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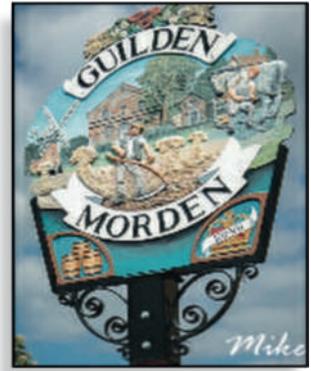
THE GULDEN MORDEN VILLAGE NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2020

Editorial: Trying not to be too despondent about the virus continues to be tricky, and now that another national lockdown looms, any dates advertised for events this month are obviously incorrect.

Please continue to look out for the vulnerable in the village, and rest assured that in South Cambs, we continue to have a low Covid-19 infection and mortality rate.



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



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Cover Photo: A frosty Wimpole morning, prior to a chilly Parkrun.

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2020

The Parish Council Meetings

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.**

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; please 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

The Guilden Morden Charity

The Guilden Morden Charity is funded by half of the income from land that was left as an endowment to the village in 1896 and is administered by trustees appointed by the Parish Council.

Currently the charity continues to provide an annual winter payment to elderly residents or individuals with special needs. It also supports the mobile warden scheme for Guilden Morden parishioners. This year it is important for us to also try to give some financial support to vulnerable people who are experiencing disproportionate challenges and difficulties as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

If you know of anyone who lives in Guilden Morden and may be in need of help please contact any of the trustees listed below:

Trevor Osborne - 01763 852006 Barry Holme - 01763 852407

Rachel Tanser - 01763 852007 Ian Thomas - 01462 742778



**KEEP
CALM
AND
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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UPDATE FROM JAMES LYNCH PCSO

Covid-19 has given police an increase in workload, not to mention restrictions on visits/meetings and police surgeries.

Since February 2020 we have managed to shut down/close drug factories in Cambourne and surrounding villages, to a total close to £2million thanks to residents who have reported these. One in Arrington = £900,000 plus three stolen vehicles, Hardwick = £5-600,000, two persons arrested and given a total of 26 months in prison. Cambourne £350,00 including cocaine - awaiting a court date. Recently another £5-600,000 cannabis factory in Cherry Hinton Road in Great Shelford, a couple of smaller ones in Bassingbourn and Over.

We know it's out there but where? These closures have been based on one piece of intelligence, so we can do some quick research/background checks and then knock on the door. If you feel something is suspicious trust your gut instinct and let me know. I am always happy to follow things up.

Signs for cannabis factories: <https://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/how-to-spot-cannabis-farm-12030689>

Many people think it can be a waste of time stopping these factories but there are more crimes associated with them that can lead to modern day slavery.

Obviously there may be other issues in your village apart from drugs such as anti-social behaviour/knife crime etc. Please make sure these things get reported. I cannot promise that you will get an officer out straight away but if we are seeing a pattern then your neighbourhood team can target these areas.

How can you help? - LOOK, LISTEN AND REPORT! and Call 101 website <https://www.contactcambspolice.uk/>



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CORONAVIRUS **STAY ALERT TO** **THE SYMPTOMS**

**HIGH TEMPERATURE
OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH
OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

No one in your household should leave home
if any one person has symptoms.

Find out how to get a test, and how long to
isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

DOOR STEP SCAMS

Beware of callers to your door claiming to be from a utility company, police, the council and suchlike. Ask to see their ID and then check with the organisation they claim to be from that they are genuine (do not use the number they give you or that appears on the ID as this could be bogus). A genuine caller will not mind waiting for you to verify their identity. This is especially true of the so-called "Nottingham Knockers". These are organised gangs who are looking for criminal opportunities. Do not be fooled by their sob stories.

Beware of cold callers to your door offering home improvement works. They may claim they are working locally to gain your trust or offer to do work because they have some materials left over from a job nearby so they can offer you a great deal. **Never give money up front for work.** A genuine trader will not ask for this.

If you would like to employ a trades person always get three quotes and a detailed breakdown of what will be done. You can find Trading Standards approved traders on their website or call 03454 04 05 06

A rogue trader will take money for work that they either do not do or do to a very poor standard. Often they will demand more than the sum originally agreed and the price will keep escalating as they invent more problems that need to be fixed.

If a rogue trader is at your or a neighbour's property dial 999. Otherwise use the non-emergency number 101 to report to it to the police.

The key message for all the above is 'if it sounds too good to be true it probably is'.

Please submit any articles to:
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By the 20th of the month. Thank you.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE would like to highlight a recent series of car key burglaries, which are taking place across all force areas.

Please be alert to suspicious activity at homes or addresses with high powered vehicles such as BMWs, Audis, Volkswagens, and Mercedes. Burglaries are being committed to obtain vehicle keys as with improved security, these vehicles are more difficult to steal without a key.

We are encouraging residents to remain vigilant during the day, look-out for any unusual people or vehicles paying attention to the driveway of a house where a desirable car is parked, even if it is not there at the time, similarly late at night, if you are coming or going be on the lookout for unusual activity.

Owners of high value, desirable cars are advised to take extra precautions:

- Never leave vehicle or other keys in open view of your letterbox or ground floor window where a potential offender could easily access them by fishing them out with a device, consider installing a cage or security device to keep the letterbox secure.

- Always lock windows and doors.

- Fit a steering wheel lock or after market security device

- Aggravated burglary is rare in Cambridgeshire, but if a thief is persistent enough to break in, it's best they take the keys and leave.

The safety and protection of people should always come first.

- If you have a secure garage you can park your car in overnight, do use it.

- Set burglar alarms and any other security devices you have installed, consider a driveway alarm to give you early warning of someone approaching on your drive.

- Consider fitting a tracking device. If your car is stolen there is a greater chance of it being traced.
- Be alert to who is around and where your keys are.

Report suspicious activity or interest in these types of vehicles to police on 101, or 999 in an emergency. Without putting yourself at risk, try to obtain a description of anyone you saw, and registration numbers of vehicles. This can be passed on to police to aid investigation.

Criminal activity can also be reported to Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

GULDEN MORDEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DIARY

www.guildenmordencongregationalchurch.com

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| Sunday 1st Nov | 10:30 Family service in the chapel, led by Sandy Watkins |
| Monday 2nd Nov | 10.30 Men's Guild Zoom meeting |
| Sunday 8th Nov | 10.00 Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph |
| Sunday 15th Nov | 10.30 Joint service with St Mary's at the chapel, led by Tony Frost |
| Sunday 22nd Nov | Online morning service. Follow the link above for the church or from our Facebook page |
| Sunday 22nd Nov | 14.30 Sunday School |
| Sunday 29th Nov | 10.30 Joint Communion service with Litlington at the chapel, led by 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 the building is now available for hire once again.

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.