

Guilden Morden Congregational Church



Carols by Candlelight



Monday 24th December - 4 pm



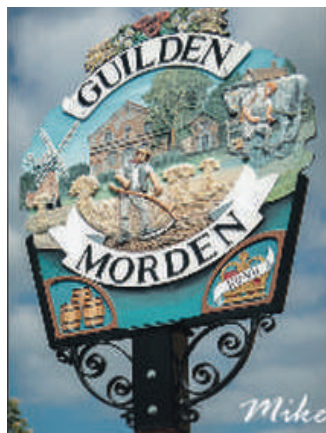
*Come and join us for this all-ages service
to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas*



As you will read in this issue, the Parish Council have now taken on the funding of gamut until next April. This is excellent news and my thanks go to all the parish councillors for saving gamut from the brink of closure.

Between now and then I will work on possible changes to the format and means of delivery to the village. If you have any ideas, please email them to the address below.

I'd like to say a very special festive thank you to the dedicated team of gamut deliverers, and here's wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



The next gamut deadline is 20th January 2019.

Lead Theft from Churches and What You Can Do to Help Prevent It Here

From Shamus Williams (Rector): There have been a number of serious lead thefts from churches local to us recently. Your help in keeping a watchful eye for suspicious activity is much appreciated. Please note vehicle registration numbers and alert the police if you see anything suspicious. Thieves often remove a small amount of metal at a time, making repeat visits to clear the site. Alerting police may help them identify and catch criminals. Please call the police if you see vans or workmen around the building outside normal working hours. Please be extra watchful when works are going on, as buildings are attractive to thieves if there are workers or scaffolding on site.

IF YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY - CALL 101

100 CLUB RESULTS - October

1st: (£15) P. SEYMOUR (02) 2nd: (£10) S. EGGLETON (64) 3rd: (£8) S. TARPY (92)

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The Three Tuns is now owned by the Community

We did it! After many weeks of prolonged negotiations, we're delighted to announce that Guilden Morden Community Pub Limited exchanged contracts and completed the purchase of The Three Tuns pub on the 21st November 2018.

The Three Tuns closed in January 2013 but with continued community support and with investment from 267 shareholders, it has been saved. The focus now is to undertake renovations, find a tenant and re-open the pub. It has been a very long campaign and we should all feel immensely proud of what we've achieved.

NEW SHAREHOLDERS VERY WELCOME

There are a lot of renovations to do, so any additional investment by existing or new shareholders would be put to good use. We would also love to hear from anyone interested in helping clear and refurbish the building and garden.

Thank you to all our shareholders and supporters - we couldn't have done this without you all.

Guilden Morden Community Pub Limited

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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Guilden Morden Parish Council needs you...

Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council currently have a vacancy for a Councillor. Could this be a voluntary role that you could do? No previous experience is necessary and we would welcome Guilden Morden residents to apply. Training courses are available. The Council meets once a month to discuss and agree business relating to Guilden Morden e.g. Planning permission, the Local plan etc. If you would like to find out more about the role or to apply, please contact the clerk at this email address: office@lgs-services.co.uk

Voluntary help required to manage our new website

Could you volunteer some of your time to help keep our website up to date and manage the information pages? Full training would be provided and upkeep of the website should only take a couple of hours a month. If you are interested, please contact the clerk for more information.

The Parish Council next meeting dates are as follows:

All meetings are held in the village hall, starting promptly at 7:30 pm

17th December 2018– Planning Meeting

15th January 2019 – Full Meeting

GAMUT

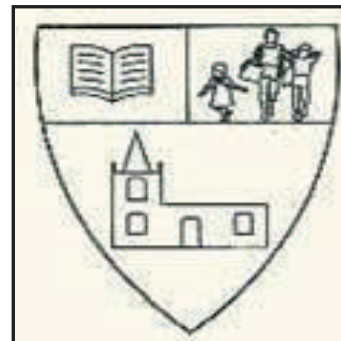
As you may already be aware, Capers Catering is no longer a trading company and as such, can no longer sponsor gamut to cover the cost of the printing of each edition. The Parish Council have taken the decision to sponsor gamut until the AGM in April 2019, where a full proposal of how to manage gamut in the future will be an agenda item for discussion and vote. The Parish Council would like to extend wholehearted thanks to Mike Allton, the editor of gamut, for voluntarily giving his own time and for his ongoing commitment to producing an informative edition each month.



Thursday 13th December - 7.30 pm

Christmas Meal - TBA

Guilden Morden C of E Primary School



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PTFA

We had a successful open day this month many thanks to all those who came to see our displays. I hope you were able to attend it today at the school. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office. The children enjoyed decorating a Christmas tree at St Mary's Morden Parish Church's Christmas Tree Festival with each child bringing their own decoration to share. We hope you enjoyed it!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Thank you to all those who have supported us this year. We look forward to sharing more with you in 2017.



St Mary's Church Restoration Committee Present

The ever popular

Wine Tasting Evening

in Guilden Morden Village Hall on

Saturday 23rd March 2019 - 8pm 'til late

(Wines presented by villagers from the Mordens)

Ticket Price: £TBC (to include cheese board) will be available from:

Lesley Harrison: 853462 or email lesleyharrison38@gmail.com

Jane Allton: 853149 or email janeallton@supanet.com



WHEELS FOR MARTIN'S FRIENDS

Grand Christmas Raffle

A Luxury Christmas Hamper
and many more prizes



A traditional Sunday Lunch
for four people at the Pig
and Abbot Pub

The draw will take place at the Edward VII Pub
On the evening of Thursday 20th December
(After the Christmas Quiz has finished) Please join us for a drink
to celebrate our 29th successful year with special guest Daniel Bingley,
Invictus Games Team GB Silver medalist for wheelchair rugby

Tickets available from the Edward VII, Sarah's Farm Shop,
Steeple Post Office or any WFMF Committee Member

WHEELS FOR MARTIN'S FRIENDS- Charity No. 1056864



Time to choose your
CHRISTMAS TREE

at 101 High Street, Guilden Morden

Reserve now for collection as required,
or freshly dug on 15th December

Charles Paget-Wilkes 01763 852252



The Save the Children Committee would like to thank everyone who supported us in our fund raising for the Charity during 2018, when a total of £3,500 (plus £120 of gift aid) was raised – slightly short of our target of £4,000.

The Lent Lunch is the first event in 2019 and will be held in March. Full details of date, time and place will be advertised in January/February. We look forward to seeing you there.

With our very best wishes to everyone for a Joyous Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019.

Maggie, Pat, Jill, Sue, Iverna and Pam



CHRISTMAS QUIZ



The WFMF Christmas Quiz will be held on Thursday 20th December
Maximum of six people per team and £2.50 per team member.

8 pm for an 8.30 pm start at The Edward VII Pub - see you there!

congregational church diary

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

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Wed 23rd Jan	9.00-11.30am Mi and Mat h Co ee Morning
Sunday 27th Jan	10.30am Co nion Ser i e. T C
Wed 30th Jan	9.00-11.30am Mi and Mat h Co ee Morning

Do you have a favourite recipe?

Your local wheelchair charity is looking to publish its very own recipe book. We would love to have your delicious recipes to add those already received from well-known celebrities.

We will call it ... **Meals for Martin's Friends**



What do we need?

Recipes for starters, salads, mains, desserts, cakes, pastries

(Please list Ingredients and method)

Where to send it to?

email: lyndaskitchen@hotmail.com

This colourful publication will go on sale in 2019, with 100% of funds going directly help local people with disability and mobility needs

For more information: Tel. 01763 852125

Charity Registration no.1056864



Gulden Morden Football Club

Both teams are now performing well and the 1st team are experiencing a well-deserved cup run. Kick off times have now moved to 2pm on Saturdays and it has been great to see growing numbers of people coming along to support our local club. Special thanks to another sponsor, whose significant contribution has enabled us to purchase more kit and equipment for the club. Whilst they wish to remain anonymous, we are sincerely grateful.

The newly created over 50s walking football team continues to be very popular on Thursday evenings. We would like to thank Peter for his half-time oranges and Joe Heavey for being our local referee. We now have more than 12 players attending on a regular basis, and the evenings are always fun but competitive, so why not come along and join us? All abilities and skill levels are welcome.

The recent rain and mild weather have been very welcome as it has enabled new seeding to take hold in several areas. The pitch refurbishments have been successful so far, and re-levelling will continue over the next few weeks. The training area has been moved southwards to accommodate these works.

The committee are very busy at present, complying with all the policies and requirements in order to become an FA Chartered Club before the end of the year.

Look out for our quiz poster which is our next fundraising event, due to take place on the 6th December. This is a multi-topic quiz suitable for friends and family. Please join us for a fun evening with our very own talented quiz master.

For further information, please email us at: info@gmfconline.co.uk

Fixtures and results from all teams will be available on display in The Edward VII Public House. We look forward to seeing you at the next home game

The GMFC committee



The Morden Players
invite you to a

WASSAIL

An Evening of Festive Fun!

Guilden Morden Congregational Chapel
Tickets from Steeple Morden Post Office

£5 (includes festive refreshment)

Saturday, 8th December 2018 - 7:30 for 8:00pm

Community Orchard update



The site for the proposed orchard is the 0.66 ha sized piece of the Craft, behind the Church and between the school playground and the village allotments.

The land belongs to the Ely Diocese and is rented by our Parish Council. Following a meeting with representatives of the Diocese, their Land Agents and the Parish Council, we now have permission to plant up this area to orchard trees.

Orchard East have agreed to supply the trees. We wait only for agreement from Natural England and the RPA. Volunteers for this work are welcome. Please contact Charles Paget-Wilkes, 852252 or cpagetwilkes@btinternet.com

Eat at the Eddie

King Edward VII Public House

1st Wednesday of Every Month, from 6 pm

This Month – Moroccan Food



CATERING by PAULO

A variety of delicious 1 or 2 course meals

Available to eat in or take away,

(booking essential if eating in)

For menus see posters

info@cateringbypaulo.co.uk

Steeple Morden Bowls Club

(Situated behind the Village Hall)

[Calendar of Fund Raising Events.](#)

Bingo Nights start at 7.30pm

1st December - Christmas Special with Mince pies and sausage rolls.

2019 - 26th January, 16th February, 16th March. No entry fee, all money taken for books, paid out in winnings, tea coffee and bar available. If you have not tried our bingo now is the chance.

Race Nights - 12th January 2019, 30th March.

£10 entry includes Fish & Chip Supper.



ASHWELL PATIENTS' GROUP

SHINGLES VACCINATION:

Did you know that if you are aged between 70 and 80 you are entitled to be vaccinated against this very painful condition? Since the opportunity was made available five years ago there has been a fall in take-up, maybe because people don't know about it. So – take advantage if you are eligible.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

Patients failing to turn up for appointments is a national problem, wasting valuable resources at a time when the NHS is so hard-pressed. For our surgeries the totals for September were as follows:

Ashwell – 49 missed appointments equating to 635 minutes

Bassingbourn – 35 equating to 405 minutes

What a dreadful waste. If you can't attend your appointment please let the surgery know in as good a time as you can. Our telephone system enables you to cancel.

THE NHS “HELP US, HELP YOU” CAMPAIGN:

The aim is to increase peoples' understanding of the actions they can take to help the NHS to help them. Google it to find out more.

In particular, it is focusing on the pressures facing the NHS during winter and on advising people to look after their health in the cold and wet months - “STAY WELL THIS WINTER”. Winter can be extremely risky for the elderly – medical conditions can be aggravated and of course, snow and ice can lead to falls. Here are some tips to help avoid problems:

- If you feel unwell, don't wait, get advice from your pharmacist.
- Make sure you get your flu jab.
- Keep warm both indoors and outdoors. Heat your home to at least 18 degrees; keep your bedroom window closed on winter nights; keep active when you are indoors; wear several layers of light clothes; make sure you are receiving all the help you're entitled to (www.gov.uk/phe/keep-warm); and check your heating and cooking appliances are safe (www.gassafe-register.co.uk).
- Check your medicine cabinet and make sure you collect prescriptions before surgeries close for Christmas and New Year.
- Look out for other people. Keep in touch with friends and neighbours, making sure they are well, have all their medication and are stocked up with enough food

A REMINDER OF WHERE TO GO FOR MEDICAL CARE:

999 for medical emergencies - 111 if you need medical help fast but it's not an emergency - GP - Pharmacy - www.nhs.uk

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 - 7.30 pm 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, 11.15-11.55 am.

wednesday

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

GM Local History Group - second Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm 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.

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

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

Eat at the Eddie - Every first Wednesday of the month, Edward VII Pub. Catering by Paulo.

thursday

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

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

friday

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

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

sunday

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

Village Hall bookings? Please email GMvillagehall@gmail.com

Gamut Deadline is the 20th of the Month



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

GMEC Quiz

Please bring your friends and family to our fun-packed evening
Teams of 4 people - everyone welcome - complimentary snacks for each table
All proceeds will go to Guilden Morden Football Club

Thursday
6th
December

7:30pm

Edward VII
Ask for more details