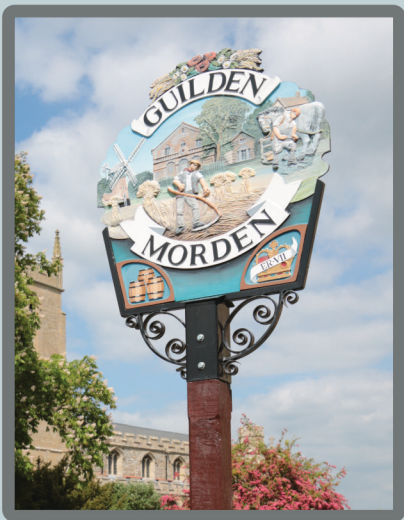


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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – the next full meeting is 18th November 2024 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The next planning meeting will be 21st October 2024. All parishioners are welcome.

ANNUAL AUDIT

The Parish Council are pleased to confirm that the annual audit has been approved by external auditors. If you would like further details, please contact the clerk.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES!

The Parish Council are inviting applications from Parishioners to join the Parish Council. If you feel that you would like to 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

DOG WARDEN NEEDED

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.

St. Mary's Guilden Morden Food Fayre

Saturday
12th October 2024
10am–2pm

'Local produce
from
local people'



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Editorial

If you're planning something in the forthcoming months, please send me your advert and I'll publish it in the next edition.

Have a great month.

Mike Allton - Editor

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Steeple Chasers
Quiz
Night
FRI 1 NOV

BAR

CASH
PRIZE!

RAFFLE

£10 per person, including hot supper

7PM START

STEEPLE MORDEN VILLAGE HALL

Register now! Individually or teams of up to 6

Proceeds to Pancreatic Cancer UK and SCRCC

**Home-Start Royston, Buntingford
& South Cambridgeshire**

would like you to

SAVE THE DATE

for our next

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on

Wednesday, 23rd October 2024 at 18:00
(arrive by 18:00 for 18:30 start)

at Icknield Walk School, Royston

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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 17th October Mr & Mrs Hardy's talk is entitled "Two go Digging"

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 Diary www.guilden-morden-congregational-church.weebly.com

Every Friday at 10.00 in the Chapel you are also welcome to join an informal gathering of those praying for our villages and our world.

Sunday 6th Oct	10.30 Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.
Monday 7th Oct	10.30 – 12.00 Men's Guild 09.30 - 11.30 Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony 19.00 for a 19.30 start - Community Choir
Tuesday 8th Oct	14.00 COGS
Wed 9th Oct	09.00 – 11.30 Fun4Tots
Sunday 13th Oct	11.00. Joint worship with and at Litlington Congregational Church
Monday 14th Oct	09.30 - 11.30 Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony. 13.15 Church Meeting 19.00 for a 19.30 start Community Choir
Wed 16th Oct	09.00 – 11.30 Fun4Tots
Sunday 20th Oct	10.00 Joint Service with St Mary's at the Chapel
Monday 21st Oct	9.30 - 11.30 Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start - Community Choir
Wed 23rd Oct	09.00 – 11.30 Fun4Tots
Sunday 27th Oct	18.30 Joint communion service with Litlington at the Chapel
Monday 28th Oct	09.30 - 11.30 Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony 19.00 for a 19.30 start - Community Choir
Wed 30th Oct	09.00 – 11.30 Fun4Tots

Other Group Meetings:

Bridge Club	Mondays at 19.30
Community Choir	Mondays at 19.00 for a 19.30 start
Knit and Natter	Alternate Tuesdays at 10.00 from 1 st , 15 th 29 th Oct
Local History Group	Wednesday 2 nd Oct 15.00, SM Village Hall
Photographic Club	Monthly - Tuesday 29 th Oct 19.00

Home Group Zoom and face-to-face meetings - Tuesdays at 20.00
 Contact Emily for details emilymwilkinson@doctors.org.uk

Anyone wishing to book the rooms for social activities please contact Gina Ferrari ginaferrari57@gmail.com



Our Rural Crime Action Team are seeing an increase in hare coursing following the recent wet weather. If you see coursing, lamping or poaching in progress, it's a crime in progress, so call 999!

Where possible, please ensure you have the answers to the following questions

1. How many people and/or vehicles can be seen and what are their descriptions?
2. Have any animals been seen to be pursued/chased or attempted to be pursued/chased?
3. Are any people and/or vehicles believed to be trespassing on land?
4. Why do you believe that these people and/or vehicles are involved coursing/lamping/poaching?
5. Are the people and/or vehicles stationary or are they travelling? (Is there a What.Three.Words location? What is their direction of travel?)
6. Have any other offences believed to have been committed? (i.e. criminal damage to crops, dangerous driving, offensive weapons, public order).

You can find further information about hare coursing on our website.

[Click this link for further information](#)

Foxton Christmas Windows – Sunday 1st December



On Sunday 1st December, 3.30 pm to 7pm, we will be holding our fabulous festive Christmas Windows event in Foxton.

Residents will be creating beautiful Christmas windows for display and there will be a central café in the Village Hall, to raise money for Foxton Primary School, Foxton Pre-School and St Laurence Church.

Independent crafters are invited to apply to hold a stall in the Village Hall during the event. Stall holders will need to pay £15 as a contribution to the fundraising but would keep proceeds of any sales. Christmas gifts, decorations etc particularly welcomed! Contact us at foxtonwindows@gmail.com

Please come along and join us on the day. You can buy a programme at the Village Hall, wander round the village to admire all the windows and then vote for your favourite. There will be mulled wine, mince pies and cakes at the café, plus Christmas entertainment.

If anyone has a local business they would like to promote in the programme, please contact us with the details at foxtonwindows@gmail.com.



PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

The Mordens Photographic Club has recently started up and meets each month at the Congregational Church.

The Gamut front cover photos will now feature photographs taken by local enthusiasts, starting this month with a very seasonal photo taken by Camilla Greenwood.



ASHWELL AND BASSINGBOURN PATIENTS GROUP

- NOTES FROM OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

We welcomed two new registrars to the practice. They are Dr Ramia Jameel and Dr Nisha Sivalingam.

They are doctors who have finished their medical training and are completing their in-surgery placement to become GPs. We are also pleased to welcome a new member of our reception team who comes with experience of working in another practice.

Preparations are underway to create a “Frailty Hub” in Ashwell run jointly by The Garden House Hospice and St Mary's Church. There are currently 11 such hubs in North Herts and Stevenage and they are proving very popular. This new hub would be open to residents in Cambs and Beds.

Work will soon begin on our Annual Survey. Patients are becoming familiar with the new online appointments system and this has led to a sharp decline in telephone communications. However, it is alarming that so many appointments are missed by patients not turning up - here were 27 in one day recently. If you can't attend your appointment, then please inform the surgery as soon as possible so another patient can be allocated your appointment.

Patients aged between 75 and 79, plus women over 28-weeks pregnant are being offered the new RSV (respiratory virus) vaccine.

The surgery was advised that recent repeated text messages about flu clinics were unclear. This was because the external service provider did not convey the message as we had intended and we apologise for this error.

A number of questions from patients were answered:

- **Referrals to Addenbrookes?** Patients can only be referred to Addenbrookes if our local NHS Board (Herts and West Essex) has a contract with that hospital for a specific treatment. Patients currently being seen by Addenbrookes will continue as before.
- **Home visits?** These are only available to the registered housebound. To qualify the patient must be unable to leave home at all.
- **Can patients request to see a particular doctor?** Yes. There is a space on the online form to do so.
- **Should patients continue to receive reminders about appointments once they have attended?** No they shouldn't.
- **Should the chairs at our blood pressure machine be adjustable?:** This is being checked.

Our next meeting will be in November.

COUCH TO 5K

**FREE 10-week Couch
to 5k programme
with local, friendly group**



**STEEPLE CHASERS**
RUNNING & CYCLING CLUB



The Steeple Chasers Running & Cycling Club is offering a FREE 10-week Couch to 5k programme meeting on Saturdays at Steeple Morden Recreation Ground, with an option to join a Thursday session each week too. The Couch to 5k is a great way to improve your fitness and start or re-start running and many people find it easier to reach the end of the programme with a group.

We are a very social club of mixed abilities and goals, with our focus on encouragement, support and wellbeing. Based in Steeple Morden but open to anyone in the local area and villages. Our Couch to 5k programme is provided free of charge; membership is £30 for the year if you choose to become a member and benefit from all the club has to offer.

Open to all experience and fitness levels.
Children welcome but must be accompanied by an adult.

If you cannot attend every week, you can still join the programme; advice will be provided for you to progress on weeks you are not able to attend the sessions to run solo. If you can only attend either Saturdays or Thursdays, you may still join.

Welcome session & week 1:

Saturday 21 September 2.30pm

Week 2 to Week 10: Saturdays 2.30pm

(28 Sept to 23 Nov)

Thursdays 5.45pm

(26 Sept to 21 Nov)

Graduation run: Wimpole Estate
Parkrun Saturday 30 November 8.45am

email steeplechasersrcc@gmail.com