

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society: Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm

Great Mongeham Parish Council: Thursday 2nd March, 7.30pm

Saint Martin's WI: Thursday 9th March, 7.30pm

Great Mongeham Society: Thursday 16th March 7.30p.m.

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

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

GREAT MONGEHAM CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

A group of residents met with Alison Cummings, The Dover District Conservation Officer, on the 10th February for a walk around the village so she could understand both its history, vistas and potential heritage assets. To remind you, the purpose of the Appraisal is to: *'give particular attention to identifying opportunities where conservation can help to deliver wider social, cultural, economic and environmental benefits and where there may be opportunities to draw on the contribution made by the historic environment to the character of a place'*.

Our concern is that with the slow erosion of the village by new buildings we may end up simply being an area of Deal as the open ground around us is built upon. The three hours we spent was very productive and she is now going to see when an expert Conservation Architect can start the process of the Appraisal later on this year.

In the meantime we all need to identify what we want to preserve. Whether it be buildings, trees, hedgerows, paths or vistas that are important to keep for the people who live here. So can I ask if you have anything in the village that concerns you or you see as important to be thought about, please contact me directly on either my mobile 07966202243, or my email david@davidroystonlee.com. (DR)

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

Great Mongeham Society

In February, Jenny Wall gave a fascinating insight into the recent archaeological investigations at Richborough Roman Fort. New technology, combined with the records of the past, have revealed a wealth of information about this important, complex site. Our virtual tour of the amphitheatre and the triumphal arch inspired members to visit the English Heritage property when it re-opens this year. (JE)

Next Meeting: Thursday 16th March 7.30p.m. Local author, Andrew Sargent, will give a talk on the development of brewing and drinking establishments in our village and the Deal area. Visitors are welcome.

Last month we mentioned the thriving Great Mongeham Society and its ever expanding securely stored archive, plus records and cross-

referencing for public access. A recent find is a photograph, perhaps 100 years old, of a gypsy family standing with their beautiful Romany waggon. In fact, they owned three: one for daughters to sleep in, one for sons, and one for the parents - dogs underneath. We are privileged to have access to this heirloom by kind permission of John Scales, landlord of The Three Horseshoes, where it normally hangs, who also helped us to liaise with the original donor. The Society has taken a copy along with accompanying information, and has added a voice recording about gypsies' contribution to local economy up to the late 1970's.

Stipulations made by owners are officially documented and remain with the materials in the Society's care. Any reader with possible contributions can rest assured of the like professional approach and respect for any wishes. Contact details for the society are on the back page. (MJB)

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

Last month we enjoyed a very informative talk on 'Growing Roses' by Robert Smith from the Layham Garden Centre, Staple. The next meeting of the Gardening Society is on Wednesday 1st March at 7.30 and the talk will be give by Botany Plants, Margate on 'Gardening in a dry environment'. Please come along, your first visit is free. Annual membership is £10 and includes a membership card entitling members to a 10% discount at certain garden centres in the area.

Saint Martin's WI

Our AGM was opened by Vice President Sandra, who read a letter from President Diana regretting that her health made it impossible for her to continue as our President. We were pleased to hear that she is improving and a card signed by all, and a bouquet was sent with our grateful thanks for her past endeavours. Margaret Barker, having attained the age of 90, also decided to stand down from the committee and was presented with flowers and warmest appreciation for her many years of service. The rest of the committee were willing to remain in office and Doreen Clark was added to their number. Election of a new President followed and Doreen was chosen by a unanimous vote. The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th March, when Dr. Gehad Homsey will be telling us about the Mercy Ships that deliver vital free healthcare to people in some of the poorest countries in the World.

Great Mongeham Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday 2nd March at 7.30pm, in the village hall. There will be elections for Great Mongeham Parish Council in May 2023, please see the insert for more information. Anyone wishing to stand has to return their nomination papers to Dover District Council by 4th April. If you would like to know more, please come to the next meeting to speak to your current councillors. There is also a final KALC online event to give potential candidates an idea as to the rewarding role they can have as a councillor in a Parish or Town Council on 21st March 2023, at 7pm and totally free! Contact 01304 820173 or website www.kentalc.gov.uk. (PS)

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

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: Emma Barrett, The Woodpecker, Cherry Lane.

St Martin's Church Services

Sunday 5th March No service. Brunch served at St Richards at 10.30am.
Afternoon tea, coffee and cake at St Martins from 2-4pm

Sunday 12th March Holy Communion at 11am

Sunday 19th March Morning Worship at 11am, Choral Worship at 4pm

Friday 24th March Thanet Gospel Choir in concert from 7pm.

Sunday 26th March Holy Communion at 11am

Children always welcome at all services.

Concert – On the evening of Friday March 24th at St Martin's Thanet Gospel Choir
will perform traditional and contemporary songs. Tickets are £5 and are available
from Peter Hambrook and other church members.

Evensong - Evensong is on a rotating basis bimonthly with one of our sister churches
at 4pm (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 14th
and 28th March. 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.

Flower Rota No church flowers during Lent

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.

For other church news, please take a weekly newsletter from the church porch. Our
group of churches has many free activities from groups for babies, toddlers and
school children to coffee mornings and Alzheimer support sessions.

GREAT MONGEHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

The church is 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.

ORGANISATIONS AND CLUBS IN THE PARISH

Organisation or Club	Meeting times & Location (Parish Hall unless stated otherwise)	Contact Telephone Number
Great. 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	gmpbookings@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 Hand-bell 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 Gentle: Thursday 10.30 – 11.45	hello@yourbrightskies.co.uk

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

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