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THE GULDEN MORDEN VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



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EDITORIAL:

Great excitement today - I've booked a haircut!
Twelve days to go to Stage 2 of the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, and I've included in this issue the list of what we can do from the 12th April.

Hopefully we can now start planning events for the summer months. Please remember to send me the details for publication. Portrait format PDFs are best.



In the meantime, let's look forward to resuming normal-ish life and supporting our local hospitality venues as they finally re-open.



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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE -MARCH 2021

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (APM) MONDAY 19TH APRIL 2021 - VIA ZOOM

The Parish Council invite all Parishioners to join us for the APM. Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to have a public meeting in the village hall, but the proposed meeting WILL take place via Zoom. Please see the joining details below - we hope to 'see' you there! If you are unable to join us on the 19th, the minutes will be published on the website as usual.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/95519351412>

Meeting ID: 955 1935 1412

Book Exchanges in the Village

Both book exchanges will remain closed until we are provided with further guidance. Please can we request that parishioners do NOT leave donations outside the exchange as these items will be left to the fate of the weather and unlikely to be in a useable condition, once the exchanges open again.

Volunteers for Dog Warden Welcomed

The Parish Council are looking for volunteers – dog owners preferred but not essential – who would be prepared to act as volunteer dog wardens in the village, there are no set hours, you could do one hour a month or more. This could also be a shared role.

As all dog owners should be aware, we are covered by (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, meaning those who fail to clear up after their dogs can incur a fine of up to £1,000 in the courts, or an £80 fixed penalty notice.

PROTECTING YOUR ONLINE ACCOUNTS

Over **15,000** hacked email and social media accounts were reported in one year.

If a hacker got into your email or social media account, what would they find? Personal, health and banking information? Names and contact details for your friends and family? Private photos and messages? For most people, it's at least one of those.

Your email and social media accounts contain a wealth of personal information about you, which makes them a lucrative target for cyber criminals.

Between February 2020 and February 2021, Action Fraud received **15,214** reports about email and social media account hacking. The majority of reports (88%) were made by individuals, with 12% of reports being made by businesses. Analysis of the crime reports revealed that Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat were the most affected social media accounts, with phishing messages being the most common tactic used by cyber criminals to lure unsuspecting victims.

The motivation behind the hacks are varied and can range from financial gain, to revenge or personal amusement. Some victims are extorted for money, whilst others have their accounts used to send malicious links to their contacts. One victim who had multiple email and social media accounts hacked paid over £2,000 to regain access to them. Another victim reported that her hacked Facebook account was used to trick her friends into sending money into a PayPal account they thought belonged to her.



To secure your email and social media accounts in just a few minutes. Here's what you need to do:

1: Use a strong and separate password for your email, as well as other important accounts, such as your banking or social media accounts.

2: Enable two-factor authentication (2FA). It will help to stop hackers from getting into your online accounts, even if they have your password.

3: If you can't access your account, search the company's online support or help pages. You'll find information about how to recover your account.

For detailed instructions on how to reset your password or enable 2FA on your accounts, please visit Action Fraud at the following website: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/secureyouraccounts>

PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE FROM THEFT

Car crime is a real problem in the UK. Alarmingly, one car is stolen every ten minutes. With Covid-19 and the recent lockdowns, many people aren't driving or checking on their cars as much as they used to.

John Hayward-Cripps, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Network, says

"Most car crimes happen because cars are left unlocked. There is a misconception that some cars are auto-locking and lock themselves if left unattended after a period of time. This isn't always correct. Another misconception is that your car is too old and no one will bother stealing it. This is also incorrect – both new and old cars are at risk.

Having a car stolen or broken into is more than simply a hassle, it can impact on people's livelihoods. The good news is that there are simple steps everyone can take to help reduce the risk to their car. With only a 46% recovery rate, we're reminding everyone to leave your car locked, lit and empty."

Remember - Leave your car:

Locked - A simple mistake that can prove calamitous: 44% of cars are broken into via an unlocked door.

Lit - 80% of car crime occurs during the evening or at night. Parking near street lamps or in a busy area can deter thieves.

Empty (or with no items on show) Owners often forget that personal belongings within the car are at as much risk of being stolen as the car

COVID RESTRICTIONS EASING - STEP TWO

Step 2, which will be no earlier than 12 April, will see the opening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; and public buildings, including libraries and community centres. Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms will also reopen (but only for use by people on their own or in household groups); as will most outdoor attractions and settings including outdoor hospitality venues, zoos, theme parks, and drive-in cinemas. Self-contained accommodation such as campsites and holiday lets, where indoor facilities are not shared with other households, can also reopen.

Hospitality venues will be allowed to serve people outdoors at Step 2 and there will be no need for customers to order a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks and no curfew, although customers must order, eat and drink while seated ('table service'). Wider social contact rules will apply in all these settings to prevent indoor mixing between different households.

Events

While funerals can continue with up to 30 mourners, the number of people able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events such as wakes will rise to 15.



We're searching for new Cycle Instructors

Could you inspire the next generation of cyclists?

Outspoken Training are looking for confident communicators to enthuse school children to make more journeys by bicycle.

If you have loads of enthusiasm to share and are looking for rewarding work to deliver during school term time, we would love to hear from you.

Role: Freelance (self-employed)

Hourly Rate: £12

Cycle Training Programme: Bikeability

Training and Support: We provide full, free training and ongoing support including nationally recognised qualifications.

For more information, please contact Graham:

jobs@outspokentraining.co.uk

01223 473820



"The teaching is a joy and I have the flexibility to deliver a course that engages and empowers the children in a fun way."

an Outspoken cycle instructor

outspokentraining.co.uk/vacancies



Please submit any articles to:
gamut.newsletter@gmail.com

By the 20th of the month. Thank you.

HOME-START NEWS



A smashing start to our fundraising target!

We would like to reiterate our thanks to one of our wonderful supporters, Keeley, who embarked on a personal challenge recently, and raised a whopping £1,672 for Home-Start. We can't tell you enough how grateful we are for your support Keeley - you're a star!

Want to know what her challenge was? [Click here to find out!](#)

Support Home-Start with your own challenge?

This could be anything from running a marathon, walking 100km in a month, doing 100 hula-hoop rotations or 50 jumping jacks daily for 1 month, having a week of tech-free mornings, taking a "selfie" a day in unusual places, or you could take on something more challenging like the [Tough Mudder](#) event. Whatever you choose, we can help you set up your fundraising page, support your journey by sharing your story on our news feeds, and applaud your achievements when you succeed. [Please get touch with any challenge ideas you might have.](#)

Home-Start is here for local families when they need us most – and we need you to be there with us.

UPDATES ON THE ASHWELL SURGERY WEBSITE

For some time now our surgery has been posting weekly updates about the vaccination programme on its website. These notes are detailed and clear. Simply Google "Ashwell Surgery" and then click on "Practice News".



**PLEASE REMOVE YOUR DOG'S WASTE
KEEP GUILDEN MORDEN CLEAN!**

GULDEN MORDEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DIARY

www.guldenmordencongregationalchurch.com

Given the current situation and the lack of certainty concerning future regulations, the following is a diary of events and services we would like to plan for April. Although the regulations permit face-to-face services, we are also continuing to provide online services via Zoom.

Please refer to our website (link above) or our Facebook page for more up to date information. For those wishing to join a "service" zoom meeting the code is 933 0302 5193 (passcode 2c1h3G).

- Sunday 4th April** **10.30** Easter Sunday family service via zoom, with children's activities, led by Tony Frost.
- Sunday 11th April** **11.00** Service at Litlington. If we are unable to hold a service at Litlington there will be a zoom service at 10.30, led by Tony Frost.
- Monday 12th April** **10.30** Men's Guild via Zoom
- Sunday 18th April** **10.30** Joint service with St Mary's at the Chapel and via Zoom.
14.30 - 15.30 Sunday School via Zoom, led by Sandy Watkins.
- Sunday 25th April** **10.30** Communion service in the Chapel, and via Zoom, led by Tony Frost.

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays at 20.00 - please contact Amanda for details.

Measures to enable the start of other activities in the Chapel and school-room are now in place, and the buildings will be available for general use once the regulations have been relaxed sufficiently for activities to resume.



**GUILDEN MORDEN
VILLAGE MARKET**
AT THE THREE TUNS

SATURDAY 17TH APRIL
9am - 12pm

THE THREE TUNS PUB-CAR PARK
30 High Street
Guilden Morden
SG8 0JP

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