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GM Parish Council Update

Our next full meeting will be held on 19th September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. All parishioners are welcome.

Parish Council Vacancy - If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the clerk, who would be happy to provide further information.

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.

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.

MORE COMMUNITY WOODLANDS for the Mordens!

THE PLAN

An area of 5.51 Ha (13,61 acres) adjoining the existing Tween Towns Wood became available recently. Due to the urgency of this purchase, a guarantor has stepped in to allow its purchase by the Woodland Trust, and we are glad to say that the purchase is going through. This will double the current area of the existing community woodlands of White Ponds and Tween Town Woods.

CAN YOU HELP?

As so many of you did with White Ponds and Tween Towns Woods, it would be wonderful if Steeple and Guilden Morden residents could support the purchase of this substantial extension to the Woodlands for everyone.

Please contribute directly to the Tween Towns Wood Extension project through a donation to the Woodland Trust.

Direct BACS donation to the Woodland Trust
Lloyds Bank Plc

Account Name: Woodland Trust

Sort Code: 30-96-68

Account No: 01050777

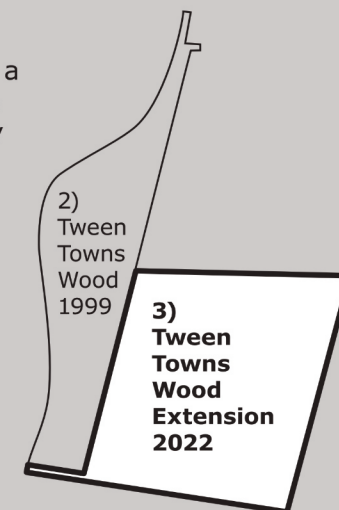
(be sure to put 'Tween Towns Extension' in the reference box)

Or

Cheque to the WOODLAND TRUST sent to Katy Bradshaw, at Woodland Trust, Kempton Way, Grantham, Lincs, NG316LL

If you are able to Gift Aid your kind donation, please contact Katy for the relevant paperwork (Any queries to Katy 03432 484078)

A BIG THANK YOU



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Editorial

This month sees an opportunity to join the Mobile Warden scheme, as well as advice on avoiding the ever-changing world of the scammers.

Have a great month.

Mike Allton - Editor



Burglaries

Over the past four weeks we've recorded 10 burglaries or attempted burglaries in South Cambridgeshire.

We're sure you will agree that is 10 too many. The incidents include people entering through open or unlocked windows and doors.

We're also seeing burglars distracting their victims by pretending they are someone they are not to enter homes. Be alert to suspicious vehicles or unfamiliar faces and remember that if in doubt, keep them out of your homes.

Keep an eye out for elderly neighbours and work with others in your street to keep a look out for each others properties when you are away this summer.

WhatsApp Scams

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) is warning the public about the continued increase in reports about scams where victims are targeted on WhatsApp by criminals pretending to be someone they know – typically their children.

Between 3rd February 2022 and 21st June 2022, there have been a total of 1235 reports made to Action Fraud linked to this scam, with total reported losses exceeding £1.5m.

Criminals will usually begin the conversation with "Hello Mum" or "Hello Dad" and will say that they are texting from a new mobile number as their phone was lost or damaged. They will then ask for money to purchase a new one, or claim that they need money urgently to pay a bill. The criminal will provide bank details for the payment and some will come back with further demands for money.

How to Protect Yourself:

- **STOP - THINK - CALL.** If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity.
- **You can report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp.** Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions.

Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

Wed 3rd Aug	09.00 to 11.00 Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 7th Aug	10.30 Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.
Wed 10th Aug	09.00 to 11.00 Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 14th Aug	11.00 Joint service at Litlington
Wed 17th Aug	09.00 to 11.00 Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 21st Aug	10.30 Communion Service
Wed 24th Aug	9.00 to 11.00 Mix and Match for parents and toddlers
Sunday 28th Aug	Details TBC - Joining St Mary's for Shamus's leaving service
Wed 31st Aug	09.00 to 11.00 Mix and Match for parents and toddlers

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

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



FUTURE MARKET DATES:

10TH SEPTEMBER, 8TH OCTOBER AND 12TH NOVEMBER

The Mordens and Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme

Registered Charity 1127471

JOB VACANCY - Could you be our new Mobile Warden?

Is this you?

- Enjoy interacting with people?
- Seeking flexible, part-time work locally?
- Would like a rewarding role that secures the independence, dignity, security, privacy and well-being of vulnerable members in our community?

What the role offers

- 10-12 core hours a week (minimum) that can be worked flexibly to fit in with other commitments of the post-holder – a few additional hours may be needed by arrangement
- Monday to Friday, excluding weekends and bank holidays
- £12 per hour plus expenses including mileage - benefits include pension contributions and training

Job Description

The mobile warden carries out regular visits and phone calls to alleviate social isolation and ensure the well-being of local residents. Some clients may also need some practical support e.g. form filling, arranging transport, booking appointments.

The post-holder will assist in the promotion of the scheme to raise awareness locally and in the recruitment of new clients.

The role **does not** involve personal care.

Person Specification

The role would suit a self-directed individual who is seeking rewarding, flexible, part-time work locally. Experience of working within the caring profession would be desirable but a kind and caring disposition and a genuine desire to work with and support vulnerable or elderly people is more important.

Applicants must be over 18 and have their own transport. A DBS check will also be required.

Application Process

Applicants should submit a brief CV and supporting statement explaining how they fit the role by **Monday 5 September 2022** – please note we may close the recruitment process early if a sufficient number of quality applications have been received.

For more details and a detailed job description please email the Chairman of Trustees, Geoff Harper, geoffkharper@gmail.com for more details or call him on 01763 853845.

The Mordens and Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme

The Mordens and Litlington Mobile Warden Scheme is a small registered charity supporting vulnerable people to live independently in their homes. The scheme covers residents in and around Guilden and Steeple Morden, Litlington and Bassingbourn and is funded through a combination of membership fees and grants.



We are a small, friendly group of ladies meeting on the third Thursday of the month 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:

In **August**, we have a laid back indulgent afternoon with tea and lots of cake and chatter in a member's garden.

In **September**, Dr Margaret Ashwell will tell us about "Brief (embarrassing) encounters with Royals and others".

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

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ASHWELL AND BASSINGBOURN PATIENTS' GROUP

NOTES FROM OUR JULY MEETING

The body which oversees our surgeries has changed. We are now under the auspices of the Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board (ICB).

We are currently working on an Organisation Plan which shows 'who does what' in our practice which should be helpful for our patients.

Currently, we are seeking to appoint an additional doctor although recruitment is challenging. Our new Operations Manager will be joining us in August.

Recently, there have been problems with our eConsult system. It is currently only accessible between 7am and 9am, however, it is possible to contact the surgery at any time via email. Incoming emails are checked twice daily and responses are usually swift.

There is a form on the surgery website: ashwellsurgery.co.uk under "Contact the practice" or you can use : ashwell.surgery@nhs.net

We are still waiting for our new phone system to be installed. We hope this won't take too long as it is recognised by everyone that our present system is not fit for purpose.

It is also hoped that we can offer covid vaccinations locally when the next phase is launched. This would obviously be handier for our patients. We are still advocating mask wearing where possible.

- A patient has been in touch asking whether we offer social prescribing. The answer is yes ... but! In collaboration with practices in Letchworth and Baldock, we are able to fund a shared post. We have even had people in that post, but sadly they have not stayed.
- Another patient has suggested that we publicise where to go for minor injuries. **The answer is the QE II hospital in Welwyn Garden City.**

All of us on the Patients' Group wish our patients a lovely, healthy summer!