

# GREAT MONGEHAM

NEWSLETTER December 2022 and January 2023

## Useful Telephone numbers:

Kent Police for non-emergencies  
**101**

Health non-emergencies **111**

COVID **119**

Local electricity network operator  
**105**

Gas Emergency Number

**0800 111 999**

Southern Water Emergency Number

**0330 303 0368**

**Great Mongeham Parish Council**  
Council minutes can be read at [www.great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk)

Parish Clerk:  
[clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Carols: Carols around the Christmas Tree on the Village Green on Friday 16th December at 6.30pm; Carol Service at Caesar Court on Thursday 22nd December at 6pm

Great Mongeham Society: Next Meeting, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society: Christmas Supper, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm; Next Meeting, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm

Saint Martin's WI: Next meeting, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

Great Mongeham Parish Council: Next meeting, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm

## HELP WANTED! CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL OF GREAT MONGEHAM

A Conservation Area Appraisal is an assessment of the current condition of the built environment and character of the landscape within a designated Conservation Area. In Great Mongeham we have two areas, but they are not easily visible on-line and such an appraisal may both consolidate the understanding of the two areas plus recommend changes and additions to it.

Considering the amount of building going on I felt this was an important thing to do. The resulting report leads to a Supplementary Planning Document within the Local Planning Authority which will be used in considering development and planning matters and will inform decisions about managing the environment of the area. I am pleased to say we have the support of the people in Deal who have successfully seen over four appraisals to a positive conclusion, and who will help the group we set up. A good size for a group is up to six people. There is no need to have any specific professional knowledge, but each person should have an interest in the process and an ability to work as a team within the structured format of a toolkit that The Deal Society has put together.

If you are concerned with protecting our village and would like to help, please get in touch on either [david@davidroystonlee.com](mailto:david@davidroystonlee.com) or 07966202243. Cllr David Royston-Lee

We would be grateful to receive any items for the next edition before **the 20th of the month** by email to [greatmongehamnews@gmail.com](mailto:greatmongehamnews@gmail.com)

Anyone wishing to advertise in the newsletter, please contact the email above. You will need to produce 470 copies on an A5 flyer, which will be delivered to the whole parish for £12

## **FESTIVAL OF ST MARTIN, ARMISTICE DAY, AND SUNDAY SERVICES BELLRINGING**

On Armistice Day - Friday November 11th - I went out for a walk and a break and was most pleasantly surprised to hear sustained ringing floating out from St. Martin's Church tower. It sounded very beautiful, varied, and tuneful. Not sad but, rather, comforting. I do not know but did wonder if it was a peal or quarter peal; it would be interesting to learn the details.

On Sunday, the 13th, commemorative services were held, including the two minutes' silence, both at St. Martin's Church and at the Community Church in the former Baptist Mission Hall. Both were, certainly, deeply appreciated. We in Great Mongeham are very well served. (MJB)

### **Why were the bells being rung at St Martins last Friday?**

I've been asked this question several times in the last few days, and why for so long? The obvious answer is someone was pulling the ropes, but that's the silly answer of course. The reason for the ringing, (it was a peal by the way) was in celebration of our patron saint St Martin, as the church is dedicated to him. It was the annual festival of St Martin on that day, coinciding with Remembrance Day and the peal was rung in memory and honour of both.

I was also asked what is the difference between a Peals and a Quarter Peal? I will do my best to give you an answer in plain English:

The bells were rung for a full peal on six light bells, which our tower bells are. 5040 changes which is like a marathon in bell ringing and takes about 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of an hour. It consisted of eleven methods (ways of ringing Six bells in different ways without repeating each change, for 720 times), spliced together until you reach the desired number of changes required to make up the peal.

You ring for a quarter of the number of changes to obtain a quarter peal.

Myself, I was pleased to sit and listen to some wonderful well struck ringing on our unique beautiful six bells at St Martins. Rung by a chosen band from London, Sussex, Surrey, and Kent who came together for the occasion (The organiser celebrated ringing a peal at his two hundred and twenty sixth tower in Kent). It indeed sounded beautiful to a bell ringer's ears.

If you feel a bit intrigued and would like to learn a bit more, please come along to saint martins any Tuesday evening and have a go. (PJH)

## ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

Our clergy - Rev Monica Cameron [day off Friday] 01304 374076 or 07712 501295,  
Rev Patrick Kavanagh & Rev Wendy Jackson Hill

Church Office 01304 369919

Weddings, Baptisms – contact the office on 01304 369919; Rev Patrick Kavanagh  
on 01304 363416; or Rev P Hambrook on 07900 141334

Church Wardens: Steve Goodsell 07402 667888, Steve Manion 07968 972746,  
Christine Taylor 01304 852932

Treasurer: Emma Barrett, 07722 009166.

Given the time of year, you may wish to donate to the Friends of St Martin's Church. Our new treasurer, Emma Barrett, is willing to accept cheques (payable to *Friends of St Martin's Church*).

Online donations may be made using this link:

<https://friendsofstmartins.org.uk/donate/>. I will also pass on any donations given to me. All donations are treated with discretion. A full report from the friends will be in the spring newsletter. (PJH)

Donate here:



### St Martin's Church Services

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	No Service (Whole Parish Communion at St Nicholas', Sholden at 9.30am)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Holy Communion at 11am
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning Worship at 11am Evensong Carol at 4pm (at St Leonard's)
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service at 4pm
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Morning Worship at 11am
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Holy Communion at 11am
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	No Service (Brunch service at St Richard's, Mill Hill at 10am) Evensong at 4pm
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Holy Communion at 11am
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole Parish Communion at 11am

Evensong - Evensong is on a rotating basis bimonthly with one of our sister churches (St Leonard's) on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4pm. It is fully choral with Choir and organist.

Holy Communion will be held at Caesar Court on Tuesdays at 10.30am on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Dec and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. Non-residents are welcome to attend.

Prayer Group. St Martin's Church has a Prayer Group to which all Great Mongeham people are welcome, it's not just for regular churchgoers. Come and join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month in St Martin's Church at 10am for half an hour. For more information you can email [wizzy4beth@gmail.com](mailto:wizzy4beth@gmail.com).

For further news of events, see the weekly update in the porch on the notice board.

## **Flower Rota**

4th December no flowers.

11th December no flowers.

18th December all arrangers please on Saturday 17th December, 10.30 onwards.

24th December Lesley

1st January June and Queenie

8th January Cynthia and Audrey (Lesley and Ian to take down the tree)

15th January Wendy and Lesley

22nd January Mary and Elizabeth

29th January Lesley

5th February June and Queenie

## **Sunday School**

Sunday school at the same time as morning services at St Martin's Church. For age 3yr and over, contact Sylvia Griffiths 01304 367124.

## **GREAT MONGEHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

The church is now open on a Sunday morning 10.30 - 11.30 where we all meet for a more informal meeting, and all are welcome to join us. There is a 'drop in' with tea or coffee and cake on Wednesdays 10.30 to 11.30.

For church matters contact Church Secretary Chris Godden on 01304 367940 or email: [chrisie22@googlemail.com](mailto:chrisie22@googlemail.com). For hire of the Church Hall contact Mick Godden on 01304 367940.

## **CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS**

### **Great Mongeham Society**

Reports during the AGM gave us the pleasing information of an increase in membership and a healthy bank balance. The archives now have secure storage, and a team of volunteers has begun cataloguing the collection which continues to grow with some very interesting recent additions. To conclude the final meeting of 2022, we were happy to enjoy a quiz which involved more wine than wit.

We do not meet in December but look forward to dispelling the January blues with a lively musical evening with Abbey Capers who will bring along their concertinas, melodeons, and accordions to demonstrate the development of free reed instruments. All welcome on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. (JE)

## **Great Mongeham Horticultural Society**

November's AGM was very well attended and afterwards everyone enjoyed a fish & chip supper and quiz. David Royston-Lee resigned as Chairman and was voted in as Treasurer, taking over from Brian Knight. Carl-Fredrik Arvidsson is the new Chairman and Amelia Arvidsson re-elected as Secretary.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December is the Christmas party at 7.30pm, with musical entertainment provided by Greg Tassel: professional singer, teacher and conductor of the Thanet Chamber Choir. We have no meeting in January and will be back on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February for a talk on 'Growing Roses' by Robert Smith.

New members are always very welcome join to at any time, membership for the year is £10. For more information, please contact the secretary. (AA)

New contact information following the AGM:

Chairman: Canon Carl Fredrik Arvidsson, [cfa@myself.com](mailto:cfa@myself.com), 07775 904268

Treasurer: David Royston-Lee, [david@davidroystonlee.com](mailto:david@davidroystonlee.com), 07966 202243

Secretary: Amelia Arvidsson, [ameliaarvidsson06@gmail.com](mailto:ameliaarvidsson06@gmail.com), 07818 554098

## **Saint Martin's WI**

Our November meeting was well attended, and we all enjoyed watching Karen from Archers Low Nursery demonstrate Christmas Table Decorations. Quite a few enthusiasts went on to emulate her work with delightful results.

We meet at the Parish Hall, and our next meeting will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, which will be a musical evening with Sue Watson. Members are asked to purchase their Secret Santa gifts from a Charity Shop. In January we will have a Speaker Meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>. (JEB)

## **Great Mongeham Parish Council**

Thank you to Brian Knight for donating a Christmas tree. It will be put up on the village green on the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. The parish council is again providing mulled wine and mince pies for the 'CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE' which is on Friday 16th December at 6.30pm.

The next meeting is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There is no council meeting in January.

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GM PC Website:



## ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS IN THE PARISH

Organisation or Club	Meeting times & Location (Parish Hall unless stated otherwise)	Contact Telephone Number
Gt. Mongeham Parish Council <a href="http://www.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk">www.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk</a>	1st Thurs 7.30 pm, not Aug/Jan	<u>Chair</u> John Gatland 07885564187 <u>Clerk</u> J Jones clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk
Ballet Primary, Tap grade 1&2	Tuesday 4-6pm	J Anton 07484877574
Ballet Intermediate & grade 5	Monday 4.30-7pm	J Anton 07484877574
Ballet grade 4, Acrobatic gym	Wednesday 5-7pm	J Anton 07484877574
Bell Ringers	Tuesday 7.30 pm. <b>Church Tower, St Martin's</b>	Peter Deverson 365460
Brownies (age 7+)	Thursday 5-6.30pm	S Roberts 07872647909
Community Drop In	Wed 10.30 to 11.30, <b>Community Church, Mongeham Road</b>	Chrisie Godden 367940 chrisie22@googlemail.com
Great Mongeham Society	3rd Thursday 7.30 pm	greatmongehamsociety@hotmail.com
Gt. Mongeham Art Group	Tuesday 1.30pm term-time only	P Summers 07583187035
Gt M Horticultural Society	1st Wed 7.30pm (not Jan & Sept)	<a href="http://www.greatmongehamhorticulturalsociety.org">www.greatmongehamhorticulturalsociety.org</a>
Musical Theatre, Irish & Jazz	Monday 4.30-7pm	J Anton 07484877574
Happy Feet Dancing Club	Friday 1.30-3.30	Marion Wood 07742258126
Parish Hall bookings	gmphbookings@aol.com	Bara Greener 07783016927
Pilates	Monday 11-12am	Lisa 07835615457 lisa@lovemyfitness.co.uk
	Tuesday 10.30am	Lorraine Pullen 07734473784
Rainbows (age 5-7)	Thursday 4-5pm	S Roberts 07872647909
St. Martin's Handbell Ringers	Alt Weds, <b>141 Mongeham Road</b>	Audrey Pitchford 362202
St. Martin's W.I.	2nd Thursday 7.30 pm	Pam Oiller373604
Sunday School (3 yrs.& over)	Sun 11.00 <b>St Martin's Church</b>	Sylvia Griffiths 367124
Weight loss & exercise	Monday 9.30-11.00	Lisa 07835615457 lisa@lovemyfitness.co.uk
Yoga Intermediate	Thursday 09.15 -10.15	hello@yourbrightskies.co.uk
Yoga Gentle	Thursday 10.30 – 11.45	<a href="mailto:hello@yourbrightskies.co.uk">hello@yourbrightskies.co.uk</a>

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