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Guilden Morden Parish Council meets in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month.

The meetings alternate between full and planning meetings. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Parish Council Meeting – the next full meeting is 18th March 2024 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. The next planning meeting will be 19th February 2024.

Advance notice that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on **Monday 15th April 2024**.

All parishioners are welcome.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Parish Council are inviting applications from Parishioners to join the Parish Council. If you feel that you would like to become part of the Council and help guide decisions for village matters, please contact the clerk for further information about the role and an application form.

Contact: clerk@guildenmorden.gov.uk

Village Website – Can you help?

The Parish Council would be most grateful for a volunteer to oversee our village website and check that information is current and up to date, by liaising with the page owners etc. This is a voluntary role, however full training on the back office will be provided. This would not be more than a couple of hours per quarter.

If anyone is interested in helping, please could you contact the Clerk.
(clerk@guildenmorden.gov.uk)

Volunteers for Dog Warden welcomed

The Parish Council are 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.

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Editorial

Welcome to the first gamut of 2024. As always with this time of year, events are a bit thin on the ground, but if you're planning an event in the forthcoming months, please drop send me your advert.

Have a great month.

Mike Allton - Editor

Copy to the editor by 25th of the month please.



Are you a parent, grandparent, or carer wondering how to make a positive impact with your free time in 2024?

We're looking for local individuals with invaluable parenting experience to join our Family Support Volunteer team!

Our volunteers work side by side with parents in the comfort of their homes, providing support to navigate life's challenges.

Our free upcoming Volunteer Preparation Course begins soon, equipping you with the knowledge needed to be a pillar of support for a family. Plus, you'll become an essential part of our incredible Home-Start team!

For more details, visit <http://www.hsrsc.org.uk/become-home-start-volunteer/> or reach out to us at admin@hsrsc.org.uk or by calling 01763 262262.

You have the power to be the vital support a family needs to bring positive change into their lives and help parents be the best they can be. Join us in making a difference!

HOME START NEEDS YOU!!

Royston, Buntingford &
South Cambridgeshire

Are you a mum, dad, grandparent or carer wondering what to do with your free time? We need local people with your experience to become a Family Support Volunteer for our scheme.

Our volunteers work alongside parents in their own homes, helping them to cope with the stresses and strains of life.

Our next Volunteer Preparation Course starts in February 2024. This training course will provide you with all the knowledge you'll need to support a family, and you will become part of the fantastic Home-Start team.

You could be the vital support a family needs to help change their life, and while you're doing it, it might just change yours!

- ♥ In 2022/23, our volunteers supported a total of 202 children
- ♥ Our volunteers say helping others helps to reduce stress
- ♥ Our volunteers give an average of 3 hours of their free time per week to support local families

For more info visit www.hsrc.org.uk/become-home-start-volunteer or email admin@hsrc.org.uk



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INSPIRING WOMEN

The Mordens WI are a small, friendly group of ladies meeting on the third Thursday of the month, usually in Guilden Morden Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

We have a wide variety of activities to choose from and interesting speakers throughout the year.

On February 15th we will be holding our Annual Meeting.

If you would like to join us, or to know more about us, please contact Joyce on 01763 852087. Transport can be arranged.

Guilden Morden Congregational Church Sharing Table

Did you know about the sharing table outside the Congregational Church? This table has been operating for quite a while now and has proved to be very successful. Our slogan is:

'Bring What You Can...Take What You Need.'

We would be very grateful if you are able to donate food to the table. Equally, if you need to take products - please do so. Packets and tins are especially welcome. You can enter with discretion by the side gate, so no one needs to know you've been there.

ASHWELL'S FAMOUS FLEA MARKET

**Saturday 9th March 2024 from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm
St Mary's Church, Ashwell**



**"All sorts of weird and wonderful items for sale"
FREE ENTRY - Tea and Coffee available
Funds go the St Mary's Restoration Fund**

Guiden Morden Congregational Church Diary

www.guidenmordencongregationalchurch.com

If you would like to have a chat and a cuppa with Tony, he hosts an “Open Church” every Monday morning in the Chapel between 9.30 am and 11.30 am.

Thank you to all those people who donated at the Christmas Carols by Candlelight service, we raised £329.01. This is being split between the centrepiece charity and the church. The sharing table at the front of the church is being well used, so please donate any spare items that you can.

Sunday 4th Feb **10.30** Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.

Monday 5th Feb **10.30** Men’s Guild

Tuesday 6th Feb **14.00** COGS

Wed 7th Feb **09.00 – 11.00** Fun4Tots

Sunday 11th Feb **11.00.** Joint Service at Litlington Chapel

Wed 14th Feb **09.00 – 11.00** Fun4Tots

Sunday 18th Feb **10.30** Joint service at St Mary’s

Wed 21st Feb **09.00 – 11.00** Fun4Tots

Sunday 25th Feb **10.30am** Communion service in the Chapel

Other group meetings:

Bridge Club	Mondays at 19.30
Community Choir	Mondays at 19.00pm
Gaumont Film Club	Thurs 7 th Dec and Fri 19 th Jan, 19.00
Knit and Natter	Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00
Local History Group	Wednesday 1 st Nov 15.00 SM Village Hall

Home group Zoom meetings on Wednesdays at 20.00
Contact Emily for details emilymwilkinson@doctors.org.uk

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

Ashwell and Bassingbourn Patients Group



We are delighted to announce that the long-awaited new phone system has now been installed. The main advantage is that it will offer patients the option of being called back once they are at a certain point in the queue. You will not lose your place if you choose this option. This means you can do other things while waiting rather than keep hanging on. The surgery will be able to monitor the progress of calls and deal swiftly with glitches. It's in use elsewhere and the feedback is positive.

We are also moving towards something called “Total Triage”. This means that requests for appointments, however they are made, will be recorded in a single format enabling doctors to determine the order for seeing patients based on perceived need.

It is believed that this will allow us to make the best use of the limited resources available to us. It is already in use in other surgeries and is seen as an improved way of working. We expect it to be adopted in the spring.

We have a new practice nurse who is an Advanced Care Practitioner with the ability to prescribe. A great addition to our team. We also now enjoy the services of a pharmacist who, in collaboration with Dr Howe, can monitor and adjust our prescriptions as necessary. He can also carry out medication reviews.

Thankfully the heating at Ashwell has now been repaired so patients and staff can enjoy a warmer environment. We have also provided some additional chairs in both surgeries to assist patients with mobility problems.

Committee members have been involved in various NHS events which will influence how our Group operates. We are developing various community links including with Ashwell and Bassingbourn primary schools which we hope will improve communications and be of benefit to patients. We are also working on a “Guide for New Patients” and a “Surgery User's Guide”.

It's appreciated when staff introduce themselves at the start of a consultation and we have recommended that this should happen on a regular basis.

PROPERTY TO LET – GULDEN MORDEN

Two bedroom bungalow.

Tenant with a connection to Guilden Morden - potential rent reduction

Contact: Tees, John Street, Royston, SG8 9BG For an application form. Ref: NXL/184747-00001.

email natalie.liversidge@teeslaw.com
or carol.pratt@teeslaw.com
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