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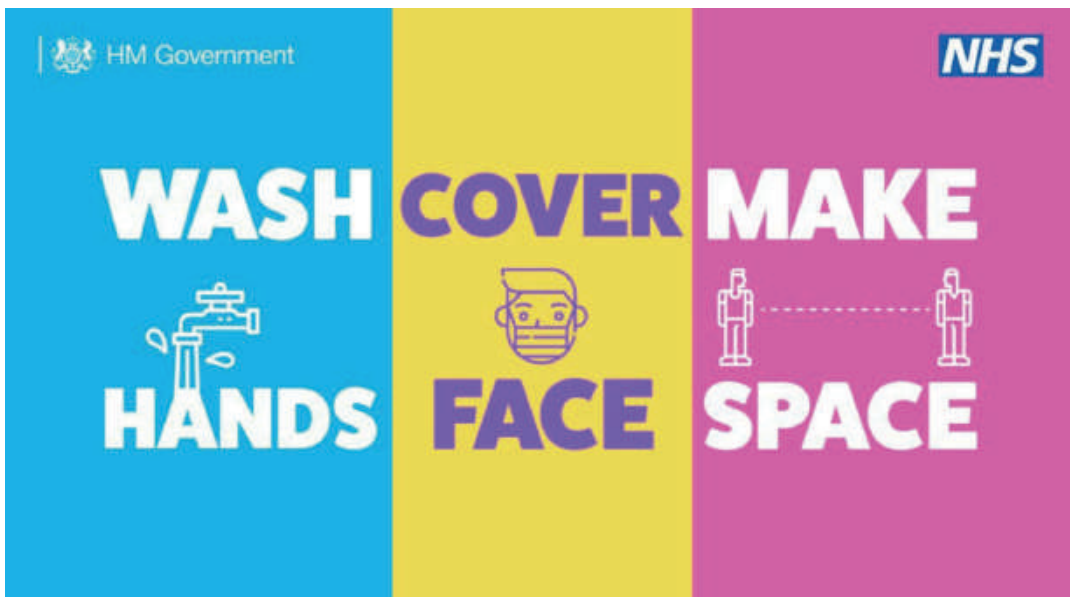
THE GUILDEN MORDEN VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 2020

Editorial: Trying not to be too despondent about the virus is proving tricky, but with continued adherence to thorough hand washing, social distancing and a fair sprinkling of common sense, I'm sure that all will be well - one day!

I'd like to start including some locally-themed photographs in Gamut, so if you have taken any nice photos, please send them to me. A portrait format .jpg file around 2 Mb is fine. Have a good month!



PLEASE REMOVE YOUR DOG'S WASTE
KEEP GUILDEN MORDEN CLEAN!



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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE (AUGUST 2020

The Parish Council Meeting dates:

The Parish Council has been meeting as usual using Zoom. Any parishioner who wishes to attend the Zoom meeting, please contact the clerk who will provide details. Minutes will be published on the website as normal. The next full meeting will be **16th November via Zoom.**

Gritting Volunteers - CCC Community Gritting Volunteers

This is a request for winter volunteers for this winter season 2020-2021. CCC would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers that took part in our Community Gritting Scheme last winter. For those hearing about the Community Gritting Scheme for the first time it is a scheme where local volunteers can help to keep their community moving in freezing weather. Under this scheme, the parish or town council agrees specific routes in their area which are important to the local community and agrees them with the county council.

If you are interested in volunteering for Guilden Morden, please contact the Clerk by **25th October 2020**

Book Exchanges in the Village

Both book exchanges will remain closed until we are provided with further guidance. Please can we request that parishioners do **NOT** leave donations outside the exchange as these items will be left to the fate of the weather and unlikely to be in a useable condition, once the exchanges open again.

Calling all gardeners; remember to keep footpaths clear!

As the recent weather has provided excellent growing conditions for plants, this is a reminder to please trim back your shrubs and bushes if they are overhanging footpaths or roads around the village. Some plants can make walking on the footpaths impossible, so please be considerate to pedestrians (including children) around the village and not force anyone to walk on the road.

Guilden Morden Parish Council needs you!

Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council have a remaining vacancy to co-opt another Councillor (unless 10 electors call for an election) and would like to invite applications. Any resident of Guilden Morden can apply. No previous experience is necessary and training courses are available.

Could this be a voluntary role that you could do? It is a great opportunity to be involved in village decisions and shape the future of the village as well as being involved in day to day matters.

If you would like to find out more about the role or to apply, please contact the clerk; clerk@guildenmorden.gov.uk

GUILDEN MORDEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DIARY

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

Sunday 4th Oct	10.30 Family service in the Chapel
Monday 5th Oct	10.30 Men's Guild Zoom Meeting
Sunday 11th Oct	11.00 Service at Litlington
Sunday 18th Oct	11.00 Joint service at St Mary's
Sunday 25th Oct	10.30 Communion service with Tony Frost. Please bring your own bread and wine

Measures to enable the start of other activities in the Chapel and schoolroom are now in place, and we plan to open from October 5th.

However, activities may only take place subject to the current government rules and guidelines, and subject to the successful completion of a joint risk assessment.

Please submit any articles to:

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By the 20th of the month. Thank you.

FOUR COUNTY LINES DISMANTLED DURING WEEK OF ACTION

Officers across Cambridgeshire have made nine arrests, seized drugs, cash and mobile phones as part of a week of action on county lines crime.

Throughout the national week of action (14-21 September), police also visited vulnerable people across the county to check they were not being exploited by county lines drug dealers and to build up a better picture of the crime in the area. Working alongside other forces and partners, officers executed warrants in Cambridge, Peterborough, Wisbech and London where the arrests were made. They seized 88 wraps of heroin, more than £1,000 cash and multiple mobile phones.

Five potential cuckooed addresses, where drug dealers take over the home of a vulnerable person in order to use it as a base for dealing, were visited and five people safeguarded.

County lines is a priority in Cambridgeshire and during this targeted week we successfully dismantled four drug lines. Our work will continue beyond this week of action to tackle drug networks, which bring a whole host of criminality to our county as well as harm to the most vulnerable people in our communities.

Throughout the week the force was also urging the people of Cambridgeshire to look closer in order to spot children and young people who are being exploited by county lines criminals. Public spaces like bus and train stations, fast food outlets, hotels and roadside services can be where young victims of exploitation are most visible.

We often hear that victims of county lines criminality don't know they are being exploited or don't have the confidence to report it because they fear there may be consequences.

Children and young people who are being exploited may not always appear vulnerable or act the way we may expect victims should.

If you suspect someone is at risk of child exploitation, you can report it to us at:

https://www.cambs.police.uk/information-and-services/Drug-networking?utm_source=countylinesswoaroundup&utm_medium=Social%20media&utm_campaign=Drugs%202020

You don't have to tell us your name, just what you have seen.

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LEARNING A NEW SKILL

This autumn, Home-Start are running a series of “skill swaps” as part of our Giving Tuesday community campaign. Giving Tuesday started way back on the 7th April, and we’re aiming to give our communities, supporters, families and friends a new activity every single Tuesday until 1st December. If you haven’t already been a part of the action, pop along to our website and take a look at what we’ve been doing!

<https://www.hsrsc.org.uk/giving-tuesday/>.

If you’re wondering how to fill in those hours that, for the last six months, have been dedicated to home-schooling, why not take a look at some of the options we’ll be sharing over the next few weeks? We’ll be running pieces on music, woodwork, languages, and lots more! If this leaves you hungry for more learning activities, why not try BBC Radio 4’s Series ***In Our Time*** (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qykl>) which has a wide range of topics to learn about.

LEARNING IS GOOD FOR YOU

For many, of course, working from home is still very much the order of the day, and those precious “free hours” might not be quite as free as we’d like! But mental health experts agree that taking the time to learn a new skill is great for you and will improve your work as well.

Working from home can be a lonely, frustrating activity, so honing your abilities to cope under difficult circumstances will help you – and your increased productivity will impress your boss! Learning new skills improves self-esteem, helps us cope under pressure, and gives us a sense of purpose. Achieving a goal is great for our confidence, and this in turn makes us happier, which makes us less stressed – it’s a win-win!

One of the goals Home-Start set itself, over the summer, was to safely re-open the office and be ready to take on new referrals. We’re happy to report that we’ve achieved our goal. It’s great to be back. Come and talk to us – we’re ready and raring to go!

<https://www.hsrsc.org.uk/contact-us/>

Make our village safer



Our village is a great place for walkers, with and without dogs, cyclists, runners and horse riders but we do suffer from drivers speeding through the narrow, winding roads.

That's why Speedwatch was set up, it's a well-managed scheme that makes a difference and really does encourage speeding drivers to slow down.

We now have a speed sign which can be positioned in one of four sites around the village and it monitors and records vehicle speed of oncoming traffic and traffic in the opposite direction. We also have permission for six further sites for our mobile kit.

Data from the speed sign has been analysed and some of it is alarming! For example:

- Trap Road, incoming to the village 27% vehicles speeding, maximum recorded 77mph
- Trap Road, outgoing to the village 54% vehicles speeding, maximum recorded 73mph
- Fox Hill towards Wrestlingworth 28% vehicles speeding, maximum recorded 52mph

The mortality risk for a pedestrian being hit by a vehicle travelling at 30mph is 50%, but at 40mph that rises to 95% so this puts the above figures into context.

Speedwatch sessions take place twice a week (but not in bad weather or after dark) for one hour either in the morning or afternoon. There is already a team who give their time to this valuable scheme **but we need more volunteers – we need you!**

There are always three people at each session and it's only for an hour. You can sit down too if that's more comfortable.

The Speed Watch team receives a lot of good wishes from villagers so do join us and make a difference.

Contact Gerry Watkins on 01763 852 869 to find out more.



Please do not use the Book Exchanges

The two book exchanges in the village have been closed since March because of the coronavirus pandemic.

While some bookshops and libraries have reopened, they can mitigate the spread of the virus by the mandatory use of hand sanitisers, face coverings and the quarantining of books.

Regrettably, that is not possible in the village and so the best way to ensure that coronavirus is not spread through the book exchanges is to keep them closed, as advised by the Parish Council.

Therefore, please do not open the book exchanges and please do not leave any piles of books outside them either.

Many thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

