

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (in the Parish Hall unless stated otherwise)

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society: Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30pm

Great Mongeham Parish Council: Thursday 11th May, 7.30pm (St. Martin's Church Meeting Room)

Saint Martin's WI: Thursday 11th May, 7.30pm

Great Mongeham Society: Thursday 18th May 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

DAVE MORRIS

It was with much sadness that I heard that Dave Morris has passed away. It's been a year of two now since we last saw Dave, but I have fond memories of him doing odd building jobs around our village. He also excelled in his hidden talent of art work, with several of his works adorning his home.

One particular memory was the time when we lost the largest part of the church roof, and found out that we were not fully insured. Dave, being the sort of man he was, volunteered to put back for costs of materials only. He set to work almost immediately, building his own timber scaffolding, but doing most of the work from ladders. He was getting near to completion when he fell off the roof and landed in the long grass. He got up, found that nothing was seriously hurt, and went back and finished the job. I have a photo of him sitting on the church seat telling two of us all and excitedly laughing about it. I think we were the only ones who know that story, but that was the Dave we all new, very excitable, always making a joke, a lovable character that was good to be with. I could talk about Dave for quite a while!

He had to give that lifestyle up, and retire to a less stressful occupation caused by ill health. He made a recoveries, but decided he had quite a few jobs that he would liked to do at home! He and Eve his wife had several well earned holidays in the last few years.

He leaves his mark in our village and those of us who are left to tell the tales are now few. God bless your soul Dave I feel blessed to have known you.

Our condolences are with Eve.

For those who would like to attend his funeral is at St Thomas Church, Blenheim Road, Deal on 2nd May at 12.15.

(PH)

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

At our April meeting our secretary reported back on the extra-ordinary committee meeting concerning the proposed Conservation Areas Reappraisal. The constitution of the society would allow the formation of a sub-committee to progress this application. It was emphasised that an essential part of the process would involve consultation with all the villager residents, not just members of the society. A vote to create a sub-committee was carried unanimously .

Deidre Wells, CEO of Visit Kent, gave an insight into the importance of tourism to the economy and employment opportunities of the county before engaging us in an overview of the exciting Deal Music and Arts Festival which starts on 7th July. There will be free and ticketed events for walks, talks, art and music to suite a myriad of tastes. Don't miss it! More information on www.dealmusicandarts.com

Next Meeting: Thursday 18th May Visit to the RSPB reserve at Worth. A guided walk will start at 6.30 pm from the St Crispin pub, in the centre of Worth. Members should try to car share as parking in Worth is limited. Anyone hoping to participate, or who is requiring a lift, should contact the secretary so we can assess numbers. There will be an option to have refreshments in the pub, after the walk. (JE)

Great Mongeham Horticultural Society

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd May. Curly's Farm have unfortunately had to cancel, so instead, members will be invited to talk about their own gardens, tips and advice. A warm welcome is guaranteed to visitors and new members. Membership is £10 which includes discount at some local garden centres. (AA)

Saint Martin's WI

The Speaker at the April meeting was Frances Smith from Kingsdown who presented a lively and most interesting talk about her 'Mongolian Experience'. It was illustrated with delightful photographs from her holiday concentrating on the people she met and their way of life.

The craft club have booked a table at St. George's Hall in Deal on Saturday 13th May to display and sell their creations. Supper club will meet on the 15th June, venue to be decided.

Next month we will have our social evening to celebrate the 'Special Birthday', The 50th Anniversary of St. Martin's W.I., on 11th May at 7.30pm. (JEB)

Great Mongeham Parish Council

Due to the elections, this month's meeting will be held on 11th May at 7.30pm in the St Martin's Church Meeting Room. It reverts back to the first Thursday in the month (in the Parish Hall) from June.

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, Chris-
tine Taylor 01304 852932

Treasurer: Emma Barrett for St Martin's, Jim Sullivan for the four churches

St Martin's Church Services

Sunday 7th May No service. Joint service at St Nicholas, Sholden at 9.30am.

Sunday 14th May Holy Communion at 11am

Thursday 18th May Prayer and Praise with Communion at 7pm

Sunday 21st May Morning Worship at 11am
Choral Evensong at 5.30pm

Sunday 28th May Holy Communion at 11am

St Martins is open every Wednesday morning for morning prayer at 9.30am. Full ro-
tate 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
(St Leonard's) on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 5.30pm. It is fully choral with
Choir and organist.

Holy Communion - will be held at Caesar Court on Tuesdays at 09.30am on the 9th
and 23rd May. 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 7th May, June and Queenie. 14th May, Cynthia and Audrey. 21st May,
Lesley and Wendy. 28th May, 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.

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 cof-
fee and cake on Wednesdays 10.30 to 11.30. For church matters contact Church Sec-
retary 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