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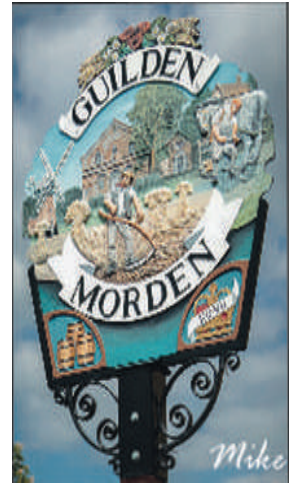
The Guilden Morden village newsletter



## **KEEP CALM AND PLEDGE NOW**

**TTCG VILLAGE MEETING**  
7<sup>th</sup> November - 7.30pm  
Congregational Chapel School Room

Lots of news this month. The run-up to Christmas is in full swing now and I know that must delight you all! News about our Speedwatch volunteers making the village safer by reporting speeding motorists, and finally an account of the Local History Group's visit to the WW1 battlefields to honour the fallen from Guilden Morden. It reminds us of the sacrifices the previous generations made for us.



**Please note: The December and January gamut will be a combined issue, as per last year. Deadline 20<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Parish Council Notices Parking in the village.** With the advent of the darker evenings, the Parish Council would like to urge all parishioners to consider how and where they park their vehicles. If vehicles must be parked on the road, please ensure that they are legally parked, facing the correct way, and never on the footpaths, for obvious safety reasons.

**Please check your hedges.** The Parish Council has also noted that there are a number of hedges encroaching on the footpaths around the village. Pedestrians are thus forced to walk on the road, posing a potential risk of danger from traffic. Please can all parishioners check that their hedges are not overhanging the footpaths or blocking the pathways.



Time to choose your

## Christmas Tree

at 101 High Street, Guilden Morden  
Reserve now for collection as required

or freshly dug on **16<sup>th</sup> December**

Charles Paget-Wilkes

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South Cambridgeshire District Council is changing the way in which used paper is collected from residents for recycling.

From **11 December 2017**, residents won't need to use their caddies to recycle paper anymore. From that date, residents should place their used paper directly into their blue wheelie bins instead. This used paper will still be recycled after being sorted from other materials at our facility near Waterbeach.

After 11<sup>th</sup> December residents can keep their caddy to use for anything they like. Alternatively, they can be recycled by being dropped off at the nearest household waste recycling centre. **They should not be placed into wheelie bins.**

The decision to withdraw the paper caddy service was taken at South Cambridgeshire District Council's Cabinet meeting in September. The decision will save taxpayers money and simplify the recycling process for residents. Because of this upcoming change, the District Council will no longer be delivering any new paper caddies. If they are lost or stolen before 11 December, residents can begin putting paper in their blue bin.

More information can be found here: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling>

## **GM BOOK EXCHANGE**

### **Church Street Telephone Box**

The Book Exchange in the old telephone box is a well-used and valued village facility and there is generally a regular supply of new books to choose from. Books that have been available for some time are taken to charity shops in Royston. The book exchange works best by swapping one book for another. However, sometimes bags of books are left, as well as old magazines and toys. It is only a small phone box, so no large reference books or encyclopedias, and could you please limit the number of books you share. Could you also ensure that they are clean, dry and in good condition. Thank you and happy reading!



Support and friendship  
for families

**Snowflake Tea Parties** - could you help raise funds for Home-Start by hosting a tea party with your family and friends from your office, playgroup, school, book club etc.? We will supply you with a "tea bag" fundraising pack with ideas for all you need to host an event - the pack includes invites for your use, a snowflake cutter and recipes for any cakes or biscuits you may want to make for your event. This

is a great way to get your friends and family together before or after Christmas.

**Concept of the appeal** - Home-Start is asking people to raise money to support vulnerable children who are unique and fragile as snowflakes. This ties in with Home-Start's unique, tailor-made support for children, delivered with parents, in the family's home.

The appeal runs from 1st November to 31st January each year. If you would like to host a snowflake tea party, please call our office on 01763 262262 or email us at [admin@hsrsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hsrsc.org.uk)

### **Guilden Morden Food Fayre raises £2,500 for St Mary's**

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards and who supported the Guilden Morden Food Fayre. We raised an amazing £2,500 this year and welcomed 305 visitors to St Mary's Church. We had great support from Guilden, Steeple, Ashwell and the surrounding villages. Feedback was very complimentary and newcomers were surprised by the variety of stalls and wonderful produce on offer. Hopefully, Guilden4Food's reputation will continue to grow.

We rely on a huge number of people who generously donate their time and money to making this event a success. Without the bread makers, passionate preservers, cake bakers, dessert divas, the herb grower, the tombola and café donations, the set-up/clear-up team and stallholders (homemade in Guilden Morden and artisan) this event wouldn't be possible.

The Guilden Morden Food Fayre is a great village effort and a successful social event. Whatever your contribution to the day, thank you and we hope to see you again next year. Charles Paget-Wilkes / Lesley Harrison.

Twitter: @guilden4food



## Community Speedwatch is now active in Guilden Morden!

Over the years, there have been numerous complaints of speeding traffic in our village. Having successfully recruited a team of volunteers, we have recently formed a village community speedwatch group.

In the last few weeks, you may have noticed our volunteers monitoring traffic speed at a number of locations around the village. Most people appear to drive responsibly but a minority seem unaware of their speed and exceed the 30 mph limit. The volunteers report these cars to the police for follow-up action, and so far we have logged over 60 speeding vehicles in the first three weeks.

Contrary to popular belief, the main purpose of community speedwatch is **not to catch speeding vehicles but to help change drivers' behaviour, so that monitoring is no longer needed**. We have already seen our presence having a positive effect, with several people having stopped to tell us how pleased they are to see us, and that it has reminded them to watch their speed through the village. A few drivers have even offered to join the team.

Having more volunteers would help to share the task and allow us to conduct more monitoring, more often. Therefore, if you are concerned by vehicles speeding through the village and want something to be done about it, please sign up to help. We only ask for one or two hours of your time per month.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact [csw.guildenmorden@gmail.com](mailto:csw.guildenmorden@gmail.com) for more information or come along to the GM Congregational Chapel School-room at 1030 am on Monday 6th November for a training session.

# **Songs from the Shows**

Back by popular demand

## **The West End Wendy's**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Steeple Morden Village Hall  
At 3pm

£10 including afternoon tea

Profits for the Royal British Legion  
Poppy Appeal

For tickets please contact:  
Steeple Morden Post Office 01763 852834



**THE THREE TUNS UPDATE  
COME ALONG TO THE VILLAGE MEETING  
TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER at 7.30 pm  
CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM**



A second village meeting about **saving The Three Tuns** will be held this month. TTCG has invited representatives from **'The Pub is the Hub'** and **The Hare & Hounds, Harlton** to attend. This is **a unique opportunity** for you to understand from TTCG, and for the invited experts to explain, **how community pub ownership works** and for **you to ask the questions** you would need answered before you decide to pledge.

### **HERE'S HOW YOU VOTED**

The Three Tuns has been an important part of village life since the 18<sup>th</sup> century but its future now rests with all of us, the 1,000 people who live here today. There were 179 responses to our survey. The vast majority, **over 90%**, believe that re-opening the pub is either important or very important to them and **74%** are willing to support a community bid. You particularly wanted home-cooked traditional food, a quiet drink, a pub garden and a café open during the day.

### **SO NOW IT'S UP TO YOU**

TTCG has campaigned tirelessly on behalf of the community for over four years *but now it's up to YOU to decide if you want to save The Three Tuns*. So, for those of you who miss The Tuns and the social hub it provided, for those of you who seek something we don't currently have and for those of you who don't want to lose the heritage and history of The Tuns nor the memories and welcoming open fire it offered, **time is running out**.

### **IT'S TIME TO PLEDGE**

To complete the business plan, TTCG needs to know NOW if you will invest in order for us to be able to make an offer, on behalf of the community, to buy the pub. In the first two weeks of our fundraising campaign (to 20<sup>th</sup> Oct) we've raised over £75,000 of the £300,000 we need.

Here are the statistics so far:

- ▶ Pledges: 57
- ▶ Average pledge: £1,350
- ▶ Minimum pledge: £250
- ▶ Largest pledge: £10,000

A pledge form is included with GAMUT. Please COMPLETE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY. Photocopy the form for family and friends or download a .pdf from our website [www.thethreetunsguilden.co.uk](http://www.thethreetunsguilden.co.uk).

Please return your Registration of Interest form to either :  
Colin Beales - 9 Dubbs Knoll Road or John Harrison - 38 Church Street.

The Three Tuns Community Group

Colin Beales, Alan Boyd, Nick Buckland, Marian Chapman, Dr James Fettiplace, Mike Greenstein, John Harrison, Doug Johnston, Ken Lock, Dennis Tear (Chair)

Email: [thethreetunsguildenmorden@gmail.com](mailto:thethreetunsguildenmorden@gmail.com)

**Because community owned pubs bring people together!**

**Remember, Remember, Firework Safety**

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper, stand well back and never go back to a lit firework
- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pockets or clothing
- Light sparklers one at a time wearing gloves, and place used sparklers in a bucket of water
- Never give sparklers to children under five years old
- It is illegal to sell fireworks to someone under the age of 18 or to light fireworks in a public place
- For more information on Firework Safety, visit: [www.hse.gov.uk](http://www.hse.gov.uk)
- Always consider animals and wildlife nearby when holding a firework display
- Always consider the location of a bonfire or firework display, smoke drifting near or on to surrounding roads can have devastating consequences.

[www.guildenmorden.gov.uk](http://www.guildenmorden.gov.uk)

## **Tour of the First World War Battlefields and Memorials 12th to 15th October 2017.**

A group of 22 people from Guilden Morden and surrounding villages set off on 12<sup>th</sup> of October for a visit to France and Belgium, organised by the Local History Group. This was part of our First World War Centenary project, which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

During our tour we visited a number of graves and memorials to those men from Guilden Morden who gave their lives in the war. In addition to British and Commonwealth military cemeteries we also visited those for German and French casualties. We walked along trenches and through tunnels and saw mine craters and battlefield areas with numerous shell holes which had lain undisturbed for a hundred years.

We had an excellent tour guide and a coach driver, who both provided a wealth of information about the history of the war and the places we visited. After visiting two sites en-route we arrived at our hotel in Arras for a comfortable three-night stay in the centre of this attractive town. On the Friday we explored the Somme area nearby, including a 1916 battle site at Beaumont Hamel, the Newfoundland Memorial Park and the Lochnagar mine crater.

The next day we travelled to Ypres, learning about the years of fighting on the Ypres salient and visiting a number of sites. In the evening we attended the famous Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate, at which three members of our group laid a wreath as part of the official proceedings.

On the route home on the Sunday we visited a cemetery in Ypres and the Vimy Ridge Canadian memorial. We were very fortunate to have good weather throughout and we enjoyed a very informative and memorable trip. We were all left with a lasting impression of the terrible suffering endured by those brave men and women who served on the Western Front, so many of whom never came home.

Geoff Harper

(Pictured overleaf is the message on the wreath laid by a member of the Local History Group at the Menin Gate).

In loving & grateful  
memory of The Men  
of Guilden Morden who  
served & died on The Somme  
Never forgotten.



The Residents of  
Guilden Morden &  
surrounding villages  
In Remembrance  
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**CALLING ALL STALL-HOLDERS**

**Christmas Market 2017**

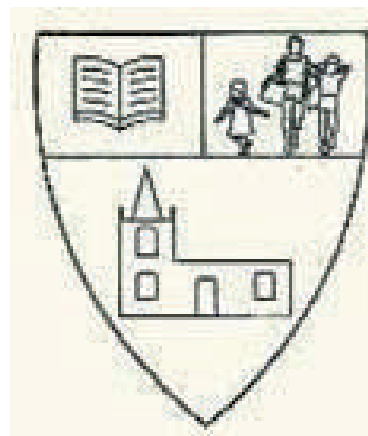
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

St Mary's Church, Guilden Morden - 10am to 1pm.

If you would like to book a table to sell your products,  
please contact Jane Allton - 01763 853149

or email: [janeallton@supanet.com](mailto:janeallton@supanet.com)

## Guilden Morden C of E Primary School



It has been a busy time for Guilden Morden Primary School. The School held a 'Meet the Teacher' session for parents and carers which was well attended. There was an air of excitement in the school and the teachers were delighted to show off their classrooms and discuss the future. Birds and Superheroes have featured in the school lately. Class 1 has been renamed 'Robins', Class 2 'Swallows' and Class 3 'Magpies'. The headteacher reports being called into the hall to witness a 'Superheroes' dance, which the 'Swallows' performed with great gusto. The European Day of Languages was enjoyed by all the pupils, they learned some numbers, made flags, passports and had a go at learning a flamenco dance. The 'Magpies' enjoyed a visit to Ely Cathedral, along with approximately 600 other children, which included involvement in dance and drama. The 'Cool' After School Club members have designed their own insect t-shirts. There are some beautiful butterflies and some very scary spiders! Spanish Club is also proving popular; they have learned 'Old MacDonald had a farm' in Spanish with lots of actions.

The governor's have been successful in two of the grant applications they have made. One has brought in £500 and for the other one we need to ask for everyone's support. Tesco will be allowing us to have a token box in their Royston store in November and December into which shoppers can add a token to show their support for Guilden Morden School, trying to raise funds for outdoor play equipment. If you shop at Tesco Royston, please support our cause. And last but not least, the school has started a big marketing campaign to promote itself. If anyone is interested in their child joining the school please call 01763 852318 to make an appointment to visit and discuss with the headteacher. If you have some spare time and would like to help the school in any way such as hearing reading, gardening, DIY, marketing or crafts, please contact us on 01763 852318. We would love to hear from you.

**Parent Teacher Friend Association:** The run up to Christmas is always a busy period for the PTFA; our Christmas Fayre will take place on **Friday 1st December, 3.15pm in the school hall.** We would love to see as many of you as possible for an afternoon of festive fun! If you are unable to join but would like to contribute a raffle prize or tombola donation, they would be very gratefully received.

We are running a Christmas Wreath making workshop on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 7pm to 9.30pm, run by an experienced florist where you will be able to make and take home a long lasting wreath or table centrepiece. Please get in touch

with the school office directly to book a place. The 100 Club registration is open! Please contact Dannii on [dannii.hall@gmail.com](mailto:dannii.hall@gmail.com) to take part.

## **Guilden Morden Pre-School**

We have enjoyed our first half term of the new school year back at pre-school and have welcomed some new children who have all settled in beautifully.

Our opening hours are:

Monday and Thursday 9:05am - 3:05pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:05am - 1:05pm

This term we have been looking at autumn. We went on a walk around the village collecting conkers, pine cones, Sycamore seed helicopters, leaves and twigs which we used in our play and our craft activities. We have all been enjoying our newly finished outdoor under cover area with the mud kitchen being very popular.

## **congregational church diary**

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

<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9.00-11.30am</b> Mix and Match Coffee Morning
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>10.30-12.00am</b> Men's Guild in the school room
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9.00-11.30am</b> Mix and Match Coffee Morning
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>10.55am</b> Remembrance Service at Guilden Morden Cenotaph
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>11.00am</b> Joint Remembrance Service at St Mary's
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9.00-11.30am</b> Mix and Match Coffee Morning
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>11.00am</b> Joint service at St Mary's, led by Judi Clarke
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9.00-11.30am</b> Mix and Match Coffee Morning
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>10.30am</b> Communion Service, led by Angus and Nola McCormick
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>9.00-11.30am</b> Mix and Match Coffee Morning

# 2017 events

Please send your diary entries to: [gamut.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:gamut.newsletter@gmail.com)

## ANNA PYE

**Artist - Printmaker - Tutor**  
**CHRISTMAS OPEN STUDIO 2017**

November 25, 26 and December 9, 10  
10am to 4pm



All welcome to browse. Visits at other times by appointment.

Original hand pulled prints, home textiles cards, notebooks and mugs. Refreshments

The Walnut House, 3 Station Road  
Steeple Morden, Royston, Herts, SG8 0NN

lino and mono print workshops  
[www.annapye.com](http://www.annapye.com)



Every First Wednesday of the Month.  
Service starts at 6pm until 9pm.  
The Edward VII Pub, Guilden Morden.  
Our monthly menu is on our website.

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

Home-Start's  
Snowflake  
Appeal



for vulnerable children®



**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**Speaker:** Stephanie Rimes.


Come and Sing along with her and her guitar

Interested in joining? Please call 01763 852124

## Wheels for Martin's Friends

The next quiz will be held on Thursday 30th November  
Maximum of six people per team and £2.50 per team member.  
7.30pm for an 8pm start at The Edward VII Pub - see you there!

**Gamut deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month**



GULDEN MORDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PTFA INVITES YOU TO A

## CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Classes run by an experienced florist. You will make and take home a long-lasting wreath or table centrepiece.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> or Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Guilden Morden School Hall**

**7pm to 9.30pm**

**£35 includes all materials and a welcome drink**

Limited spaces so **BOOK NOW** to avoid disappointment.  
£10 non-refundable deposit will secure your place.

Date for final payment is 24<sup>th</sup> November

Contact: [dannii.hall@gmail.com](mailto:dannii.hall@gmail.com) or the school on 852318

# regular events

## monday

**Bell Ringers** - practise at St Mary's Church. Contact Alan Boyd 852354.

**Men's Guild** - first Monday of each month. 10.30 to 12.00. All welcome.

**Bridge Club** - 7.30pm at the GM Primary School. All abilities welcome. Please contact Trevor Osborne 852006 for more information.

## tuesday

**Mobile Library** - first Tuesday of the month, St Mary's Church, 11.15-11.55am.

## wednesday

**Over 60s Club** - second Wednesday of the month, GM Village Hall 2.30pm.

**GM Local History Group** - second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Chapel schoolroom. Contact Geoff Harper on 853845.

**Mix and Match - Toddler group and coffee morning** - 09.30 to 11.30, in the Congregational Church schoolroom.

**Provenance Kitchen** - every first Wednesday at the Edward VII Pub. 6pm to 9pm.

**Reading Group** - third Wednesday of the month, 8pm in the Edward VII Pub.

**Morden Ruffians Bridge Club** - every Wednesday at 7.30pm in Steeple Morden Village Hall. Duplicate bridge in a friendly atmosphere. Visitors and novices welcome. Contact Peter Rice 01763 242577.

## thursday

**Mordens Fair Weather Cyclists** - meet outside St Mary's Church 9.30am. All abilities catered for and all welcome.

**The Mordens WI** - third Thursday of each month, Village Hall 7.30pm.

## friday

**Pilates** - every Friday, Village Hall, 9.30 to 10.30am.

**Bingo!** - fortnightly, Village Hall, 8pm to 10pm.

## sunday

**Bingo!** - Fortnightly in the Edward VII pub. Cash prizes and debacles from 8pm.

Village Hall bookings? Contact Janet Townsend-Stojic on 01763 852824, or online at [http://www.guildenmorden.gov.uk/GM\\_Village\\_Hall\\_Booking.html](http://www.guildenmorden.gov.uk/GM_Village_Hall_Booking.html)



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# St. Mary's

Guilden Morden



## Christmas Market

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

10am to 1pm

**Come along and see  
Father Christmas**

Parents, bring your children to see Father Christmas in his workshop, and kids bring your present list with you !

Festive Stalls, Turkey Rolls and Mulled Wine

All proceeds go to St Mary's Church Restoration fund

'Striving to preserve the heritage and extend the accessibility of  
St Mary's Guilden Morden for everyone'