

GREAT MONGEHAM

NEWSLETTER November 2022

Useful Telephone numbers:

Kent Police for non-emergencies is **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.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Parish Clerk:

clerk@greatmongeham-pc.gov.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Great Mongeham Society

AGM & Quiz Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

AGM Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30pm

Christmas Supper Wednesday 7th December at 7.30pm

Saint Martin's WI

Next Meeting Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm

Great Mongeham Parish Council

Next Meeting Thursday 3rd November, at 7.30pm

BELLS RUNG FOR HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

My day on September 19th was largely dominated by the thoughts and emotions aroused by the Queen's funeral. The superb tv footage ensured that all viewers participated and became involved in the impact. There came a few moments when a familiar sound made me feel that my home village was equally involved in this huge and worldwide event, as, of course, our village should be. It was when, despite the double-glazing, the sound of the church bells rang out half-muffled rounds of call changes that caught my ear. Great Mongeham bellringers and those from Upper Deal were ringing together and in fact also rang at St. Leonard's. A tradition was putting all who heard in the picture. Thank you to all those involved for embracing us with your music and for fulfilling the time-honoured role of announcement. (MJB)

We would be grateful to receive any items for the next edition **before the 20th of the month** by email to 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

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

Our clergy - Rev Monica Cameron [day off Friday] 01304 374076 or 07712501295,
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 07900141334

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

Treasurer: Jim Sullivan, 07500336995.

St. Martin's Church Services

Sunday 6th November Morning worship at 11AM

Sunday 13th November Remembrance Sunday with Communion at 10am

Sunday 20th November Morning Worship at 11AM

Choral evensong at 4PM

Sunday 27th November Holy Communion at 11AM

Evensong - Please note that we are restarting Evensong on a rotating basis
bimonthly with one of our sister churches at 4PM (St Leonard's) on the 3rd Sunday
of each month. It is fully choral with Choir and organist. This has been requested by
some members of the village so please try and support it.

Holy Communion will be held at Caeser Court on Tuesday mornings on the 1st,
15th, and 29th of November at 10.30AM. Non-residents are welcome to attend.

There many weekday notices of which St Martin's is involved. For news of them
please find a weekly update in the church porch in the letter box on the notice board

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.

Flower Rota

6th November June and Queenie

13th November Cynthia, Audrey and Mary (Remembrance Sunday)

20th November Wendy

27th November Lesley (1st week of advent - advent wreath)

4th December no flowers

Sunday School

Sunday school at the same time as morning services at St Martin's Church. For age
3yr and over, contact Sylvia Griffiths 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. For hire of the Church Hall contact Mick Godden on 01304 367940.

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

Great Mongeham Society

Archaeologist, Tim Allen, gave a fascinating insight into the findings of a dig at St. Richards Road. The high-status burials contained items such as jewellery, keys and weapons. Many questions were generated about the lives of the Bronze Age and Jutish peoples who once lived in the local area. It was good to have so many visitors and new members.

The society AGM will be held on Thursday 17th November 7.30pm, which will include an update on new contributions to our archive, and be followed by a glass of wine, nibbles, and a light-hearted quiz.

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

Our AGM will be held now on the 2nd of November at 7.30 as we had to cancel our last meeting. Please join us for a Fish and Chip supper and a fun quiz after the proceedings. Let Amelia Arvidsson know what you would like to order by contacting her at ameliaarvidsson06@gmail.com or on 07818554098.

For our December meeting on the 7th of December at 7.30 we have our Christmas Supper - please bring along food for the event while Greg Tessel, a professional singer and Conductor of the Thanet Chamber Choir, will serenade us with Christmas songs to get us truly in the mood for the festive season - we look forward to welcoming you!

Saint Martin's WI

Visitors to the Hall and passers-by will notice there is a new tree on the green. This a Japanese Cherry planted by St. Martin's W.I. to commemorate our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A little late in the day but the summer heatwave made it impossible to plant earlier. We hope everyone will enjoy it.

At the meeting on the 13th of October, everyone enjoyed member Maria's session of Tai-Chi followed by a craft period learning to make boxes from a sheet of paper. Refreshments, chat, and laughter ensued, another lively social evening. Members were reminded of the craft evening at Wendy's on 20th October.

Our next meeting will be on November 10th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall when Karen from Archers Low nursery will show us Christmas table decorations.

Great Mongeham Parish Council

The next meeting is on Thursday 3rd November, at 7.30 in the village hall.

Council minutes can be read at www.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Parish Clerk: clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk

ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS IN THE PARISH

| Organisation or Club | Meeting times & Location (Parish Hall unless stated otherwise) | Contact Telephone Number |
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| Gt. Mongeham Parish Council www.greatmongehampc.kentparishes.gov.uk | 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. Church Tower, St Martin's | Peter Deverson 365460 |
| Brownies (age 7+) | Thursday 5-6.30pm | S Roberts 07872647909 |
| Community Drop In | Wed 10.30 to 11.30, Community Church, Mongeham Road | 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) | www.greatmongehamhorticulturalsociety.org |
| 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, 141 Mongeham Road | Audrey Pitchford 362202 |
| St. Martin's W.I. | 2nd Thursday 7.30 pm | Pam Oiller373604 |
| Sunday School (3 yrs.& over) | Sun 11.00 St Martin's Church | 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 | hello@yourbrightskies.co.uk |

FAREWELL TO THE PREVIOUS EDITOR.

For Penny – An Appreciation

In the lives of individuals living alone, of "nuclear couples", of families, of groups of friends, and of organisations of every kind and size, there is often a particular person, or persons, not much noticed, sometimes totally unnoticed, who makes an enormous, possibly silent, contribution to success. Such vital supporters are often said to be "in the background", "behind the scenes". *They* are the mortar holding all together.

In the foreground, is the product, the happy result. Ours is the **Great Mongeham Newsletter**. It is dropped through the doors of every house in the parish, plus a number beyond; it is available in every building known to us where people gather. The intent is to miss none out, and it is, of course, free. It is produced and delivered by volunteer teamwork, with contributions and assistance from time to time from others - whether they provide a "one-off", an advertisement insert, a feature, or special report - all much appreciated.

Now a key role has come to the fore: the editor. We have been seeking a replacement and are happy and grateful to be welcoming Robert Govier. At the same time, we perforce find ourselves saying farewell to Dr Penny Swales, as she is leaving the village and area. We thank you, Penny, for filling this specialised role so smoothly, starting back in 2016 and, even as I write, facilitating your successor's debut. Thank you for tackling all aspects involved ---- organising spacing, keeping a pattern, being flexible in cases of strong need for any writer or event. You have been correct and professional, simultaneously both receptive and sensible.

Great Mongeham village community is losing a vital member, not from the foreground, but from the background, thereby producing front-line results. We wish her well, while thanking her for more than we know. All the team and all the readers, past and present, owe you a debt of gratitude. Thank you, Penny. (MJB)