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The Guilden Morden Village Newsletter



Sunday 24th March 3 – 5 pm
Guilden Morden Congregational Church
Getting ready for Mothering Sunday!
Fun, crafts, games, all age worship.

Hot tea for children, tea and cakes for adults.
Suitable for anyone who likes fun & friendship.
Come along and give it a try!

If you'd like to come along to help:
Please ring Sandy on 01763 852869
or email sandy@inteserv.co.uk

March 2019

Please have your say on where the new east-west railway should be located. The wrong choice of option by east-west rail Company will have major ramifications for our village. **The public consultation ends on 11 march at 11.45 am**

Recently, I was contacted by a concerned villager who reported that a friend of hers had been approached by a stranger in the village. He had stopped his car as she was walking her dog, subjected her to an unwanted amorous advance and had then driven off. This could have been much worse had she not had her dog with her.

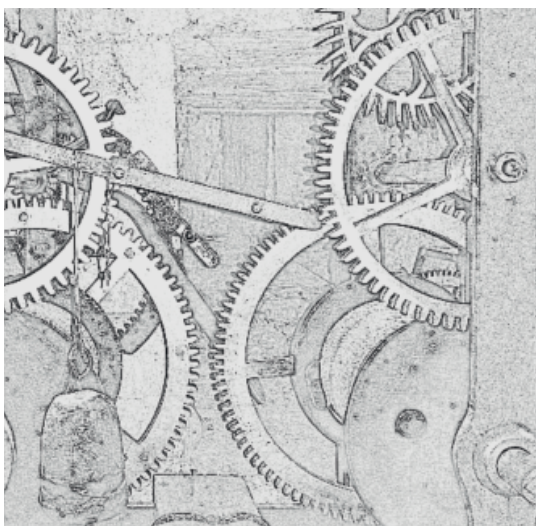
Please report any such incidents or cases of suspicious behaviour to the police by dialling 101.



The WEA (Workers' Educational Association) is planning to hold a one-day course on the **23rd March 2019** at the Congregational Church Hall,

The subject will be "Pirates" and will include the roles of Sir Francis Drake, Sir Walter Raleigh and the pirate Blackbeard in the reign of Elizabeth I. The tutor will be Dr Ian Chambers. The course starts at 11 am and finishes at 3 pm (entry from 10.30 am). Cost will be £20 which will include lunch and refreshments.

If you would like to attend, a booking form is available from Detlev Popp 01763 852637 or e mail dpopp@btinternet.com



Church Clock Winding - Volunteers Needed

You are invited to join the Guilden Morden Church Clock Winding Team. Volunteers wind the clock once a day for one week, Monday to Sunday, once or twice a year on a rotational basis. Each wind takes around 5 to 10 minutes to complete. Full training will be given! If you are interested, please contact Hugh Murfitt via Church.Clock@celm.co.uk by 15th March 2019.

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Guilden Morden Parish Council Update

11th March 2019 - Deadline to have your say!

As you will be aware, there are several proposals for a new East-West rail line between Oxford and Cambridge. Some of these proposals will have a huge impact on our village and the local infrastructure. To have your say on these potentially major changes, **please visit <http://eastwestrail.co.uk/haveyoursay> by 11:45pm on 11th March.**

Once all the feedback has been received and analysed, east/west rail will announce a preferred route. **The Parish Council has agreed to formally object to the southern route proposal**, opting instead for the northern route proposed by CamBedRailRoad. More information on this issue can be found by visiting www.CamBedRailRoad.org

Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council would like to invite applications for a new Councillor. Any resident of Guilden Morden can apply. No previous experience is necessary and training courses are available. Could this be a voluntary role that you could do? This is a great opportunity to be involved in village decisions and shape the future of the village as well as being involved in day-to-day matters. If you would like to find out more about the role or to apply, please contact the clerk; clerk@guildenmorden.gov.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 up keep of the website should only take a couple of hours a month. If you are interested, please contact the clerk (clerk@guildenmorden.gov.uk) for more information.

The Parish Council next meeting dates are as follows:

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

18th March 2019 – Full Meeting

15th April 2019 – Annual General Meeting

(The Parish Council will meet at 7 pm for a planning meeting, followed by the AGM at 7:30 pm)

Dear fellow resident of The Mordens,

You may be aware the East West Rail Co (EWR Co) has started a non-statutory public consultation seeking views on their five different route options (A to E) for the Bedford to Cambridge railway line. We are writing to you to highlight that some of those route options include your Parish within their hatched areas of search or lie very close to it, as we have shown on the two more detailed traced maps on our website (along with our proposed alternative).

In our opinion none of the five options is suitable. None of them demonstrates any real compatibility with the recommendations of the National Infrastructure Commission (as accepted by Government) which very clearly set down a principle that the trainline should share the East-West Expressway (A428) 'transport spine', where it could connect both the current and the many approved future centres of population.

CamBedRailRoad has promoted an alternative routing from Bedford South through new stations at St Neots South, Cambourne, Northstowe and Cambridge South, via Cambridge North and Cambridge Central, reinforced by our [Arguments for Northern Approach into Cambridge](#). Our route provides transport for almost 54,000 more residents than EWR Co's options B & E and about 100,000 more than options A, C and D. It has been supported by residents, Parish Councils (including Cambourne), Town Councils (including St Neots) and many of our local MPs and Councillors.

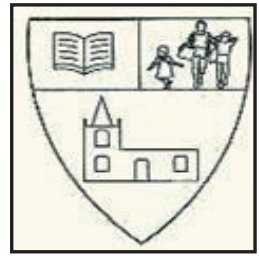
Our further major concern is that the consultation makes no reference to the level of housing development that will come with any railroad. EWR Co considers that Basingstoun could deliver up to 30,000 new homes (about five times the size of Royston) and Tempsford up to 50,000 (about 10 times the size of Sandy). Are you prepared for a new development of such a size in your vicinity?

We would ask you to please ensure that your neighbours are aware of this consultation and you and they exercise their right to respond, **by the deadline of 11 March 2019**. We suggest how, at our [Guidance on completing EWR Co's Feedback Form](#). We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to deliver major infrastructure in a sensible and coherent way combining road, rail and housing: the options currently promoted by EWR Co fail to do that.

Brian Bell - 01763 852760 - www.cambedrailroad.org



Stop Press: Please follow this direct link to the eastwest rail consortium consultation page <https://www.eastwestrail.org.uk/2019/01/28/consultation-underway-on-new-rail-line-between-bedford-and-cambridge/>



Recently, a former world master BMX half-pipe champion visited the school. He led the assembly where he talked about how he developed a 'can do' attitude and how he has achieved success. He talked about "growth mind-set" and encouraged the children to have the same. He gave a demonstration of his skills in assembly and encouraged a couple of the adults to be part of his stunts!

The head teacher and teachers have been looking at the work the children are producing and making judgements about the progress they are making. They were also checking that the children experience a range of different activities and looked at ways to record their understanding. They were pleased to see that the skills the children are developing in English lessons are transferring over to their writing in other subjects. Well done to all.

Calling for Volunteer Helpers. We would love to increase the number of volunteers helping in the school, and specifically we are asking for extra help with reading and helping the children learn new activities and games at lunchtimes. If you or your family have any spare time, we would love to talk to you about being regularly involved. Please do contact the office to inform us of your availability and interest.

Cool School Club. Over the last month the children attending Cool Club have celebrated the Chinese New Year. This year is the year of the pig and they coloured in pig pictures, made pig collages and dragon paper chains and enjoyed eating prawn crackers and noodles which they ate with chopsticks! The children also made Valentine's cards, using paper hearts and beads and some of the children made 'lazy cake' using crushed biscuits and Carnation milk. It was delicious!

Parent Teacher Friend Association. We are having a 'tidy up weekend' on the 9/10th March. We would love you to join us on one or both mornings from 10 am to get the wild garden ready for the summer term. In addition to the tidy-up we are in need of the following donations..

- compost / top soil
- paint to preserve wood
- off-cuts of artificial grass
- builder's sand (to level paving slabs)
- gravel

- large stones/rocks/fencing
- climbing canes/seeds/plants

Please let the school office know if you have anything you can spare or are happy to donate and we will hopefully see some of the Guilden community over the tidy-up weekend. Thank you as always!

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall - Everyone is welcome to attend.

Guilden Morden Village Hall Management Committee needs you ...

Trustee Vacancies

The Village Hall Management Committee currently has two vacancies for trustees. The trustees are responsible for managing the village hall, including supervising the accounts and bookings. Could this be a voluntary role that you could do? No previous experience of this sort of role is necessary and we would welcome residents of Guilden Morden and the surrounding area to join the team. The committee meets 2-3 times a year and between meetings, we stay in touch via email. If you are interested to find out more about the role or to put yourself forward, please contact gmvillagehall@gmail.com or come along to our AGM.

ONE HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS
December:

1st: (£14) K. CATCHPOLE (32)
2nd: (£10) A. LOCKE (24)
3rd: (£8) D. JULYAN (52)

January:

1st: (£14) D and G SEYMOUR (65)
2nd: (£10) J. DAVIS ROACH (17)
3rd: (£8) P. SEYMOUR (68)

BONUS DRAW £24: A. LOCKE (36)

CONGRATULATIONS!



Thursday March 21st at 7.30 pm

This month we have the return of a popular speaker, Brenda Harley with her talk "From sew -it to poet"

YOUR INDEPENDENT NEWSLETTER

Many people in Guilden Morden remark about the excessive speeds that some vehicles travel through our village. Mostly, this speed is caused simply by people who have forgotten that they are in a 30 mph zone, or that their speed has inadvertently crept above this limit.



The stark truth is that a pedestrian in collision with a vehicle travelling at 40mph has, on average, only a 50% chance of survival! (Ashton and Mackay data).

The purpose of SpeedWatch is to remind people of this in a “non-confrontational way”, by allowing them to see the speed that they are travelling at. However, we SpeedWatchers are presently few in number and would greatly appreciate some help from other concerned residents. We get a lot of “thumbs up” from passing motorists and we have definitely noticed a reduction over the past year in the number of cars travelling in excess of 30mph in the village.

However, many hands make light work, so instead of just relying on the few, and if you are prepared to give just a few hours a month to help us, please phone Gerry Watkins on 852869. Your help will be very much appreciated.

JOB VACANCIES AT GILDEN MORDEN SCHOOL

- (1) Breakfast Club are seeking a Level 3 qualified Playworker to work on a Tuesday morning (7.40 am to 8.50 am).

Please contact the school office for more details.

This will be a temporary position until the end of this year.

- (2) ‘Simplicity Cook’ - Total Hours per Week: 17.5 hrs

Time: 10 m – 13:30 pm approx.

Term Time Only. Salary: £8.50 p/h

Please call Chartwell’s Main Office between 8 am and 3 pm for further details and application form.

Chartwell’s: Main Office 01908 615705 or Email:
Creativekitchenadmin2@compass-group.co.uk



Mordens Branch

Save the Children (STC) was founded by Eglantyne Jebb in 1919 and this year marks its Centenary Anniversary. Since 1919 STC has been standing up for children's rights providing them with opportunities to learn and thrive and protecting them in times of conflict or after natural disasters.

The Mordens branch are proud of the monies raised over the years and during 2017 we reached the grand total of £100,000 having been sent to STC Headquarters since our inception. This would not have been possible without the support and donations given so generously by the people of Steeple Morden and Guilden Morden and surrounding villages.

Currently the committee is planning STC events for this year - the first being the Lent Lunch on 15th March. We will announce in good time each forthcoming event via the Gamut and Prospect.

Sadly, one of our longest serving committee members, Pat Holroyd, has decided to stand down after more than 20 years of volunteering. Her hard work and dedication have been invaluable over the years, and she has played a huge part in our extremely successful fundraising for STC. We will miss Pat's input very much.

This brings us to ask if any of you would be interested in joining the Mordens STC Committee? (Without Pat our committee will number just five.) Being a member of our committee is interesting and rewarding; we're a friendly bunch and will give a warm welcome to new members. We meet on average five or six times and hold six to seven events throughout the year.

If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact:
Maggie Paget-Wilkes on 852252 or Pam Blomiley 853199

IF YOU SEE ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY - CALL 101

congregational church diary

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

- Sunday 3rd Mar** **10.30am** Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome
- Monday 4th Mar** **10.30 – 12.00am** Men's Guild in the schoolroom
- Wed 6th Mar** **9.00-11.30am** Mix and Match Coffee Morning
- Sunday 10th Mar** **11.00am** Joint service at Litlington
- Wed 13th Mar** **9.00-11.30am** Mix and Match Coffee Morning
- Sunday 17th Mar** **10.30** Joint service with St Mary's at the Chapel led by Cicely Murfitt
- Wed 20th Mar** **9.00-11.30am** Mix and Match Coffee Morning
- Sunday 24th Mar** **15.00-16.30pm** Messy Church, family activity session with tea
- Wed 27th Mar** **9.00-11.30am** Mix and Match Coffee Morning
- Sunday 31st Mar** **10.30am** Mothering Sunday Service led by Angus McCormick



Ashwell's famous Flea Market.
16th March, 9.30 am - 1 pm
St Mary's Church, Ashwell.
Many weird and wonderful items for sale
at rock bottom prices.
All proceeds go to the church restoration fund.
Refreshments.

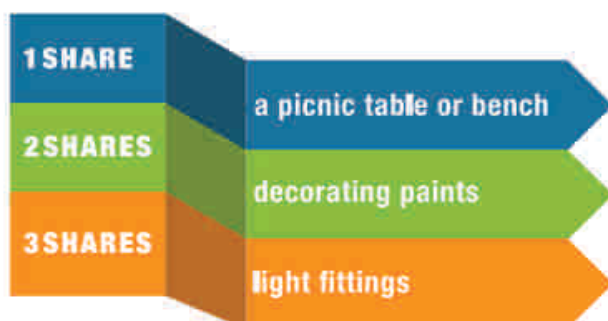
ASHWELL PATIENTS' GROUP - DOING THE BEST FOR YOUR BABY

National Health England has produced a very useful website with advice for prospective and actual mothers with sections on Pregnancy, Baby and Toddler.

You can find it at: www.nhs.uk/start4life

It's informative and attractively presented. Well worth a look.

TOGETHER WE'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE... BECAUSE COMMUNITY PUBS BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER



It's not too late to join in and become a shareholder. With renovations and refurbishments, garden furniture and play structures to buy, we welcome new shareholders.
The minimum investment is £250.

SHARE APPLICATION FORMS are available here and online
www.thethreetunsguilden.co.uk

Guilden Morden Community Pub Limited a Community Benefit Society

GMFC



Our fantastic group of players continue to support two well-established teams, playing regular, good-quality football. On 2nd February, the 1st team played in the quarter-finals of our League Cup against the Cambridge Ambassadors. A local crowd of supporters at Guilden Morden Recreation Ground saw a convincing 5-0 victory to GMFC, putting them into the semi-finals. The success was duly celebrated in the King Edward VII Pub where we joined the 6-Nations rugby supporters in devouring some delicious hot food. This "Super Saturday" helped raise £100 for our club, thank you to everyone involved.

We will be holding a Race Night close to the Easter weekend, which we hope will be very well attended by supporters and players from all our teams. We are expecting this to be a fantastic evening, so please watch out for further details coming soon.

Kick-off times will be changing to 3 pm from Saturday 2nd March. It's very encouraging to see the numbers of regular supporters growing; they are a key part in the continued success of our club.

The GMFC over 50s walking football team continues to be great fun and is now popular with some very welcome over 40s! The recent snow and ice only hindered one regular training session, but one of the stars 'AKA' Alan Shearer ignored the low temperatures and scored a red-hot hat trick! They meet every Thursday evening on the rec at 7 pm. We look forward to hearing about their first friendly game against Biggleswade.

Work continues on our pitch refurbishments. The recent snow and wet conditions finally took their toll, and we were unable to play at home on 9th February. This was due to the impact of two teams sharing the same pitch. Whilst the second pitch repairs have been successful so far; the club has decided to pay for tractor harrowing and re-levelling work to continue for the rest of the season. For further information email us at info@gmfconline.co.uk

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



**GUILDEN MORDEN
CHERUBS CRICKET
CLUB**
President P.J.Furmston
Chairman A. Whitton



The sound of willow on leather, in many country villages, could be heard most weekends throughout the summer. Sadly, over the years this is becoming an increasingly rare event. Therefore, we want to try to revive this village activity and would like your help in re-establishing the Cherubs Cricket Club.

We are intending to create a register of those who are interested in playing, maybe not every week, but the greater the number of registered players the easier it should be to form a team. Young and old players are welcome, and to register your interest - all you have to do is complete the form below and return it to me.

We have already received a challenge from Ashwell Cricket Club to play them on 28th April and we are also hoping to hold a Peter Wilson Memorial Game between two teams from the village, date to be confirmed. Hopefully other matches will follow.

Another thought is that we hold another Fun Cricket Day on the recreation ground, and perhaps the whole family can have a go! I look forward to hearing from you and I hope that you will register.

Let's keep cricket alive in Guilden Morden!

Thank you in anticipation. Peter J. Furmston, President

Detach here:

Name ----- Tel. No. -----

Address-----

Email -----

Eat at the Eddie

King Edward VII Public House

1st Wednesday of Every Month, from 6 pm - 9 pm

this month = curry night



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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



Wheels for Martin's Friends Quiz



The WFMF Pub Quiz will be held on Thursday 29th March
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!

Please visit our village website - www.guildenmorden.gov.uk

Courier/Banking Fraud – Be Aware

Please be aware there have been several courier/ telephone banking frauds carried out over the last month across South Cambs. Villages.



What is it?

You may be called by someone pretending to be from your bank or building society or a trusted organisation like the police who convince you to give them your card details over the phone. The fraudsters then arrange for a courier to pick up your card to take it away for evidence or to have it destroyed. **In reality, the card is collected by the fraudsters to withdraw money from your account.**

There are variations on this fraud, but they will follow a very similar format. In some cases, the fraudster will say someone (possibly bank staff) have deposited fake notes in your account, so you need to withdraw cash, so they can check it. In some instances, the victim has not given any card or PIN details, in these cases the fraudsters may have obtained their bank details elsewhere, the fraud then follows the format above. Be especially careful when taking out cash at ATMs and when you use chip and pin machines to conceal your PIN code.



THE SAVE THE CHILDREN LENT LUNCH

IS ON FRIDAY 15th MARCH 2019
IN GILDEN MORDEN VILLAGE HALL



12.30 for 1.00 o'clock

Join us for:
a choice of delicious home-made soups,
bread and cheese and coffee or tea.

Tickets £7.50 available from
Pat Holroyd 853742, Jill Hillman 853400 and Steeple Post Office

Easter Cards, General Cards, Raffle and Bring and Buy

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

2019 EVENTS

Please send your diary entries to: gamut.newsletter@gmail.com

Tuesday 7th May 1930-2100 St Mary's CRC Presents:
This Is My Theatre Company - Macbeth

Saturday 29th June 1930-2115 St Mary's CRC Presents:
New Cambridge Singers, St Mary's Church



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: £15 (to include cheese board) available from:

Lesley Harrison: 853462 or email lesleyharrison38@gmail.com

Jane Allton: 853149 or email janeallton@supanet.com