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THE GUILDEN MORDEN VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



MAY 2021

EDITORIAL:

It was great to attend the inaugural Village Market last month and the event, albeit sunny and cool, was a great success. **The market will continue to run on the second Saturday of the month, until advised.**

This month's market sees 17 stall holders in attendance, so hopefully there will be something for everyone, but make sure you buy your Crumps sausage rolls early!



Other good news is that from 17th May, you won't need to wear three layers of clothing or take a rug and hot water bottle with you when you go out for a meal - indoors! Happy days eh?



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Cover Photo: Daisies in the sunshine

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE -MARCH 2021

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish meeting was held on the 19th April via Zoom. Thank you to those Parishioners who were able to join us. Minutes are available from the Clerk and will shortly be published on the Village website. The Chairman's Annual Report can be found [here](#):

Future Parish Council Meeting Dates:

The Parish Council have continued to meet as usual, using Zoom. However, it is currently under review whether we can once again meet in the village hall. Watch this space...

Our next scheduled meeting is a Planning Meeting, for Monday 17th May and the next full meeting will be 19th June at 19:30 prompt.

Book Exchanges in the Village

Both book exchanges will remain closed until we are provided with further guidance. Whilst libraries and mobile libraries have been able to resume their opening / arrival times, the book exchanges must remain closed as there is no way to isolate and manage the books being donated or returned for the prescribed number of days; which is required according to the rules for COVID 19.

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.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS

Catalytic converters are often targeted by thieves for the precious metals found inside them.

Using high-powered tools they can jack-up a car and cut converters out within a matter of minutes.

To keep your vehicle safe:

- Mark your converter with a unique code so it's harder for thieves to sell
- approach your dealership for advice about fitting a Catloc or another protective device
- park with your exhaust close to a fence, wall or kerb to reduce the risk of theft
- install a 24-hour dashcam
- purchase a driveway alarm
- park in a well-lit area, ideally covered by CCTV
- if your catalytic converter is bolted on, consider having the bolts welded to make removal difficult.

Anyone who has any information about catalytic converter thefts should contact us via our web chat service; report information about crime online or by calling 101.

Remember - always dial 999 if a crime is in progress.



Please submit any articles to: gamut.newsletter@gmail.com
by the 20th of the month. Thank you.

COVID RESTRICTIONS EASING - STEP THREE

Social contact

As part of Step 3, no earlier than 17th May, the government will look to continue easing limits on seeing friends and family wherever possible, allowing people to decide on the appropriate level of risk for their circumstances.

This means that most legal restrictions on meeting others outdoors will be lifted - although gatherings of over 30 people will remain illegal. Indoors, the Rule of 6 or 2 households will apply - we will keep under review whether it is safe to increase this.

As soon as possible and by no later than Step 3, we will also update the advice on social distancing between friends and family, including hugging. But until this point, people should continue to keep their distance from anyone not in their household or support bubble.

Business and activities

Most businesses in all but the highest risk sectors will be able to reopen. In all sectors, COVID-Secure guidance will remain in place and businesses may not cater for groups bigger than the legal limits. Indoor hospitality will reopen - and as in Step 2, venues will not have to serve a substantial meal with alcoholic drinks; nor will there be a curfew. Customers will, however, have to order, eat and drink while seated.

Other indoor locations to open up in Step 3 include indoor entertainment venues such as cinemas and children's play areas; the rest of the accommodation sector, including hotels, hostels and B&Bs; and indoor adult group sports and exercise classes. The government will also allow some larger performances and sporting events in indoor venues with a capacity of 1,000 people or half-full (whichever is a lower number), and in outdoor venues with a capacity of 4,000 people or half-full (whichever is a lower number). In the largest outdoor seated venues, where crowds can be spread out, up to 10,000 people will be able to attend (or a quarter-full, whichever is lower).

Events

Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions and wakes, as well as funerals. This limit will also apply to other types of significant life events including bar mitzvahs and christenings.

Review of social distancing

Finally, before Step 4 begins, the government will complete a review of social distancing and other long-term measures that have been put in place to cut transmission. This will inform decisions on the timing and circumstances under which the rules on 1 metre plus, the wearing of face coverings and other measures may be lifted. This will also inform guidance on working from home – which should continue wherever possible until this review is complete.

THE GUILDEN MORDEN CHARITY

The Guilden Morden Charity is here to give financial help for elderly parishioners or to assist anyone with disability or other special need.

In the last year the charity made cash payments of £1725. It also contributed £1050 to the Mobile Warden Scheme to go towards the fees payable by Guilden Morden residents and has continued to provide a similar level of support this year.

It is funded by the income from land donated in 1896 to a charity called the Townlands Charity. This includes rents from land farmed by local farmers and also grants from a Countryside Stewardship Scheme at Ruddy Pit. The income is shared equally between the church and the Guilden Morden Charity.

We are always looking for parishioners who may need some help, particularly in the current pandemic, so if you wish to make a request for yourself or on behalf of someone else please contact any of the trustees.

The trustees are appointed by the Parish Council and are Trevor Osborne (852006), Barry Holme (852407), Rachel Tanser (852007) and Ian Thomas (01462 742778)

INFORMATION REGARDING COVID RAPID TESTS

Residents in Guilden Morden are being urged to get twice-weekly rapid Covid tests. The move is an important step forward to meet the aims of the national roadmap, allowing everyone to move safely out of lockdown.

Twice-weekly rapid testing is a vital tool in identifying cases of Covid-19 that would otherwise be missed. With 1 in 3 people with coronavirus showing no symptoms and potentially spreading it without knowing, rapid testing helps to identify positive cases quickly, preventing the spread of infection.

There are several ways you can access rapid testing. You can take a test at one of the rapid testing sites locally. Your employer may be offering testing in the workplace. You can also collect tests to complete at home or order tests to be delivered to your home. Secondary school pupils are also being asked to take a twice-weekly test.

You can find out more about all of these options by accessing - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting or www.peterborough.gov.uk/rapidtesting

Dr Liz Robin, director of public health for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, said: *"Getting into the habit of twice-weekly testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to keep each other safe. Alongside the on-going vaccine rollout, it will help us to move forward with the roadmap out of lockdown."*

The Library Presents are delighted to announce the launch of their new season of exciting arts events which will run from May to July 2021. The season will bring workshops and performances to outdoor locations across Cambridgeshire and offer arts activities online.

Full details of the programme, along with booking information can be found at [this website](#)

Covid safety guidance for these events can be found [here](#)

Guilden Morden Village Hall

AGM

Monday 24th May 2021

7:30pm - GM Village Hall

All Welcome to Attend

Committee Vacancies

**The Village Hall Management Committee
currently has vacancies**

Do you use the Village Hall or live in the locality?

**Do you have a bit of time on your hands and would
be interested in supporting the village?**

**If so, please contact gmvillagehall@gmail.com
or come along to the AGM**



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

GUILDEN MORDEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DIARY

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

In addition to live 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 "Zoom Service" the code is 933 0302 5193 (passcode 2c1h3G).

We are also thrilled to be planning to re-start our Mix and Match sessions for babies, toddlers and their parents. Wherever possible meetings will be held outside to minimise risk, and please note that prior booking is necessary. Please check our website for any updated information on this exciting step forward.

Sunday 2nd May 10.30 Family service live in Chapel, and by Zoom, led by Sandy Watkins.

Wed 5th May 09.15 – 10.30 Mix and Match outdoors (indoors if wet) 15 adults only

Sunday 9th May 11.00 Service at Litlington. Sorry no Zoom

Monday 10th May 10.30 Men's Guild via Zoom

Wed 12th May 09.15 – 10.30 Mix and Match outdoors (indoors if wet) 15 adults only.

Sunday 16th May 10.30 Joint service with St Mary's in the Chapel and via Zoom, led by Tony Frost.

14.30 – 15.30 Sunday School in the Chapel and via Zoom, led by Sandy Watkins.

Wed 19th May 09.15 – 10.30 Mix and Match outdoors (indoors if wet) 15 adults only.

Sunday 23rd May 10.30 Service in the Chapel and via Zoom, led by Tony Frost.

Wed 26th May 09.15 – 10.30 Mix and Match outdoors (indoors if wet) 15 adults only.

Sunday 30th May 10.30 Joint Communion Service with Litlington in the Chapel and via Zoom, led by Tony Frost. Please bring your own bread and wine.

Home group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 20.00, Contact Amanda for details.

Measures to enable the start of other activities in the Chapel and schoolroom are now in place, and the buildings will be available for general use once the strict regulations have been relaxed sufficiently for further activities to be allowed.



THIS SATURDAY
9am - 12pm

THE THREE TUNS PUB
CAR PARK

LOCAL FOOD, DRINK
& CRAFTS!

A Guilden Morden Community Pub Event

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