

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society: Wednesday 5th April at 7.30pm

Great Mongeham Parish Council: Thursday 6th April, 7.30pm

Saint Martin's WI: Thursday 13th April 7.30pm

Great Mongeham Society: Thursday 20th April 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

SOLAR TOGETHER KENT

Dover District Council is working in partnership with Kent County Council on the third round of Solar Together Kent, as part of Dover District Council's commitment to tackling the climate emergency. Solar Together Kent is a group-buying scheme, which brings Kent households and small businesses together to get high-quality solar panels at a competitive price. Having your own solar panels means you can save on your energy bill as well as reduce your carbon emissions. The scheme helps you through the whole process, keeping you informed at every stage.

Installations will generally not need planning permission. However, in some cases, such as in Conservation Areas and on Listed Buildings, planning permission may be required. For more information, please visit

<https://www.dover.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-Applications/Making-Applications/Do-I-need-Permission.aspx>

You can register today, there is no obligation and the more people that register, the better the deal for each household. Approved solar installers will bid for the work in a reverse 'auction'. The most competitive offer from these pre vetted installers wins the auction. You will be emailed a personal recommendation based on your registration details. This includes your costs and the specifications of your installation. The decision is then yours as to whether you want to accept your recommendation. There is no obligation to continue. You will have up to four weeks to decide. If you accept, the winning installer will contact you to survey your roof and set an installation date. All installations are planned to be completed six months after accepting.

To register or for more information visit www.solartogether.co.uk/dover or call Solar Together on 0800 014 8721 (Mon-Fri, 8am-5.30pm).
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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

CLUB, SOCIETY AND VILLAGE REPORTS

Great Mongeham Society

In March, local author Andrew Sargent, gave an informative and well-illustrated talk about the role of the malshouses and pubs in the life of our village and how they became part of the wider brewing industry. One of our archive photographs shows the now defunct beer house “Friendly Port”, situated next to the Laundry cottages in the main street. It was interesting to discover how a vicar of St Martin’s joined attempts to prevent its closure!

Next Meeting: Thursday 20th April at 7.30. Deidre Wells will be giving us information about the Deal Festival of Music and Arts which features high quality performances, walks and talks to appeal to a wide range of ages and tastes. (JE)

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

This month on Wednesday 5th April is our ‘in-house’ Spring Show Competition. It’s an opportunity for members to display their garden flowers, craft projects, preserves and cakes. Non-members are very welcome to pop in to view and stay for refreshments. Doors open 7.30.

Saint Martin’s WI

At our March meeting we welcomed Dr. Gehad Homsey to tell about his work as a Doctor with Mercy Ships, a charity run totally by volunteers who give their time and expertise, and surgical skills for free to help African nations suffering from disability, disfigurement and disease. This was a truly inspirational talk and members were moved to hear about the sufferings of these people and the heroic efforts made to help them.

Next month, on April 13th at 7.30pm, we will be celebrating our 50th birthday and welcoming visitors to a convivial evening. If anyone reading this is a founder member or an ex-member, we would love to see you. Please ring our Secretary Kathy on 01304373402 for details.

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St Martin’s Hand-Bells

The St Martin’s Hand-Bells group don’t only play Christmas tunes and carols. On Wednesday March 1st they played at the Ami Court Unit at The Knoll Nursing Home, Walmer. A variety of tunes were played with a springtime theme, ranging from Edelweiss to Greensleeves. It was an enjoyable afternoon for all concerned. We look forward to playing at other venues before starting on our Christmas programme.

Great Mongeham Parish Council

The next ordinary Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday 6th April at 6.30pm, followed by the Annual Meeting at 7.30pm. Both are in the village hall and refreshments are provided after the Annual Meeting. (PS)

Council minutes can be read at www.great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk

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
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 for St Martin's, Jim Sullivan for the four churches

St Martin's Church Services

Sunday 2nd April Whole parish communion at St Richards at 10.30am.
Wednesday 5th April Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm
Saturday 8th April Easter Vigil at 7.30pm
Sunday 9th April Holy Communion at 11am
Sunday 16th April Morning Worship at 11am
Sunday 23rd April Holy Communion at 11am
Sunday 30th April Whole parish communion at St Richards at 10.30am

St Martins is open every Wednesday morning for morning prayer at 10.30am. Full rotate available for Holy Week in the porch at St Martins. Children always welcome at all services.

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 10.00am on the 11th and 25th April. 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 9th April, Easter flowers. All arrangers please for Saturday 8th. Lesley will be away so Wendy Manion has agreed to take the lead. 16th April, Lesley. 23rd April, Cynthia and Audrey. 30th April, Lesley and Wendy. 7th May, June and Queenie. Anyone wanting to donate money for Easter Lilies in memory of loved one, please contact Wendy Manion. Happy Easter

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)	Chair John Gatland 07885564187 Clerk J Jones clerk@great-mongeham-pc.gov.uk
AnnAndy's Country Music Club	Every 2nd & 3rd Saturday in the month from 7pm	Ann 07753133326
Ballet Primary, Tap grade 1&2	Tuesday 4-6pm	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
Dance with Carly on Mondays For all children up to age 18	5-6pm Irish 6-7pm modern Jazz 7-8pm Contemporary	Carly Pullen 07807201438
Great Mongeham Society	3rd Thursday 7.30 pm	greatmongehamsociety@hotmail.com
Gt. Mongeham Art Group	Tuesday 1.30pm term-time only	Jane Jobey 01304 381702 iandj_jobey@hotmail.com
Gt M Horticultural Society	1st Wed 7.30pm (not Jan & Sept)	www.greatmongehamhorticulturalsociety.org Chairman: Fred Arvidsson, cfa@myself.com
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	Sam Green 07967 501664
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 Oiller 373604
Sunday School (3 years & 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