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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 25TH APRIL 2022

Please note that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 25th April 2022 at 7:30pm. All Parishioners are welcome to attend.

Village Website – Can you help?

The Parish Council are seeking an individual to manage the Guilden Morden Village website as a voluntary role. Full training will be provided. The role is mainly ensuring the website is kept up to date, by liaising with the page owners etc. We do not envisage that this would be very time consuming.

If anyone is interested in this role, please could you contact the Clerk to discuss.

Volunteers for Dog Warden welcomed

The Parish Council are still looking for volunteers – dog owners preferred but not essential.

This is volunteer role, being prepared to act as a dog warden in the village and help communicate the shared village objective for no dog fouling on our pathways etc.

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.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE FROM 3PM

Start off the Jubilee celebrations with the Guilden Morden village street party on the recreation ground. Subject to confirmation events will include live music, tractor display, pet show, games for children and adults, miniature railway rides, tea and cakes and much more.



This party will be open to all charities, community organisations and village social groups who wish to take part, in order to raise money to cover the costs of the event.

We are looking for helpers to both set up and dismantle and also help on the day. For further details:

Please contact Peter at: pjfurmston@btinternet.com who will be delighted to hear from you.

COPY TO THE EDITOR BY THE 25TH PLEASE

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April sees the return of the hugely successful Village Market, held in the Three Tuns car park. This year it is being sponsored by Ensum Brown Estate Agents of Royston. Let's hope for some great weather for the first one on April 16th.

Recent burglary activity has occurred in the village, so please be vigilant as to your home security. If you see anything or anyone you deem suspicious, call 101 immediately.

Have a great month.

Mike Allton - Editor

The Morden Players

invite you to partake of

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A furious farrago of fine dining and folly

Saturday, April 30 - 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Steeple Morden Village Hall

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Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

- Sunday 3rd April** **10.30** Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome
- Monday 4th April** **10.30** Men's Guild in the Schoolroom
- Wed 6th April** **09.00 to 11.00** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
- Sunday 10th April** **11.00** Palm Sunday Service at Litlington.
- Wed 13th April** **09.00 to 11.00** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
- Friday 15th April** **10.00** Good Friday Walk, starting at St Mary's and ending at the Chapel with hot cross buns
- Sunday 17th April** **10.30** All age service for Easter
- Tues 19th April** **14.00** COGS meeting
- Wed 20th April** **09.00 to 11.00** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
- Sunday 24th April** **10.30** Communion Service in the Chapel
- Wed 27th April** **09.00 to 11.00** Mix and Match for parents and toddlers

Thank you to all those people who came to the service in the Chapel on the World Day of Prayer. We raised a fine total of £120 for the World Day of Prayer projects.

Home Group Zoom meetings Tuesdays 20.00
Contact Amanda for details ajgenieman@gmail.com

Anyone wishing to book the rooms for social activities contact
Gerry Watkins on 01763 852869



We're heading into the time of year where our windows are opened to get some of that fresh spring air circulating. Unfortunately, we see thieves using this as an opportunity to invite themselves into unoccupied homes.

Leaving ground floor windows, doors and patio doors open in the warmer weather can give burglars the perfect opportunity. If you go upstairs or out of the room - even just for a few minutes - consider closing them.

Burglars will use a variety of ways to avoid being noticed. They don't want to be seen or heard by a neighbour or passer-by because they will feel exposed and identifiable. Distraction burglars will pretend to be someone they are not, so it's important you are aware of the common methods they will use to get you to let them into your property.

Keep it visible - You'd think that it would be best to make a property less visible from the street, and to keep it hidden from prying eyes behind overgrown bushes, trees, high fences or walls. In reality, all that this serves to do is make it easier for a burglar to get close to a home unnoticed, and provide somewhere to hide while carrying out a burglary or theft from the property.

1. Lower fences at the front around one-metre high are preferable to high fences as they allow for a clear view over the top and don't provide cover for anyone wishing to hide.
2. At the rear and sides, taller fencing is recommended to prevent easy access.
3. Trellis, thorny plants, or a suitable anti-climb topping such as plastic spikes make it difficult for anyone climbing over a fence or gate.
4. Planting prickly or barbed shrubbery along boundaries and fence lines acts as an effective natural barrier.
5. Gravel driveways and paths will make sure you hear anyone approach.

Distraction burglars pretend to be someone they are not in order to gain entry to your home.

Common methods used by distraction burglars

- pretending to be from a care agency, the council or a utility company investigating a gas or water leak
- seeking help to leave a note for a neighbour or even asking for a drink of water if they claim to be thirsty or unwell
- claiming to be in a hurry or emergency and needing to get into your home quickly
- working in teams, with one person distracting you while the other searches your home

How to prevent it

There are a number of things you can do to prevent distraction burglary. Always remember "if in doubt, keep them out":

- use your door viewer to see who's there
- if you open the door put the chain on first
- always ask for ID and check it with the company before letting somebody into your home
- use the phone number advertised in the phone book or online, as the number on their identity card could be fake. For a utility company, call the customer service department. Close the door while you do this
- remember that genuine callers won't mind checks. If you feel at all unsure, schedule a time for the caller to come back when a friend or relative is there
- for pre-planned appointments with utility companies, a password scheme can be set up

If you feel threatened or in danger by the presence of the caller, call 999.

Don't forget, if you see something suspicious, please report it

- Report online: www.cambs.police.uk/report
- Speak to an online operator: via webchat
- Non-emergencies (if a crime has already happened or you need to pass on information): call 101
- **Emergencies (if someone is in danger or a crime is in action): call 999**



The Mordens WI meets at 7.30 pm in Guilden Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month .

We have a variety of activities and speakers - in April, Carole Pook will talk about the lives of French resistance women in World War II.

In May, we have a talk on Maggie's Cancer

Caring Charity and in June we plan to hold a Queen's Jubilee Barbecue.

If you would like more information about us, please contact Joyce on 01763 852087 - transport can also be arranged. See you soon!

TUNS TALKS

@The Three Tuns

This year's topics are on a wide variety of subjects that will, hopefully, appeal to many of us. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to present a talk. There's no need to book, just come along. Refreshments will be available, Pub open from 10.00am.

Tuesday
12th April at 2.00 pm

The Role of a Magistrate (Justice of the Peace)
Presenter - local Ashwell pharmacist Brian Deal.

Tuesday
10th May at 10.30 am

Where have all the pub-goers gone?
Presenter - Regional CAMRA representative
Keith Rowland from Steeple Morden.

Alice's Adventures ⁱⁿ Wonderland

Theatre at The Three Tuns

Guilden Morden SG8 0JP

Saturday 28th May at 5pm

This is an open-air performance so please bring
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