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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Parish Council Meetings

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

The meetings alternate between full and planning meetings.

The next meetings are:

**July 20<sup>th</sup> - Full Meeting**

**August 17<sup>th</sup> - Planning Meeting**

If you would like to become a member of the Parish Council, please contact the clerk at the email address shown on this page.



We are a friendly group of ladies who meet on the third Thursday of the month, usually in Guilden Morden Village Hall at 19.30.

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

#### Editor:

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

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

#### Editorial

If you have any events planned for the year, please forward them to the editor.

The next issue is in September, so the deadline is the 25<sup>th</sup> August.

*Mike Allton*  
Editor



We open up a **world of possibilities** for girls from 4-18-years-old, one where they can do anything.

**It's totally flexible,** you can help as much or as little as you want.

Join us for nonstop fun, learning and adventures.

Your local Brownie group needs:

Do you love fun, adventure and empowering the next generation? We are looking for friendly, enthusiastic volunteers to join our leadership team!  
When: Wednesdays 6.15pm-7.30pm  
Where: The Pightle, Steeple Morden.

Contact: [melbournallsaintsbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:melbournallsaintsbrownies@gmail.com)



**Register today**

[girlguiding.org.uk/volunteer](http://girlguiding.org.uk/volunteer)



Registered charity number: Exempted from registration

## You're Not Alone: Friendly Support for Parents

Parenting can be wonderful, but it can also feel overwhelming, and needing support is completely normal. At **Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire**, we offer friendly, non-judgemental help for parents with young children. We're not a statutory service - just here to lend a helping hand when things feel a little harder, for any parent who feels they could use a bit of extra support'

Our support is flexible and can include a listening ear, help with confidence and routines, and staying connected to your community. You don't need to be in crisis, if life feels a bit tougher than usual, we're here.

Get in touch directly - no referral needed:  
t: 01763 262262 | e: [admin@hsrsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@hsrsc.org.uk) | w: [www.hsrsc.org.uk](http://www.hsrsc.org.uk)

**Sometimes, just knowing someone is there can make all the difference.**

### 1st Guilden Morden Brownies

We urgently need adult volunteers to help keep our unit open in September. By becoming a Girlguiding volunteer, you can make a real difference. Our volunteers are the heartbeat of Girlguiding. You'll have lots of fun with the girls while gaining valuable skills that give your qualifications a boost.

No matter how much time or experience you may have, your help could make a real difference. Training and guidance can be provided, and without additional support we will be forced to close, which would impact all of the young people who benefit from being part of this group. The unit currently meets on a Wednesday evening during term- time only, from 6.15pm-7.30pm, at The Pightle in Steeple Morden.

If you are able to help, or would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact Tanya and Karen at [melbourndistrictcommissioner@gmail.com](mailto:melbourndistrictcommissioner@gmail.com). We understand that everyone has different commitments, but if you are searching for something rewarding to do outside of work, Girlguiding might be the perfect fit for you.



## Guilden Morden Congregational Church Diary

[www.guilden-morden-congregational-church.weebly.com](http://www.guilden-morden-congregational-church.weebly.com)

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.

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| <b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>   | <b>10.30am</b> Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.   |
| <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>   | <b>10.30 – 12.00</b> Men's Guild<br><b>9.30 - 11.30am</b> Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony<br><b>7.00 for a 7.30pm</b> start Community Choir |
| <b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>2.00 – 4.00pm</b> COGS   |
| <b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>      | <b>9.00 – 11.30am</b> Fun4Tots  |
| <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>11.00am</b> Joint at Litlington Congregational Church led by Mrs Davina Calbraith  |
| <b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>9.30 - 11.30am</b> Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony<br><b>7.00pm for a 7.30pm</b> start Community Choir                                   |
| <b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>     | <b>9.00 – 11.30am</b> Fun4Tots  |
| <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>10.00am</b> Joint Service with St Mary's   |
| <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>7.00pm for a 7.30pm start</b> Community Choir  |
| <b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>     | <b>9.00 – 11.30am</b> Fun4Tots  |
| <b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>10.30am</b> Joint service with Litlington Congregational Church at the Chapel including communion  |
| <b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>  | <b>9.30 - 11.30am</b> Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony<br><b>7.00 for 7.30pm start</b> Community Choir                                       |
| <b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>     | <b>9.00 – 11.30am</b> Fun4Tots  |
| <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b> | <b>10.30am</b> Café style service. Come and join us for croissants and coffee in our relaxed style of worship. All welcome.   |

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 10.30 – 12.00** Men's Guild  
**9.30 - 11.30am** Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2.00 – 4.00pm** COGS

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> August 9.00 – 11.30am** Fun4Tots

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 11.00am** Joint at Litlington Congregational Church led by Mr Frank Pearson

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 9.30 - 11.30am** Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> August 9.00 – 11.30am** Fun4Tots

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am** Church Service led by Tony Frost

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 9.30 - 11.30am** Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> August 9.00 – 11.30am** Fun4Tots

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 10.30am** Think and Drink - TBC

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 9.30 - 11.30am** Open Church. Come and have a chat with our minister, Tony

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> August 9.00 – 11.30am** Fun4Tots

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am** Joint service with Litlington Congregational Church at the Chapel including communion

### Other Group Meetings

Bridge Club Mondays at 19.30  
 Community Choir Mondays at 19.00 for a 19.30 start (term time)  
 History Group Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August at SM Village Hall  
 Knit and Natter Every other Tuesday  
 Needle Bees Every second Thursday, 19.30 - 22.00  
 Photography Club First Thursday of the month 19.00 - 21.00

Home Group Zoom and face-to-face meetings - Tuesdays at 19:45  
 Contact Emily for details [emilywilkinson@doctors.org.uk](mailto:emilywilkinson@doctors.org.uk)

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

### Shingay Group Sunday Services in July

|                       |                             |                |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 5th July (Trinity 5)  |                             |                |
| 8:30am                | Prayer book Communion       | Steeple Morden |
| 10:00am               | Holy Communion with AP      | Litlington     |
| 10am                  | Holy Communion by ext'n     | Guilden Morden |
| 12th July (Trinity 6) |                             |                |
| 10:00am               | Group Communion by ext'n    | Litlington     |
| 19th July (Trinity 7) |                             |                |
| 8:30am                | Holy Communion by extn      | Wendy          |
| 10:00am               | Childrens Service           | Steeple Morden |
| 10:30am               | United Service at GM Chapel | Guilden Morden |
| 26th July (Trinity 8) |                             |                |
| 10:00am               | Group Communion             | Wendy          |

**The Men's Guild** is a coffee morning and discussion group for men

It was started in 1995 by the Rev Colin Price who was an engineer and part-time minister in the Congregational Church. When he retired, in his words, he was "dragged round lots of village social events" by his wife but found that there was little of interest to and participation by men. So he started the Men's Guild in order to get retired men to socialise.

The format is a general chat over coffee followed by either a talk, or another activity. There is no formal membership, attendance is open to all men from the Mordens and surrounding villages. It is run as an outreach from the Congregational Church and all are welcome.

Our meetings are on the first Monday of the month, in the Congregational Church school room at 10 Pound Green, Guilden Morden, SG8 0JZ. We start at 10.30 and finish around 12.00, except Bank Holidays when they are held on the following Monday.

Contact: Peter Allen 01762852644

# 150 Years Ago in The Mordens

Come and See How We Lived in the 1870s



Sept 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Guilden Morden

Congregational Church

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

Steeple Morden

Village Hall

10 am to 4 pm - Free Entry - Refreshments

An Exhibition from the Mordens Local History group