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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – the next full meeting is 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 . The next planning meeting will be 17th February 2025 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

## **PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES – YOUR PC NEEDS YOU!**

The Parish Council are inviting applications for two vacancies from parishioners to join the Parish Council. If you feel that you could contribute to 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](mailto: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.

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.

## **Guilden Morden Village Hall**

The **Village Hall Management Committee** currently have a vacancy for a ...

### **• Chairperson**

**Guilden Morden Village Hall** is operated as a charity to provide a meeting place for village activities. These include parish meetings, WI, pilates, yoga, fitness classes and other club meetings and AGMs. The hall has a kitchen with full cooking facilities, also a changing room with showers for village sports clubs. It is also used for fund-raising activities by village organisations plus private functions.

The day to day running of the hall is managed by volunteers who make up the **Village Hall Management Committee** on behalf of the Parish Council.

It is responsible for:

- Hire of the hall
- Day to day maintenance of the building and safety checks
- Management of income, expenditure and appropriate licenses

**The committee only meet 3-4 times per year, the rest of the business is done via email which minimises the time needed from the volunteers.**

If you use the hall or live in the locality and are interested in supporting us by becoming our chairperson or joining the committee please email ...

[gmvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:gmvillagehall@gmail.com)

### **Editor:**

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### **Village Website:**

[www.guildenmorden.gov.uk](http://www.guildenmorden.gov.uk)

### **Parish Council Clerk:**

[clerk@guildenmorden.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@guildenmorden.gov.uk)

### **Editorial**

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

March deadline - 25<sup>th</sup> February.

Have a great month!

*Mike Allton - Editor*

## **ASHWELL'S FAMOUS FLEA MARKET**

All sorts of weird and wonderful items for sale

Saturday 15th March from 9.30 am to 1 pm

Venue: St Mary's Church, Ashwell

### **Free Entry**

Tea and coffee will be available and all funds raised go the St Mary's Restoration Fund



# GUILDEN MORDEN Photographic CLUB

## Do you enjoy taking photos?

We have set up a friendly, non-competitive photographic club to share ideas, skills and techniques and you don't need anything other than a keen interest in taking photos to join.

The Club is for anyone who enjoys photography using a camera or a mobile phone.

There's no fee or membership commitment - we simply share the small cost of hiring the Chapel for our monthly meetings.



We meet each month on Tuesday evenings at The Congregational Church from 7pm to 9pm.

Our next meeting is February 25th.

***Want to know more? Please email or call.***

Email: [guildenmordenphotographic@gmail.com](mailto:guildenmordenphotographic@gmail.com)  
or [michaelachapman@me.com](mailto:michaelachapman@me.com)

Phone: 07900 488 473



**Church Sweepers, Dusters and Polishers Wanted**

Can you help us to keep St Mary's clean?

For further info, please contact

[maggiepwilkes@gmail.com](mailto:maggiepwilkes@gmail.com)

07712 272371

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INSPIRING WOMEN

We 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 January 16th "At our mother's Knee" will be an evening of fond memories from our childhood - reminiscing about things our mothers said or did and funny tales about them.**

**Bring a photograph for a "guess whose mother" quiz.**

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

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

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**     **10.30** Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb**     **10.30 – 12.00** Men's Guild  
**9.30 - 11.30** Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony  
**7.00 for a 7.30 pm** start Community Choir
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb**     **2.00 – 4.00** COGS
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb**         **9.00 – 11.30** Fun4Tots
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**     **11.00** Joint at Litlington Congregational Church
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**   **9.30 - 11.30** Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony  
**7.00 for a 7.30 pm** start Community Choir
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Feb**       **9.00 – 11.30** Fun4Tots
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**   **10.30** Joint Service at St Marys
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**   **9.30 - 11.30** Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony  
**7.00 for a 7.30pm start** Community Choir
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Feb**       **9.00 – 11.30** Fun4Tots
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**   **10.30** Communion Service with Litlington Congregational Church
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb**   **9.30 - 11.30** Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony  
**7.00 for 7.30 pm start** Community Choir
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb**       **9.00 – 11.30** Fun4Tots

**Other Group Meetings:**

Bridge Club	Mondays at 19.30
Community Choir	Mondays at 19.00 for a 19.30 start
History Group	Wednesday 5 Feb at Steeple Village Hall
Knit and Natter	Tuesday 4 and 18 Feb
Photographic Club	25 February 19.00 to 21.00
Sewing Group	13 February. Every second Thursday

Home Group Zoom and face-to-face meetings - Tuesdays at 20.00  
Contact Emily for details [emilymwilkinson@doctors.org.uk](mailto:emilymwilkinson@doctors.org.uk)

Anyone wishing to book the rooms for social activities please contact Gina Ferrari [ginaferrari57@gmail.com](mailto:ginaferrari57@gmail.com)



FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

*Valentine's Day*

**2 COURSE  
DINNER**

**£60 COUPLE**

*Surf & turf sharing  
board, followed by a  
sharing dessert plate*

AVAILABLE FROM FROM 6-9PM

To book contact us on  
[threetunsgm@gmail.com](mailto:threetunsgm@gmail.com)     01763 852123

The poster features a light pink background with a dark red border. It is decorated with several red hearts of various sizes. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, serif, and cursive fonts. The price and the description of the dinner are highlighted in dark red boxes.

## NOTES FROM OUR JANUARY MEETING

Mr Geoff Harper spoke to us about the Mobile Warden Scheme which has long operated in the Mordens, Litlington and Bassingbourn with the aim of monitoring the well-being of elderly and vulnerable people. This scheme enables individuals to remain in their own homes rather than go into a care facility. They are now extending the service to Ashwell and other villages covered by our surgery. See below for contact details.



The new Ashwell Frailty Hub is due to open in the URC hall at 2 pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January. It will then open every Thursday from 2 pm till 4 pm, offering some physical exercise and an opportunity to socialise. The hub is open to people from all local villages.

We have taken delivery of iPads which will be installed in our waiting rooms for patients to use. These can be used to communicate discreetly with reception and to make appointment requests online with help for those who need it.

There is good news regarding our online appointment service – this is now open on weekdays from 7 am to 6.30 pm via the website. However, the system will pause if it reaches medical capacity on a particular day.

In March we will be launching our annual survey of patients experiences with the surgery. Since the previous survey, we have changed both our phone and appointment systems. We hope patients have found these changes beneficial. The survey will be available in paper form and via our website. Last year we had over 360 responses. We hope to have more this year!

We are also looking into providing adjustable chairs for the blood pressure machines in our waiting rooms.

**Please note that flu jabs are available on request to those eligible till the end of march.**

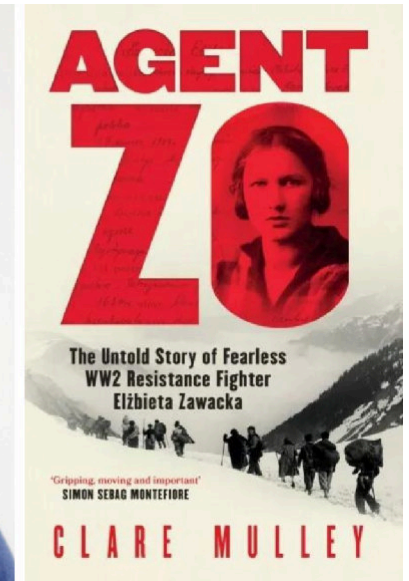
### MOBILE WARDEN SCHEME

For more information and how to apply for yourself or on someone's behalf please contact the Warden on 07841 025107

[mobilewardenscheme@gmail.com](mailto:mobilewardenscheme@gmail.com)

## Literary Lunch on Tuesday 25th February

The Old Bull, Royston at 12.15 -14.15 with author Clare Mulley



**AGENT ZO** tells the incredible story of Second World War resistance fighter Elżbieta Zawacka, sometimes known as Elizabeth Watson but more often as 'Zo'.

The only woman to reach London as an emissary of the Polish Home Army Command, Zo became the sole female member of the Polish elite Special Forces, the 'Silent Unseen', who were trained in the British countryside.

In 1943, she parachuted into Nazi-occupied Poland. There, while being hunted by the Gestapo, she took a key role in the largest organised act of defiance against Nazi Germany, the Warsaw Uprising.

After the war, the Soviet-backed communist regime not only imprisoned Zo, but also ensured that her remarkable story remained hidden for over forty years. Now, through new archival research and exclusive interviews with people who knew and fought alongside her, Clare Mulley brings this forgotten heroine back to life.

To book your ticket/s, £15 for a buffet lunch, please call 01763 262262, [emailevents@hsrsc.org.uk](mailto:emailevents@hsrsc.org.uk) or online at [www.hsrsc.org.uk/events/](http://www.hsrsc.org.uk/events/)

# COULD YOU SPARE 3 HOURS A WEEK TO CHANGE A FAMILY'S LIFE?

**Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire Needs You!!**

## Join Our Free Volunteer Training Course!

- Starts **24th February 2025**
- 6 weeks, one day a week
- Gain the knowledge to make a real difference
- Become part of an amazing team



## We're Looking For:

Mums, dads, grandparents, and carers who:

- Have parenting experience
- Can spare 2-3 hours a week
- Want to support families in our local community

**"We are there for parents when they need us the most because childhood can't wait."**

## Did You Know?

- 👤 Last year, our volunteers supported **226 children**.
- 😊 Volunteers say helping others **reduces stress**.
- 🕒 Volunteers give an average of **3 hours a week** to change lives.

## Contact Us Today to Learn More:

📞 **01763 262262**

🌐 **[www.hsrsc.org.uk/become-home-start-volunteer](http://www.hsrsc.org.uk/become-home-start-volunteer)**

✉ **[admin@hsrsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hsrsc.org.uk)**

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