – the Christenings and Weddings.

Those special occasions continue in our churches, as we celebrated Christenings and Weddings over the summer.



On June 18, we gathered for the christening of Rupert George Lee at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Abington Pigotts.

Rupert is seen here (left) at the back of the church by the font with his parents, Natasha and Shane....a truly joyous day.

In Steeple Morden we gathered in St Peter & St Paul Church on July 30, for the christening of Millie Violet Olive Petherbridge. Millie is seen (below) with her parents Antony and Abbe, brother Harrison, sister Ava, and her family. A really lovely afternoon.



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### News from our villages

## GROUP HARVEST SERVICE SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

10am

at St. Peter & St. Paul, Steeple Morden

followed by

### HARVEST LUNCH

12 noon

St. Mary's Church, Guilden Morden

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1st Steeple Morden Guides need another adult leader. We meet every Wednesday evening during term time. This is a fantastic volunteering opportunity, giving you the chance to get creative, have fun and be an inspiring role model to girls and young women. Please contact Lis *steeplemordenguides@gmail.com* or 01767631695 for more information.



## End of Term - Summer 2023

At Guilden Morden Primary School, the Year 6 Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church was a lovely event for all involved. The six children leaving the school processed into church, where the rest of the school were already seated, and each of them read a Bible passage about new beginnings. I presented them with a candle and a Bible and



gave a little talk about them and their memories of their Primary School (which they had sent me beforehand). The children then performed a song they had written themselves and the whole school joined in a second leavers' song before processing out to a round of applause. *Fiona Davis* 

#### We have reached the end of another busy and action packed year at Steeple Morden Primary School. Looking back over the year it is hard to believe just how much we have packed in to enable our children to "be brave, be kind and be the best they can be".

Two residentials (year 5 to Grafham and year 6 to Derbyshire) allowed children to push themselves out of their comfort zones and achieve things they did not think possible. Various visits and visitors have enhanced the curriculum and enabled children to set their learning in a wider context and our team of 'Planet Protectors' achieved the Eco-schools Green Flag. We spent time in our leavers' assembly reflecting on our year 6s and their achievements since joining the school, both academic and personal. We recognised their efforts as play leaders, peer mediators and positive role models to the younger members of the school.

Individual children were presented with our School Awards, some of which stretch back beyond memory. These awards focus on personal achievement including service to others, perseverance, academic progress, service and endeavour (a shield presented to the school by members of the 355<sup>th</sup> fighter group who flew from Steeple Morden Airfield in WWII) and overall contribution to school life. Happy memories were shared, a few tears were shed, songs were sung and old photos brought smiles.

We are so proud of all they have achieved and we know that they leave us with a solid foundation on which to build their futures. They are brave – tacking new challenges and standing up for what they know is right; they are kind – to themselves, to others and to their environment and we cannot wait to see where their dreams take them as they aim to be the best they can be. *Tracey How, Head teacher* 



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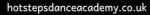
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### IT'S TIME TO THINK CHRISTMAS TREE!

We're holding our Christmas Tree Festival again in Steeple Morden Church so whether you're planning a tree as an individual, family, club or organisation we look forward to welcoming you.



The Festival will run from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

Details will be published, but meanwhile can be found from Anne Hassall, 853490.

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## In The Garden

Yasmeen Brigstocke

Summer is drawing to a close, but there is still much to do in the garden. For a start, there's planting bulbs, but I have written about that before. September is also about dividing plants, pruning, collecting seeds and propagating the plants you want for next year in case they don't survive the winter.

Due to the mixture of rain and warm spells some plants with soft stems (herbaceous perennials) may have grown so much that they have outgrown their space and are swamping other plants. They can be divided to make smaller plants which also helps when the plant has died out in the middle but is growing well at the outer edges. Water the clump, then dig it up half an hour later. If the plant is watered beforehand it will create less stress having its roots broken. If it has a mass of small roots, i.e. a fibrous root system, you can cut through them creating two or more clumps. One of them can then be re-planted in the same space and the others placed to fill gaps in other parts of the garden or potted up and given away.

Some plants like daylilies (Hemerocallis) produce quite thick fleshy roots. Again, water the plant well, lift the whole clump and remove the soil around the roots. Then, using secateurs or a saw, cut sections of the clump ensuring that you have some green growth attached to each root section. Plant back into the area or in a new area as required. Water well after planting.

It's a good time to prune out dead flowerheads and stems. Sometimes this might encourage the plant to produce more flowers. For instance, if you have cosmos, keep snipping off the spent flower heads and this will encourage the plant to continue flowering until the frosts destroy it. Also get rid of yellowing leaves that are looking tired and bedraggled.

Lavender should be pruned now, once the bees have finished with it, cutting away all the flower stems to leave compact mounded plants. This will reduce the likelihood of the plant becoming leggy and woody. A little bit of bone meal to encourage strong root production will also help.

A lot of plants will be setting seeds now, especially if you haven't cut the flowers off. I take seeds from aquilegia, lychnis coronaria, hollyhocks, honesty, and foxgloves and scatter them around the garden in places where I want more of these plants. I have also tried collecting the seeds on a dry day and storing them in envelopes with the intention to grow more next year.

If we have a winter as cold as the last one, it's probably a good idea to take cuttings of not quite hardy plants such as salvias, agastache, rosemary, and pelargoniums to grow on in a frost free greenhouse or porch. There are several websites including Gardener's World and the RHS which will give you in depth information about how to take cuttings in the autumn.

I do hope you get the chance to enjoy the garden and some late summer sunshine before the nights draw in.

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3rd September (Trinity 13)				
8:30am	Steeple Morden	Prayerbook Communion		
10am	Litlington	Holy Communion -Joint with Abington Pigotts		
10am	Guilden Morden	Holy Communion -Joint with Wendy		
10th Sep	10th September (Trinity 14)			
10am	Litlington	Group CommunionArchdeacon Alex Hughes presiding		
17th September (Trinity 15)				
8:30am	Wendy	Holy Communion *		
10am	Abington Pigotts	Family Service -Joint with Litlington		
10am	Steeple Morden	Children's Service		
10:30am	Guilden Morden	United Family Service at St Mary's		
24rd September (Trinity 16)				
10am	Wendy	Group Communion		
1st October (Trinity 17)				
8:30am	Wendy	Holy Communion * -Joint with Steeple Morden		
10:00am	Abington Pigotts	Family Service for Harvest		
10:00am	Litlington	Holy Communion *		
10:00am	Guilden Morden	Holy Communion *		
Please see church noticeboards in case of changes to this list.				
* Communion by extension				

### And Tuesdays ...

### Morning Prayer at Litlington Church, 10am



 $5^{\text{th}},\,12^{\text{th}},\,19^{\text{th}}\,\text{and}\,\,26^{\text{th}}\,\text{September}$ 

followed by tea, coffee, and biscuits. Come, join and have a chat.



## **Floodlight Diary**

### St Mary's, Guilden Morden

- 24 June The lights shone out for Roger and Claire Perolls (nee Thompson) on their 23rd Wedding Anniversary, also for the 19th birthday of their daughter Deanna Lillian on 23rd. Deanna was baptized at St Mary's on November 7th 2004. Congratulations to all. They all live on the Isle of
- 6 July Remembering with love Derek Dellar RIP from all the family.
- 2 Aug The lights were shining in memory of Bill Davies RIP with love from all the family.

If you would like the lights switched on please contact Cynthia Worboys 853217.

### St Catherine's, Litlington

- 6 July To wish Marge Baker a Happy Birthday with love from Katherine, Paul, Kyle, Jack and all the Baker family. Marge lives in Stowmarket but was resident in Litlington for many years and still has family and friends here.
- 17 Aug Birthday of Kumar Balani RIP and the day of his Memorial Service held in St Catherine's Church. Kumar was the well respected proprietor, with his wife, of Litlington Post office Stores for 30 years.

When two people request the church is floodlit on the same date, the lights are switched on for two days.

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## **In the Kitchen**



#### BLACKBERRY AND APPLE CRUMBLE BARS serves 12-20

Blackberry and Apple crumble is an autumnal classic and one of my personal favourite desserts. These crumble bars are perfect for the back-to -school and work season as they fit easily into lunchboxes and are delicious. They are also the perfect snack as they are quick to grab and can be stored for days in the fridge. My blackberry and apple crumble bars are a great way for everyone to get involved with baking as they are super easy to make and are the perfect seasonal sweet treat.

#### Ingredients:

Crumble: 175g rolled oats 200g plain flour 150g light brown soft sugar ½ tsp baking powder 175g unsalted butter (cold and cubed) Filling: 500g apples 150g blackberries 75g light brown soft sugar 1 tsp ground cinnamon 1-2 tsp cornflour dissolved in water (optional)

#### Method:

Start by preheating your oven to 200  $^\circ$  c/ 180° fan and line an 8x8" square tin with baking parchment.

Firstly, begin by making the crumble filling. Peel the apples and add them to a saucepan with the blackberries, light brown soft sugar and the cinnamon. I use a 3:10 ratio of blackberries to apples. Simmer on a low heat for around 20 minutes or until the fruit has reached a thick jam-like consistency but leave a little texture to some of the fruit. If you are struggling to get the fruit to thicken you can add a little cornflour to encourage it along. Once the fruit has finished thickening, take it off the heat and set it aside to cool whilst you make the crumble mix.

Making your crumble mix is so easy to do, and everyone can get involved! In a large bowl, add the oats, plain flour, light brown soft sugar, baking powder and give it a quick mix together. Once all the dry ingredients have been mixed, incorporate the cubed butter into the mixture and rub together with your fingers until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs.

To assemble your crumble bars, pour 500g of your crumble mix into the lined tin and press down firmly. Pour the blackberry and apple filling on top of the oaty crumble mix that you have just pressed down into the tin, and finally sprinkle the remaining crumble mix on top.

Bake your crumble bars in the oven for around 30 minutes or until golden. Leave them to cool completely on a wire rack before portioning them. I prefer to serve them with cream, warm custard or ice cream however they also taste amazing on their own.

## In the Countryside

**Perry Littleboy** 

You should see the Southern Hawker dragonfly around our waterways in August and September, distinctive at some three inches long, and truly an apex predator of other insects. Successful in 95% of its pursuits, whereas your average successful kill by Leopards is around 38% and lions only 25% (African wild dogs 85%!)

These insects will be laying their eggs on rotten logs beside streams and ponds. The eggs won't hatch until Spring and then the nymph larvae will crawl into the water, where they will stay amongst the sludge feasting on other pondlife, until September 2026 from whence they will emerge. Dragonflies are ancient from an evolutionary perspective, with fossils found dating back 325 million years ago.

And speaking of ancient lifeforms, the Maidenhair tree or Gingko (Gingko *biloba*) is the most remarkable of trees. For a start, like Pines and Cyclids, it is a gymnosperm, ("naked seed", and predating all flowering plants, which are angiosperms). The gymnosperm's seed is not protected by being encased in an ovary, but instead lies naked and develops on the scales of the cone. So where can you see one of these living fossils? Wimpole Gardens have two, one in the West Garden behind a large Copper Beech. It is surrounded by trees that have drawn the Gingko up to quite a height. When a plant is etiolated like this (being drawn up in search of light), the cells do not keep subdividing as with normal vegetative growth, but stretch and lengthen. The other Gingko is much smaller and in the Fir triangle. The fan-shaped leaf is the give-away.

Whilst on the subject of cell-division, most plants will show positive phototropism in their stems as they grow towards light and negative phototropism in the roots, growing away from light. Hedge bindweed with its pure white trumpet flowers, are curling up and around every upright structure in hedges and woods and probably that bit of your garden you don't visit very often. This is caused by Thigmotropism, which is growth in response to touch. The cells on the side of the growing shoot that is in contact with something, will subdivide less quickly than on the side not being touched. Hence the tendril of your Runner bean or Vine or Bindweed will curl round another plant or structure.

My word of the month is "epicormic". Limes are predisposed to epicormic growth (literally "around the corm") which are the shoots that grow from the base of a tree, from epicormic buds underneath the bark. Usually, if the tree or shrub is growing well, hormones will suppress such growth, but if the growing tip is damaged higher up the plant, such epicormic growth will commence. Interestingly, we thought we had lost all our Daphnes, our

## In the Countryside continued

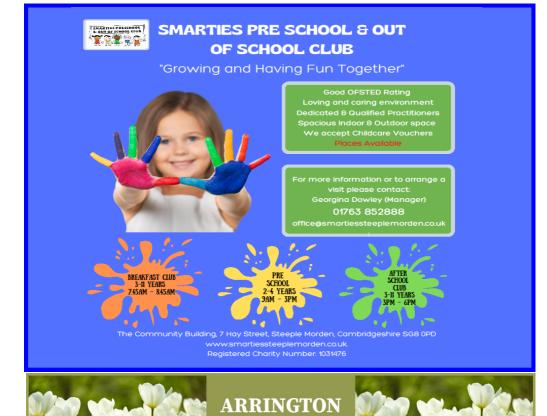
Ceanothuses and Cordylines from last winter's cold but, in most cases, new growth has appeared these last few months from the same epicormic buds. All was not lost.

Many Jays (Garrulus glandarius), also called Acorn Jays, are arriving on the east coast from the Continent, to overwinter here, and they will compete with the squirrels to hide acorns and hazelnuts in the leaf litter and grass verges. A gamekeeper told me that he thought all the oak trees of England are courtesy of the Jay as the length of their beak is exactly the right depth to plant an acorn. It may be fanciful but I liked the deference. Although as rapacious as your Magpie or Crow of songbird eggs and chicks, there is something irrepressible about these Corvids and the sound of its chatter (Garrulus) and they are very handsome. Swooping between trees or jumping around your garden, look for the telltale white rump (the other bird with a distinctive white rump is the Bullfinch, but he is smaller and found along hedgerows). The Jay's blue and black striped wing feathers were prized to decorate men's hats.

You will notice that the Rooks, another Corvid, are picking through the stubble fields and newly ploughed soil for Leatherjackets and beetles. And then they will suddenly wheel up into the air, out of seemingly irrepressible joie de vivre, and then corkscrew back down to earth in a sky dive known, wonderfully, as "whiffling". There is a sense that nature is on the move, shaking off the torpor of high summer. The Hobbies will start to shadow the Swallows and Martins south to Africa this month. Holland's Bitterns start to fly West to English reedbeds. It would be very exciting if Fowlmere Reserve attracted one or two this winter.

I read that autumn migrant warblers, like Chiffchaff, Willow warbler, Blackcap and Garden warbler each need to lay down 5 grams of fat to survive their journey to Africa and so they will be building their reserves by picking at Blackberries as well as their usual insects. Not for them, the charming legend that says you should stop eating wild Blackberries towards the end of the month, for the Devil has spat on them. On 29<sup>th</sup> September, St Michael's feast day, Michaelmas, (and the Feast of all Archangels), we celebrate his victory over Lucifer, who is thrown out of Heaven and lands head-first into a thicket of brambles. So incensed is he, that he spits upon them!

Also on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 6 days after the Vernal Equinox, is the Harvest Moon. The brightest evening planet this month will be Saturn. Both Venus and Jupiter (from mid month) will be impressive morning planets to look out for.



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	Sep	tember 2023		
If you would like to have a chat with Tony, he will be in the Chapel every Monday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am				
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Save the date	Evening social meet up, time TBC		
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Café style Harvest Festival. Come and join Oliver Kinchin, President of the Congregational Federation, for croissants, coffee and more, in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome		
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	15.00pm	Songs of Praise in Elstow Congregational Church		
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Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	14.00pm	COGS		
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-11.00am	Fun4Tots		
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Joint service with Litlington at Litlington		
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-11.00am	Fun4Tots		
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Joint service with St Mary's at St Mary's		
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-11.00am	Fun4Tots		
Sun 24 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Communion Service		
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am-11.00am	Fun4Tots		
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10th September	11.00 am	Mrs Jackie Hall ( joined by Guilden Morden Congregational Church)
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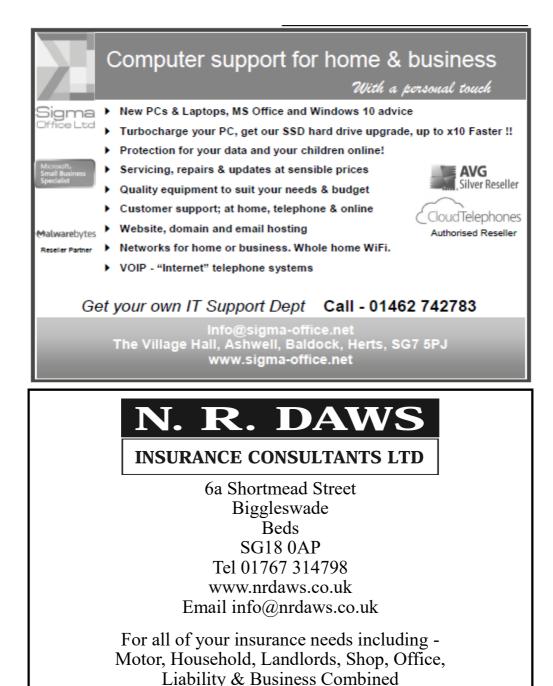
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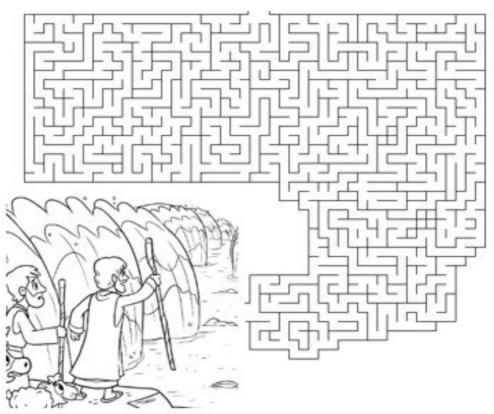
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# Kidz Page

On September 17<sup>th</sup> in Steeple Morden, we will be learning about Moses. Moses was a great leader and had a special relationship with God. The Israelites had been slaves in Egypt for generations. They prayed and prayed that God would find a way to release them. God chose Moses to lead them to freedom. The Egyptian King finally agreed and Moses led the way. But then the King changed his mind. He gathered his army and chased after the Israelites. When they realised what was happening, they were afraid they would be trapped between the army and the sea. But God commanded Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea and lead his people to safety. The seas parted and the people rushed across to the other side. But when the Egyptians tried to follow, the sea crashed down upon them and they were drowned. The Israelites were free at last.



Can you find the way for Moses to go to reach Freedom safely?