

GREAT MONGEHAM

NEWSLETTER June 2021

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GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Council minutes can be read at www.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk
Parish Clerk: clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk

Back again!

A heartfelt thank you to all those who have volunteered to deliver the newsletter and enable it to continue. This a free publication for residents of Great Mongeham, intended to keep us informed about the village, and when I have space, I am delighted to include short articles from you about the village or its activities. (PS)

GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Great Mongeham Annual Parish Meeting – 6th May 2021.

Chairman's Report – Cllr John Gatland

The chairman thanked the Parish Councillors, the DDC and KCC Councillors for their support over the last year. TGMPC has continued meeting online during lockdown. At the end of July last year, we said goodbye to our long-term clerk, Sarah, and Jo Jones is our new clerk. The village bus service is unfortunately not being used, we must use it or we will lose it. Please contact the Parish Clerk for the schedule. Grants have been made in the last year to the Air Ambulance, Deal Food Bank and Dover, Deal & District Citizens Advice Bureau. Because of coronavirus Speedwatch has been halted so speeds have crept up while it hasn't been operating. The Parish Council are currently exploring a Highways Improvement Plan to try and reduce speeding and congestion within the village but legalities, technicalities or money often stop these things. The Parish Council have made many requests to maintain the footpaths and public rights of way, especially important when walking is much more popular at the moment but repairs are very slow. Unfortunately, the defibrillator at the village hall was damaged when a reversing car hit it, we are extremely grateful to Richard Solley for building and fitting a crash barrier to prevent the defibrillator being damaged again. The Parish Council have continued to pay to have the green mowed outside the Village Hall. 27 planning applications have been considered and the Parish Council have objected to 13 of them on behalf of the Parishioners. (JG).

The next meeting of GMPC is on Thursday 3rd June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH



ST MARTIN'S CHURCH new PRIEST

Monica Cameron is to be installed as our new priest in September. She trained in Cambridge and is moving here from the Rochester Diocese. She is a widow with three grown up daughters. She is interested in education and environmental concerns.

Our clergy - Rev Patrick Kavanagh & Rev Wendy Jackson Hill

The Church Office telephone 369919

Weddings, Baptisms— contact the office tel 369919; Rev Patrick Kavanagh on tel 363416; or Rev P Hambrook 07900141334

Church Wardens: Steve Goodsell 07402667888, Steve Manion 07968972746, Christine Taylor 01304 852932

Treasurer: Jim Sullivan, 07500336995.

FRIENDS OF ST MARTIN'S CHURCH (contact Nigel Pitchford 362202)

The Friends are still involved with preserving the fabric of the church. Contributions have been received, but further donations would be gratefully accepted. Please contact N.H. Pitchford (treasurer). (01304) 362202. (NP)

Contact Nigel Pitchford tel 362202

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For age 3 and over, contact Sylvia Griffiths 367124

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH Services

There will be a service in one of our four churches each week, starting with St Martin's on Sunday 23rd May and St Leonard's, (Upper Deal) on 30th. All services will take place according to Covid rules. This could change at any time according to the latest government restrictions. (PH)

Holy Communion at Caesar Court

Depending on government guidelines, hoping to restart after 21 June. (PH)

Flower Rota

No flowers this month

GREAT MONGEHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Service at 10.30am every Sunday. For Church matters contact Church Secretary Chris Godden on 01304 367940 or email: chrisie22@googlemail.com. For hire of Church hall contact Mick Godden on 01304 367940.

The Tuesday Friendship Group meet weekly for tea/coffee, chat and craft work, 10 to 12am contact Margaret on 01304 239566.

Great Mongeham Community Church Coffee Morning on Wednesdays from 10am to 11am followed by The Art Café from 11am till 1pm. Bring your own materials and join in. For more information contact Chris Godden on 01304 367940 or e-mail chrisie22@googlemail.com

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

GREAT MONGEHAM SOCIETY (contact greatmongehamsociety@hotmail.com)

We are having a committee meeting on 29th June and hope to have a meeting on 15th July. (PT)

GREAT MONGEHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Great Mongeham Horticultural Society will resume meetings on Wednesday the 2nd of June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. This will be a short meeting to discuss the way forward, if and when anything like normal returns...

If you have any interest in gardening as a beginner or at any level of understanding of the subject please do come along - we want your views. During the past there has been a strong gardeners' club in the village with a history going back to before the Second World War. There is a strong social side to the club with outings, flower shows and so on. Unlike many clubs and societies Mongeham Gardeners is sound and able to exist financially, at least for the time being, but we do lack members. We have a committee but the Chairman, Secretary and Treasure are all standing down due to old age and health problems. So, it is important that we get your opinion on the way forward. The meeting will be run under the strict rules of the Covid situation at the time, so please come along prepared with the legally required face coverings, ie mask or visor. Seating will be at the legal distancing. There will not be refreshments served as the kitchen will not be in use. Please come along we need your ideas. Looking forward to seeing you on the 2nd at 7.30. (PH)

SAINT MARTIN'S WI (contact Pam Oiller 01304 373604)

Do you need to get out and socialise again? if so, Saint Martin's W.I will resume their meetings on the 9th September at 7.30, in the village hall. Our speaker will be Helga Wood, talking about Costume Design for Pantomime. We would welcome any new members of all ages who would like to join our small but very friendly group. For more information, please contact Pam on 01304 373604. (PO)

MONGEHAM & RIPPLE WI

Mongeham & Ripple WI, I am sad to say, has gone into suspension. It would have been 76 years old in June 2020 and until the last 15 months was a very active WI. If there was an interest from people to reopen, I would be very happy to get a committee into action again. We previously met on the third Wednesday in the month at 2 pm in the Parish Hall but with agreement of the Parish hall another day could be arranged. You do not have to live in Mongeham or Ripple. If the time and place suits wherever you live you are welcome - Sandwich, St Margaret's, Walmer, Sholden, Ashley. Contact Patricia on 01304-364769 (P S-B)

GREAT MONGEHAM PARISH HALL (contact gmpbookings@aol.co.uk)

Most of our regular GMPHall classes and groups will be back from 21st June - Full list of activities can be found on noticeboard - but happy to give you full list. We are now taking weekend bookings (for parties, social events etc) for bookings contact Bara Greener gmpbookings@aol.co.uk

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS continued

GREAT MONGEHAM HAND BELL RINGERS

The hand bell ringers are all set to meet and ring as soon as possible. We play all kinds of music, but we are especially looking forward to entertaining at Christmas time. For further information please contact Audrey Pitchford (01304) 362202 (AP)

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME

Brewery Farmhouse Garden will be open for the NGS on the 20th June and hoping to provide refreshments in the village hall, the proceeds of which will go to local community causes. If anyone is able to help they would be grateful.

GROUPS IN THE PARISH HALL:

PILATES (contact Lorraine 07734473784)

Restarted on Tuesdays at 10.30 am.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCING (contact Mary Quinton 375836)

Hoping to restart on 22nd June

BROWNIES (contact S Roberts 07872647909)

Restarting soon.

DANCE (contact Jan Anton 07484877574)

Ballet and Gymnastic Club is now back full time. Professional and government accredited coaching, please phone for full details and Grades etc. 07484877574

BRIGHT SKIES YOGA AND MOVEMENT CLASSES (contact Amanda-Jayne Crompton. 07912353934)

Hoping to restart after 21 June.

VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

This Volunteers' Week (1-6th June) we are encouraging everyone to take the time to say thank you to all volunteers! It goes without saying that volunteers have played a key role in the pandemic response. During an exceptionally difficult year, people from all walks of life around the UK have taken the time to volunteer and made a huge difference in their communities – just as they do every year.

Volunteers' Week 2021 is a time for us to come together and thank all volunteers for their invaluable contribution.:

Tuesday 1 June – Volunteers' Week launch: a time to say thanks

Wednesday 2 June – the Power of Youth - #iwill campaign

Thursday 3 June – Employer Supported and Skilled Volunteering

Friday 4 June – Home Nations Priorities

Saturday 5 June – Environmental and conservation (World Environment Day)

Sunday 6 June – The Big Lunch (Eden Project Communities)

Link to resources to support your celebrations for Volunteers' Week:

(volunteersweek.org).